



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

October 23, 2019

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to welcome everyone to Urban Health Plan's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sapphire Ball.

For New York to become the fairest big city in the nation, New Yorkers of all backgrounds must have access to the resources they need to lead a healthy life. As my administration aims to turn this vision into a reality by guaranteeing healthcare across the city and expanding mental health and addiction services through ThriveNYC, we are grateful for the leadership of organizations like Urban Health Plan. Since its founding in 1974, UHP has attended to the needs of some of our city's most vulnerable populations, and its network of federally qualified health centers has evolved and expanded to better support residents throughout the South Bronx, Central Harlem, and Queens. By offering a full continuum of medical services, from primary care to specialty and ancillary care, UHP helps to ensure that underserved New Yorkers are supported in their efforts to become and remain healthy. As you gather to celebrate UHP's critical progress toward a brighter, healthier future, I join in applauding this outstanding organization and look forward to everything it will accomplish in the years ahead.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to tonight's honorees, and happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday to UHP founder, Dr. Richard Izquierdo. Please accept my best wishes for a festive evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill de Blasio'.

Bill de Blasio  
Mayor