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## **GURWIN JEWISH NURSING & REHABILITATION CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL DISCHARGE OF RECOVERED COVID-19 PATIENT**

Commack, NY – – Lorraine Barkell, 75, from Holbrook was discharged today from Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center after successfully completing COVID-19 rehabilitation. Gurwin staff who had treated her since her arrival from Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, NY flanked her sides as she slowly walked to the front door of the rehabilitation facility. A cheering crowd of Gurwin staff members lined the facility’s hallways, as Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believin’” blared on the public address system.

“I’m going home!” Barkell cried as she was met at the front door by her daughter and son-in-law, who escorted her home.

Barkell was transferred to Gurwin from Southside Hospital, one of many patients who were admitted to Gurwin for rehabilitation, as part of a NYS Department of Health mandate requiring nursing homes admit otherwise appropriate, medically stable COVID-19 patients.

“This battle against COVID-19 has been filled with challenging moments. We were pleased to celebrate the successful discharge of one of our rehabilitation patients – it was a truly a high point for all of us,” said Stuart B. Almer, President and CEO of Gurwin Healthcare Systems.



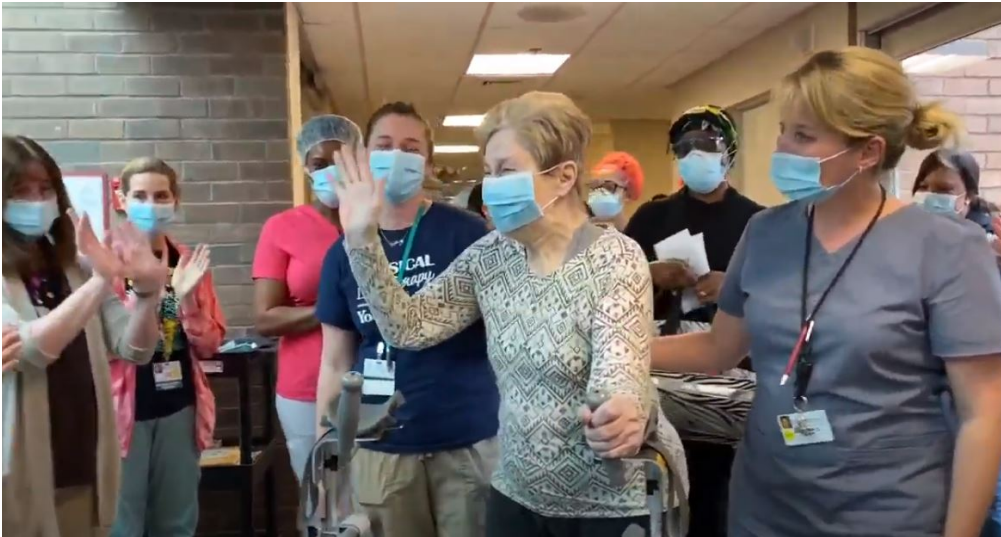
*Recovered COVID-19 patient Lorraine Barkell is flanked by Gurwin staff members and her daughter Deborah as she starts her journey home after rehabilitating at Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.*

Gurwin operates a 460-bed nursing and rehabilitation community in Commack with more than 800 employees, as well as an assisted living community on the same 34-acre campus with an additional 100 employees.

## **About Gurwin**

The Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a 460-bed nursing care facility in Commack, Long Island, and is part of the Gurwin Healthcare System, a renowned health-care provider offering a full continuum of healthcare and senior living services for the frail and elderly. The Center was named by Fortune Magazine as the #1 Best Workplace in the nation for Aging Services in 2018 and has been the recipient of the Best of Long Island award winner for rehabilitation, adult day care, health aides and assisted living. Services provided at the Center include skilled nursing care, rehabilitation therapy, advanced care, ventilator and respiratory care, on-site dialysis and infusion therapy, memory care, and palliative and hospice care, as well as both medical and social adult day programs and home care programs. The 34-acre campus is also home to Gurwin Jewish~ Fay J. Lindner Residences assisted living community, and a proposed independent living community, Fountaingate Gardens. For more information, visit [www.gurwin.org](http://www.gurwin.org), Follow Gurwin on Facebook ([bit.ly/GurwinNursingRehab](https://bit.ly/GurwinNursingRehab)) and on Twitter (@GurwinJewish).

Click below to view Lorraine's triumphant walk through the halls of Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center to her awaiting family: (<https://youtu.be/qZsW4inHEgY>)



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