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## Press Release

(For Immediate Release)

### GMHA Unveils the Diana Z. Ysrael Dedication Wall

(December 14, 2022; Tamuning, Guam) On Friday, December 9, 2022, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) unveiled a dedication wall in honor of Mrs. Diana Zeien Ysrael. The special wall is to recognize Mrs. Ysrael for the many contributions she and her family have made to Guam and GMHA.

Mrs. Ysrael is a former GMHA nurse who continued to serve the hospital for decades. She originally came to Guam with her parents and siblings in 1948 when she was 12 years old. After high school, she moved to Minnesota to study nursing. Upon receiving her nursing degree, Mrs. Ysrael began training with Dr. William Mayo at the prestigious Mayo Clinic. Mrs. Ysrael returned to Guam and worked at GMHA as a nurse from 1956 until 1960 when she married her husband, Alfred, and resigned to focus on raising a family.

As she raised her children, Mrs. Ysrael noticed a lack of children's clothing in Guam. In 1960, she opened one of Guam's most beloved clothing stores, Diana's Specialty Shop. The new shop featured clothing for the entire family, including a selection of children's clothes. In 2012, Mrs. Ysrael was awarded the Businesswoman of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award.

After Diana's closed, Mrs. Ysrael continued her family's charitable work, supporting many important causes in Guam including GMHA. In 2020, Mrs. Ysrael and her family presented the GMHA Volunteers Association with \$250,000 to support the hospital's frontline healthcare workers during the COVID pandemic. Through the Ysrael's generous donation, GMHA was able to purchase additional surgical masks, surgical gowns, nasal cannulas, humidifiers, breathing tubes, powered air-purifying respirators, and other critically needed items.

"The Ysrael family have been supporters of GMHA for decades," said Lillian Perez-Posadas, GMHA Administrator/CEO. "We have been very honored and privileged to work with Mrs. Ysrael and her children over the years and are very grateful for their commitment to GMHA and Guam. Through their generosity, we were able to maintain our supply of PPEs and other important medical supplies to sustain the level of care during COVID and the resulting supply chain disruptions. We are indebted to the Ysrael's and honored to recognize our former nurse colleague, Diana Zeien Ysrael."

The Ysrael family has a long history of civic mindfulness and GMHA was proud to create Diana Zeien Ysrael Dedication Wall to recognize Mrs. Ysrael and her family for their many contributions to Guam. Three of her five children, Dr. Mariana Ysrael, Attorney Michael Ysrael, and Donna Y. Baker, were present for the unveiling of the wall. Her daughters Elizabeth and Catherine Ysrael were unable to attend but were also recognized during the ceremony.

The public is invited to visit the Diana Zeien Ysrael Dedication Wall in the third-floor lobby area. GMHA is grateful to the Ysrael Family for their continuing support of Guam's only public hospital.

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Pictured from left to right: Chalong Clark, GMHA VA volunteer; Maria Perez, GMHA VA Board member, and event co-chair; First Lady Christine Calvo, Immediate Past President, and event co-chair; Tammy Apuya, GMHA VA Board member; Dr. Annie Bordallo, Associate Administrator of Medical Services; Jude Baker, Donna Ysrael Baker, Michael Ysrael, Teresa Ysrael, Dr. Mariana Ysrael, First Gentleman Jeffrey Cook, and Terese Calvo, GMHA VA Board Treasurer.