

## **St. Joseph's Hires Pediatric Medical Geneticist**

Scottsdale resident Stephen Amato, MD, PhD, was recently hired by St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center as a medical geneticist in the hospital's Children's Health Center's Phoenix Genetics Program.

Dr. Amato's clinical and research interests include neurogenetics, metabolism, and developmental disorders in children and adults. He also has worked to identify genetic markers and disorders at the genomic level with the hopes of developing more tailored treatment programs.

Dr. Amato earned his graduate degree from New York University and his medical degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha. His more than 22 years of service in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve includes deployments to Central America, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Europe. He is certified in aviation and hyperbaric medicine. He is board certified by the National Board of Medical Examiners, American Board of Pediatrics, and American Board of Medical Genetics with special certifications in clinical genetics and cytogenetics.

The Children's Health Center's Phoenix Genetics Program at St. Joseph's provides patients with medical treatment and related support services for conditions such as multiple malformations; mental retardation and developmental delays; known or suspected metabolic disorders; birth defects including cleft lip or palate, neural tube defects and clubfoot; families with known hereditary conditions; and women considering pregnancy who have a hereditary disorder.