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## DR. TIMOTHY RYAN AND LIFECARE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES: SERVING THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF THE FINGER LAKES FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS

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We who live and work in the Finger Lakes region have a lot to be grateful for. It is with great admiration and gratitude I share with you the story of a wonderful person who has dedicated his life to serving the people of our region.

Wherever you live, whoever you may be, I'm sure you would agree that good, quality, available healthcare is essential. For those of us who live and work in Seneca County we saw two hospitals close their doors and cease operation during the 1980's. Almost overnight, the hospitals that many of us were born in no longer existed. As a lifelong resident and representative of the region, I am grateful every day that Tim Ryan decided to come home to practice medicine.

For the last four decades, Doctor Timothy J. Ryan and his Lifecare Medical Associates team have filled the void in health care left by the hospital closures by providing essential medical care to thousands of families in the central Finger Lakes.

Unfortunately, gone are the days in most places in America when the local town doctor knew everyone's name and cared for generations of families in small rural communities. We in our region are so very fortunate because while times may have changed, Dr. Tim Ryan, for nearly 40 years, dedicated his life to providing very personal care to his patients with up-to-date 21<sup>st</sup> century medical care and technology.

Dr. Ryan founded Lifecare Medical Associates in 1979 with the essential concept that patients deserve convenient, comprehensive treatment provided by professionals who truly care about those whom they serve.

Under Dr. Timothy J. Ryan's able leadership, Lifecare Medical Associates provides exceptional health services to residents of the Finger Lakes with experienced physicians and state-of-the-art medical technology in a variety of fields, serving patients from the very youngest to our seniors and everyone in between.

Tim Ryan was born and raised in Geneva, educated at Hobart College, the Dartmouth Medical School, and earned a Doctorate from the University of Minnesota. With those credentials, Tim could have located his medical practice anywhere in the United States. We are very fortunate he and his wonderful wife Wendy, who is from Seneca Falls, decided to come home to live, work and raise their family.

In addition to his duties as Director of Lifecare, Dr. Ryan has devoted much of his life to medical education. Currently, he is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at both the SUNY Health Science Center in Syracuse and the University of Rochester School of Medicine. Tim is one of the charter preceptors for the nationally acclaimed SUNY Rural Medicine Education Program, and Founder of the annual Lifecare conference, which has provided continuing medical education for health professionals for over two decades.

Dr. Ryan also serves as a vital part of the Western New York health care community, as the Medical Director for a number of local school systems, the Seneca County Department of Health, and Seneca Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Facility. He is also the former Chairman of the Finger Lakes Regional Health System's Department of Family Medicine,

and the former President of the Seneca County Medical Society.

Tim and Wendy raised two daughters, Kate Austin and Emily Markel, and are the proud grandparents of Rowan, Reese, Conley, Hadley and Quinn.

Dr. Ryan has received numerous and very well deserved awards and accolades for his outstanding service to the community, and will be honored this week by the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce. It will be my honor that evening to personally present a special New York State Resolution that was adopted as a part of the formal proceedings of the New York State Senate in recognition of Tim's many accomplishments, dedication, commitment and service to our region.

Lifecare's recent partnership with Finger Lakes Health will not only continue Dr. Ryan's vision and enable Lifecare to carry on its mission to provide state-of-the-art medical care to its patients, it will now be possible for patients to receive the services of additional medical specialists right in Waterloo without the inconvenience of having to travel long distances for care.

My sincere gratitude to Dr. Timothy J. Ryan for all he has done to provide quality medical care for the people of our region. We are indeed very fortunate Tim came home to serve the region he loves. I am grateful to Tim for his foresight, dedication, community service, hard work and sacrifice, dignity, grace and good humor. I am thankful to Tim each and every day

for who he is, and what he does for all of us who live in the central Finger Lakes.