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Welcome to NJHA's Best at the Beach 2026

It is an honor to celebrate the people, programs and healthcare organizations united by a simple, powerful purpose: caring for others. Our 2026 Best at the Beach honorees bring that purpose to life every day. Within these pages, you'll meet exceptional individuals – nominated by their peers and recognized by industry leaders – who represent the very best of healthcare. Their dedication is reflected in the lives they've improved and the communities they've strengthened across New Jersey.



They are part of a workforce 162,000 strong in our hospitals, joined by thousands more serving in outpatient centers, residential facilities and homes and neighborhoods throughout the state. Together, they ensure New Jersey remains a national leader in healthcare quality, access and equity. We are proud to celebrate them.

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Meet the 2026 Best at the Beach Honorees

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Distinguished Service

Vincent Barba, MD | *Matheny Medical & Educational Center*



Dr. Vincent Barba is a respected physician leader, advocate and champion for individuals with developmental disabilities. As Vice President of Patient Care and Safety and Chief Medical Officer at Matheny Medical and Educational Center, he has dedicated more than 30 years to advancing high-quality, person-centered care for some of New Jersey’s most medically vulnerable residents. A trusted voice in healthcare policy, Dr. Barba has worked with NJHA, government leaders and policymakers to protect critical services and funding for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, ensuring they continue to receive the specialized care they deserve.

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Legacy of Care

Diann Johnston, MSN, RN

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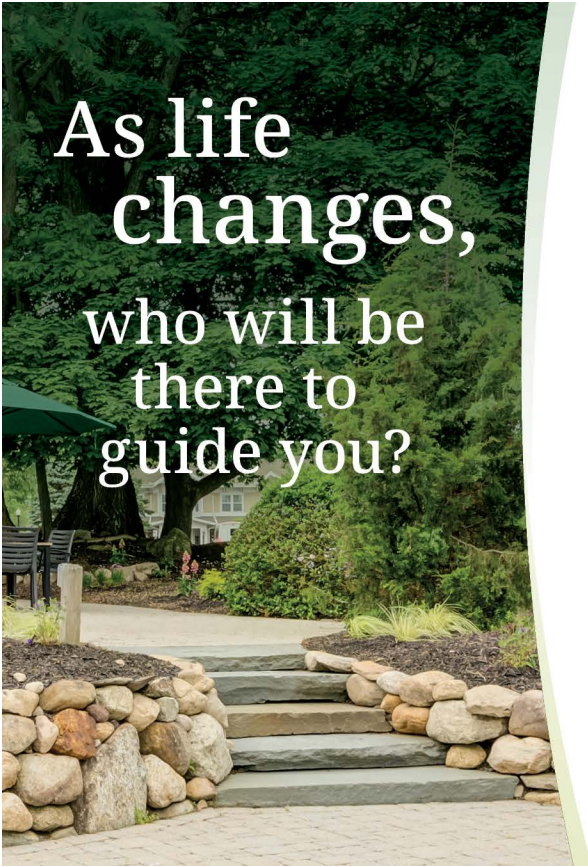


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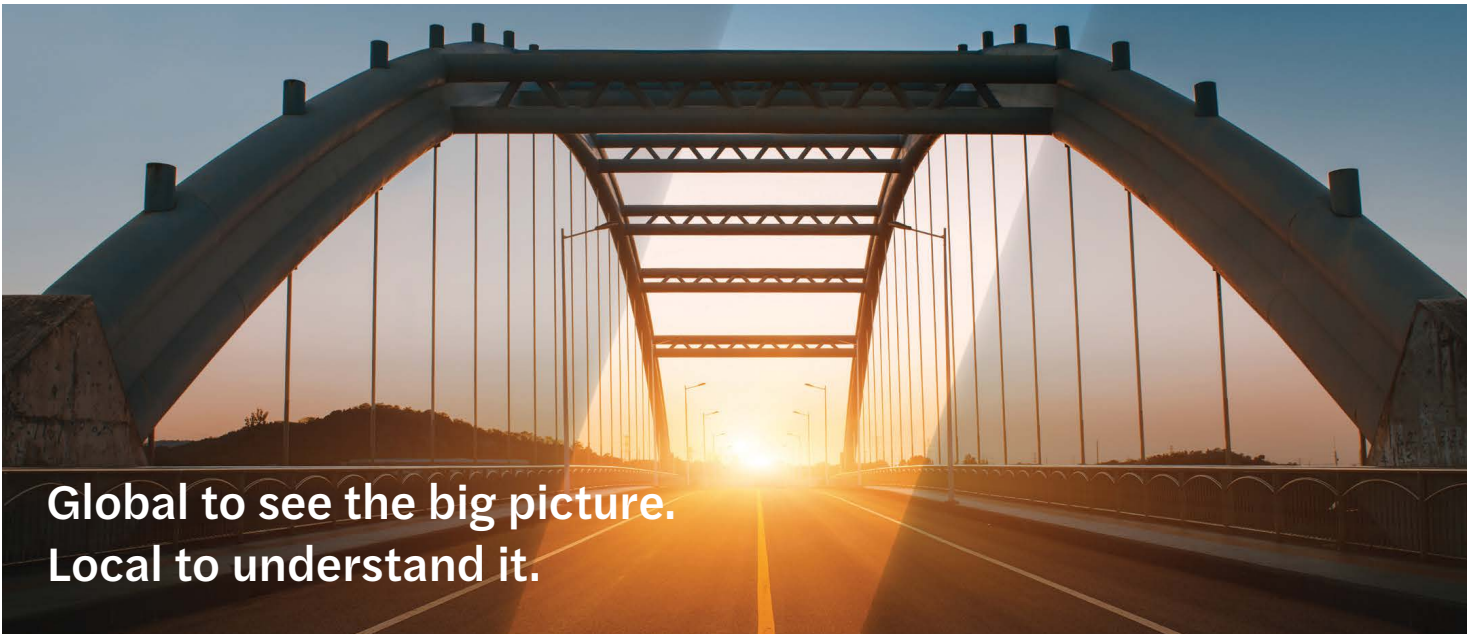


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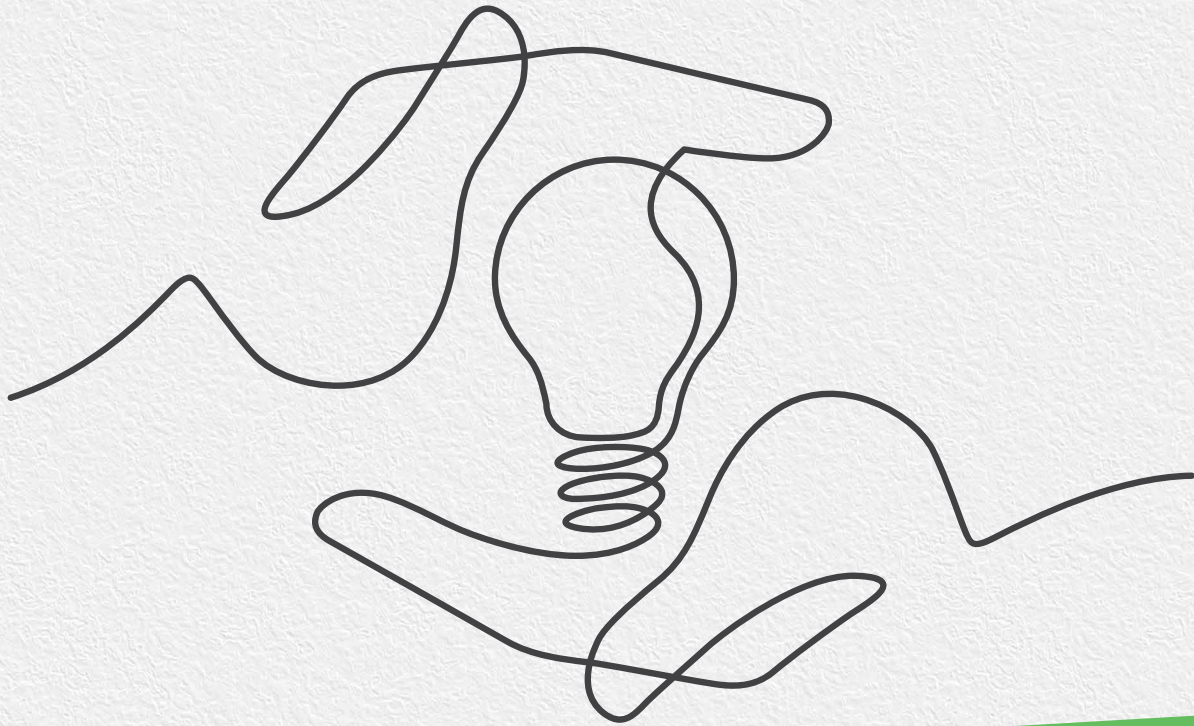
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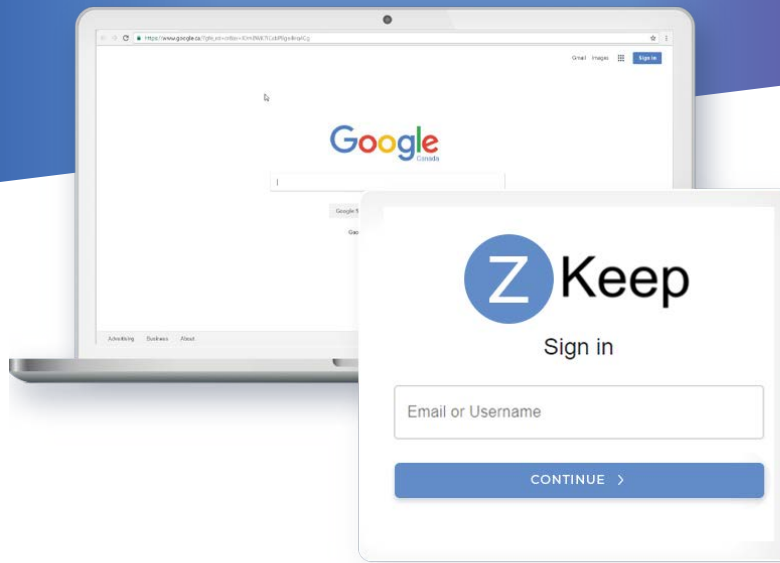
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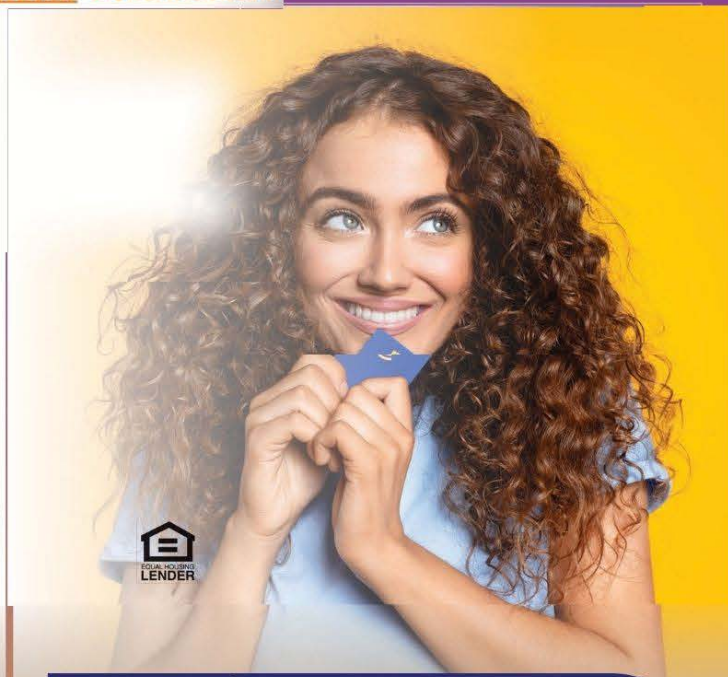
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