

OSA's LABOR HEROES OF 2020

DR. MITCHELL KATZ, CEO, NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS

AND ALL OF OUR H+H BROTHERS AND SISTERS

At a union meeting two years ago, Dr. Mitchell Katz spoke of the challenges he faced as the new head of New York City Health + Hospitals.

Among other points, he noted that, on his arrival, he had learned that North Central Bronx Hospital had empty beds while Jacobi-Bronx Municipal Hospital had a waiting list. That was wrong.

He also learned that patients with insurance were often sent to for-profit private nursing homes, while the City-run nursing homes were sent those patients without insurance.

He had corrected both of these self-defeating decisions, but was puzzled why such decisions occurred at all.



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At that moment, the Organization of Staff Analysts' leadership learned for the first time that H+H had been given a leader who would fight for City hospitals.

The municipal unions had always supported the City hospitals, from the days of the Department of Hospitals right through to the current H+H. We had often had cause to wonder if our various political leaders were on our side.

It was the City labor unions who prevented the give-away of North Central Bronx Hospital and the sale of Coney Island Hospital.

In each of those cases, we were

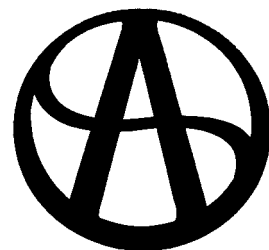
opposed by the Mayor at the time. If we had not won those fights, we would have had two less City hospitals today.

It is wonderful for us to have a leader who cares about our hospitals and their hard-working staff.

Since March of this year, Dr. Katz and his over thirty thousand heroes, in and out of uniform, have helped save us from the worst of the plague that came upon us.

We are grateful.

For this reason, OSA dedicates its 2020 Labor Heroes Award to H+H President and CEO Dr. Mitchell Katz – and all of our Brothers and Sisters at our City Hospitals.



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