TICK-BORNE DISEASE RESOURCE CENTER SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL

www.EastEndTickResource.org (631) 726-TICK

ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to report that in just two years the Tick-Borne Disease Resource Center at Southampton Hospital has made significant progress in providing education, guidance and access to treatment for tick-borne disease to both our East End residents and the local medical community. We are grateful to the community, local philanthropy, and our elected officials who have helped to make the Resource Center a vital and dynamic asset in our region.

I am proud to share with you some of our major accomplishments. During the spring and summer of 2015 the nurses on our tick "help" line answered more than 300 calls from the public. We have followed up recently with many of those callers and they have overwhelmingly reported that the advice and referral information that we provided to them was helpful, and they have thanked us for providing a valuable service to the community. In addition to the numerous public educational events we have held for residents and seasonal visitors, we have begun to reach out to our children who are most at risk for tick exposure due to frequent outdoors activities.

The "Tick Wise" program has been a major success at the elementary school level and we are booking requests for the program in the months to come. Due to the alliances we have formed with major scientific researchers in the field of tick disease, our educational symposia for physicians will continue to grow in stature and reputation.

We will continue to work hard to fulfill our mission of serving both the public, and the medical community, in the quest to provide the best in educational and clinical resources to the public to help combat the epidemic of tick-borne disease. We want to thank all of our generous donors, partners and supporters and look forward to the growth of our Resource Center in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Chaloner
President and CEO, Southampton Hospital

Deborah Maile, RN, BSN, Director of Infection Prevention (left) and Rebecca Young, RN, Infection Prevention Nurses

CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS

HOTLINE (631) 726-TICK

Our Infection Prevention nurses fielded 300+ calls from the public between April and October 2015. Callers received expert advice on tick removal, help understanding laboratory results and, when appropriate, referrals to physicians and other medical professionals. Calls originated from as far north as Canada, and as far west as Colorado.

BE PREPARED WITH A TICK KIT

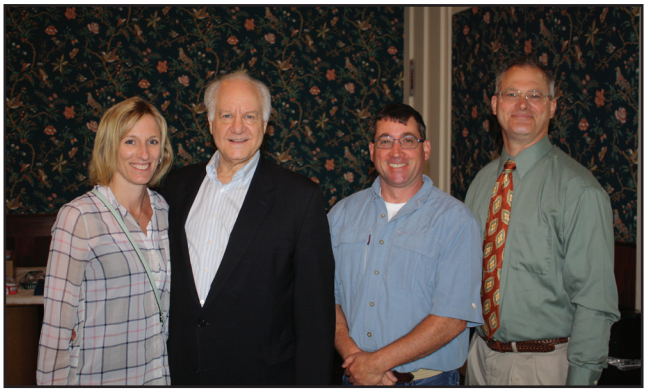
Our Tick Kit contains everything needed to be prepared for a tick bite: pointy tweezers, magnifier, first-aid supplies, and a Tick ID Card. It's all packaged in a kit that can be hung on a backpack or carried in your pocket. These kits are free to the public. To request a Tick Kit , please call (631) 726-TICK.

OUR MISSION

The Tick-Borne Disease Resource Center at Southampton Hospital educates the public, promotes collaboration in the medical community, and facilitates access to diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne disease.

1. Children's Museum of the East End, May 2015

2. Public Lecture by Thomas N. Mather, PhD, May 2015



3. Medical Lecture by Steven E. Schutzer, MD, June 2015

ACCOMPLISHMENTS...

- Hosted eleven educational public outreach events, on both North and South Forks, attended by over 500 East End residents.
- Held five symposia for medical professionals.
- Sponsored a public lecture by Thomas N. Mather, PhD, Entomoligist and Director of the University of Rhode Island's TickEncounter Resource Center.
- Supported the "Tick-Wise" Educational Program for elementary-age children in local public and private schools on the East End.
- Responded to 300+ calls from residents and visitors seeking advice on the tick help line.
- Distributed over 1,000 free "Tick Kits" to community members and East End visitors.
- Sponsored a meeting of local elected officials and delegates from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services to discuss the need for funding, which resulted in a $75,000 New York State Grant.
- Aired "Prevention Tips" on a Spanish-language radio station during the summer months.
- Began a collaboration with the equine community.

1. Symposium for Elected Officials, February 2015

2. Children's Museum of the East End, June 2015

3. The Hampton Classic, August 2015

FUTURE PLANS...

- Host additional educational events for the public on both North and South Forks.
- Continue professional education and collaboration opportunities for East End physicians.
- Continue pediatric and family education in local schools and libraries.
- Increase staffing to accommodate caller volume on the tick-borne disease help line.
- Participate in NIH-funded study for rapid-result diagnostic test for Lyme disease.
- Sponsor a symposium for medical experts interested in Neurologic Lyme Disease.
- Enhance collaboration with Stony Brook Medicine and Eastern Long Island Hospital.

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New York State Grant

Bridgehampton Association

The Hampton Classic

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Hamptons Invitational Pro-Am Donation, April 2015

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