Center for Bariatric Surgery at Miriam Marks One-Year Anniversary

Many former bariatric patients attended a special anniversary reception, where they had the opportunity to thank and celebrate with the surgeons, physicians, nurses, dietitians and other team members who cared for them both before and long after their surgeries. “Our goal is not just to help people lose weight, but we want to change their lives by giving them the tools they need to lead a healthier lifestyle,” said SIVA VITHIANANTHAN, MD, chief of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery at The Miriam Hospital and director of the Center for Bariatric Surgery. “It is incredibly rewarding to hear from former patients who tell us how they are now off of their blood pressure medication or are running half marathons and accomplishing other feats they never thought were possible before coming to us for bariatric surgery.”

“Hearing from patients whose lives have literally been transformed by our surgeons and the entire bariatric care team was both a moving experience and a sober reminder of the toll the obesity epidemic continues to have here in Rhode Island,” said ARTHUR J. SAMPSON, president of The Miriam Hospital.

Both Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals have been recognized as American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence®. The designation recognizes surgical programs with a demonstrated track record of excellence in providing superior and comprehensive bariatric surgery care. The Miriam also has been designated a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island.