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Message from the Foundation

A new year is an opportune time for new beginnings, and for us the new year will bring the formalization of an alliance we are particularly pleased to announce. We are merging the fundraising efforts of the John Wayne Cancer Institute with Saint John's Health Center Foundation in order to better serve donors who are interested in supporting both clinical care and cancer research advances. We've been working together for years but will be formally tying the knot. We're also happy to introduce the two vice-presidents who are overseeing philanthropic activities for the Institute and Saint John's: Michael Avila and John D. Miller.

We are blessed with a positive atmosphere that's attracting new trustees, and we continue to build relationships with our physician partners. One key to the strength of these connections is that we offer opportunities for patients who are grateful to express their gratitude by making a charitable gift. In this issue you can read about a grateful young ER patient as well as two hardworking trustees who epitomize this spirit.

In the first quarter of the upcoming year, we hope to move into our new Foundation office; we're renovating the U.S. Bank building on the corner of 23rd Street and Santa Monica Boulevard adjacent to the Health Center campus. We're looking forward to the expanded meeting space in the new building, as well as the proximity to the Institute and the Health Center.

Dr. Robertson's tenure as Foundation chair is coming to a

JOHN M. ROBERTSON, MD
Chair, Saint John's Health Center
Foundation Board of Trustees

close at year's end, and we feel honored to have worked together to serve the Foundation for two years as we went through a period of tremendous transition. With our trustees and key physician partners working hand in hand, we've weathered the storm of uncertainty and are now enjoying the benefits of a financially strong new sponsor, Providence Health & Services.

All of these positive changes are in keeping with the Foundation's commitment to continued growth, which will expand its ability to support both the John Wayne Cancer Institute and Saint John's Health Center, and offer a myriad of ways for our community to benefit as well.

Our trustees and generous donors make this new year—and the future—bright. Thank you for your generous support and loyalty.

ROBERT O. KLEIN
President and CEO
Saint John's Health Center Foundation



“I’m elated to be a part of this kind and vibrant community.”

Letter from the Chief Executive

As I pass my one-year anniversary as chief executive at Providence Saint John’s Health Center and the John Wayne Cancer Institute, I’m reflecting on some significant milestones.

As of this writing, we have a new Health Center leadership team in place, ready to roll. Having this kind of solid base that supports our path into the future gives me the luxury to think back on some highlights of this past year, both personal and shared.

This year we took a hard look at tough issues, such as caregiver compensation, and, I’m proud to say, brought that compensation to a level in keeping with the market.

I’ve focused on getting to know the culture at Saint John’s and the environment that surrounds me at this exceptional health center. My style has always been hands-on, so I am especially grateful for the guidance of our physicians who provided valuable leadership and shared insights that expanded my comprehension daily.

One of our most exciting efforts has been recruiting and retaining the top physicians in the country, so that we can provide advanced clinical treatment, quality care and cutting edge research that benefit all of our patients.

I am so impressed by the involvement of our physicians at every level, and also by the entire Saint John’s community. This kind of compassionate consideration that’s given to those who walk through our doors is the heart of our mission. *This* is our culture.

And I’m thrilled to report that my wife Jane and I have officially made Santa Monica our home—we moved in right down the street from Saint John’s—and our first grandchild (a girl!) was delivered here at Saint John’s. So, not only have we experienced firsthand the care and kindness that makes this place unique, but we consider ourselves part of the family.

As we put our heads down and stride toward next year, let’s also join hands and lift our hearts in gratitude for this wonderful place of healing.

With utmost respect,

MARCEL LOH
Chief Executive
Providence Saint John’s Health Center
and John Wayne Cancer Institute

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New Health Center Leadership: On a Mission

Talk to Providence Saint John's Health Center's new executives and they all mention the same motivations for choosing to join the Health Center's leadership team: mission and service. For each of them—chief medical officer (CMO) Donald Larsen, MD, chief operating officer (COO) David Tam, MD, and chief financial officer (CFO) James Uli—Saint John's offers the opportunity to deliver health care to those who truly need it, through an organization that is an integral part of the community it serves.

As Dr. Larsen notes, even as senior administrators, “caring for people is what continues to drive us.” Dr. Larsen, who also is the interim executive director of the John Wayne Cancer Institute, says he joined Saint John's because “I wanted to be more connected to a community hospital setting ... I wanted to make a bigger impact in a community environment.”

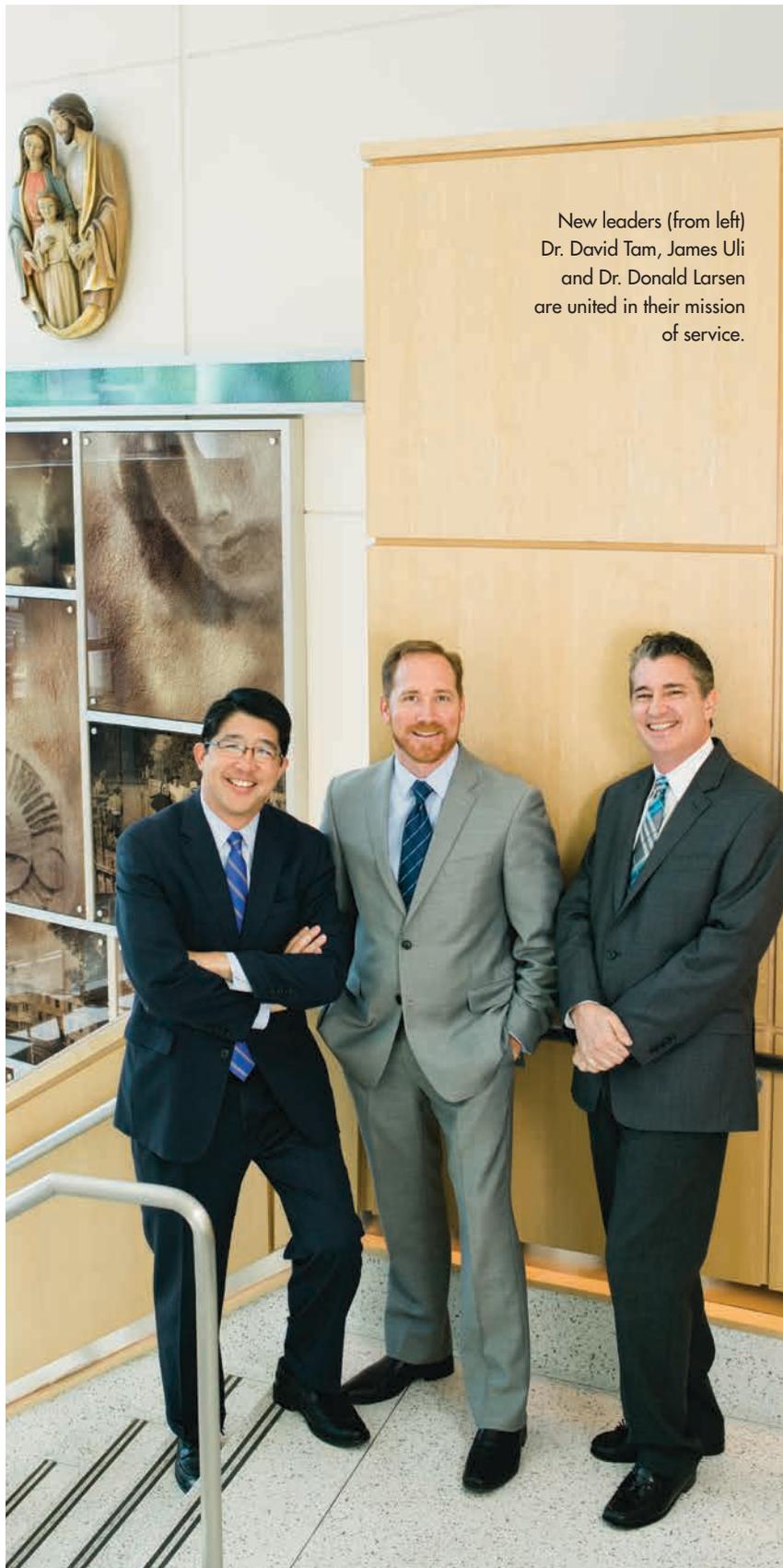
“I wanted to go someplace where there is a significant component of service and ministry,” says Dr. Tam. Joining Saint John's as COO is “an opportunity to take everything I have learned and apply it in a place whose primary concern is taking care of people.”

The Saint John's name has such respect and status, says James, and it also has a special history and culture. The Health Center is unique, he says, in that the community also is served by other well-regarded medical centers. “But,” he adds, Saint John's “has a long history of engaged physicians and caregivers. We provide a more personalized level of care to our patients.”

“It's such a great hospital with the best reputation and a wonderful staff,” agrees Dr. Larsen. “My goal is to continue doing what has worked here for many years ... and at the same time, to guide us through the unknown changes in health care over the next 10 years.” As the CMO, he says, his charge is to ensure the Health Center provides the highest quality patient care, delivered most effectively and most efficiently.

That's a notion Dr. Tam sums up succinctly: “In order to do good, we must do well.” His goal, he says, is to “make sure one of the best hospitals in America gets better and better ... and make sure we provide care for those in need.”

Working with Saint John's caregivers and staff together as a team, James says, “we care for sick and ill and vulnerable patients. We bring comfort to them, and care, and healing.”



New leaders (from left) Dr. David Tam, James Uli and Dr. Donald Larsen are united in their mission of service.

Introducing the New Foundation Trustees

The Foundation's board of trustees continues to grow in size and strength. By joining the Foundation board, these selfless individuals are giving their time and talent to make our organization more impactful. We welcome them with deep gratitude.



WILLIAM M. APFELBAUM is a renowned leader in the media industry, and his career spans 35 years in the advertising business. He was chairman of Titan Outdoor Advertising, a company he founded in 2001. He served as the president, chairman and CEO of TDI Worldwide where he successfully built the business and coordinated a sale to Infinity Broadcasting (later CBS). Prior to joining TDI, he served as the president of Gannett Transit (formerly New York Subways Advertising Co.). Bill serves on the boards of several corporations and foundations and also is involved in many philanthropic endeavors including the Apfelbaum Family Foundation, which he founded. His public speaking engagements have included guest lectures at the Harvard Business School, which uses his restructuring model as a case study. He has been profiled in *Forbes* and *Advertising Age*, among other publications. Bill graduated from NYU with a degree in marketing and lives in Malibu and Greenwich, Connecticut, with Bonnie, his wife of 35 years. They have three adult children and 10 grandchildren; one of them is a freshman at USC.



NORRIS J. BISHTON, JR. is a partner in the law firm Bishton Gubernick and is president and owner of the Noarus Auto Group, which is among the top 100 auto groups in the U.S. and includes Toyota Place, Marina del Rey Toyota, Airport Marina Ford and Airport Marina Honda. He is general counsel to two other large auto groups and a trial lawyer specializing in business-related litigation. Norris is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame Law School. He and his wife, Debi, have two sons, Evan and Blake, and Norris has two older sons from a previous marriage, Jamie and Greg. He joined the KCRW Foundation board in November 2010 and serves as vice chair of the Governance Committee. The Bishtons own a vineyard and winery at their home in Pacific Palisades, producing more than 100 cases of wine each year, and are both members of the board of overseers of the LA Philharmonic.



New Foundation Development Leadership

The Saint John's Health Center Foundation is excited to announce the addition of two vice presidents to the Foundation senior staff: John D. Miller, vice president of development, Saint John's Health Center Foundation, and Michael Avila, vice president of

development, John Wayne Cancer Institute.

"I've been impressed by the devotion to Saint John's and its patients shared by the Foundation and hospital leadership as they work together to help Saint John's maintain its position as a premier Health



PAUL R. KANIN was born at Saint John’s Hospital, and after growing up in Southern California, he decided to stay here. Paul has practiced trusts and estate law for the past 39 years, and he’s currently a partner in Kanin Soffer, LLP. He enjoys giving back to the community in diverse ways. Among other positions, Paul has served as a founding director of the Beverly Hills Police Foundation (and also as a reserve police officer for 17 years), a trustee of Facing History and Ourselves, and is currently the vice chairman of the board of the Children’s Institute in Los Angeles. He is married to Sally Levine Kanin, and they have had the good fortune of watching their sons Matthew and Max grow up to be ethical, practicing lawyers. Their daughter, Maralee, is working her way through Chicago Medical School.



PUTTER PENCE grew up in the world of art and artists. Since 2000, she has owned and managed Pence Fine Art in Los Angeles, consulting clients in various art genres with the goal of cultivating museum quality art collections. Prior to that, she owned Pence Gallery in Santa Monica, where she represented and exhibited the works of emerging and mid-career artists as well as graphics from established artists. Putter earned her BS in business administration from USC and is a founding member of the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA). Putter has a daughter, Devin, who graduated from Marlborough School and received her BA from Amherst College. She is currently a PR account executive at Crier Communications.



JUSTIN E. RAWLINS is a corporate partner in Winston & Strawn’s LA office, principally representing funds, lending institutions, companies and committees in providing a broad spectrum of services. Justin received a BA in English and economics from USC and graduated cum laude from Loyola Law School, where he placed in the top five percent of his class, was elected to the National Jesuit Honor Society and was made a member of Order of the Coif. He currently serves on the USC Trojan Athletic Fund board of counselors, and the Notre Dame High School board of directors, where he helped the school with its “Light the Way” campaign, boosting the school’s financial aid budget. Ranked by Chambers and Partners USA, Justin also is a “Super Lawyer” according to *Super Lawyers* magazine. Justin and his wife, Melissa, live in Pacific Palisades with their four children: Isabel, Asher Rose, Santiago and Marisol. When children aren’t their focus (which is rare), Justin and Melissa also enjoy traveling the globe and supporting local causes.

Center,” John says.

Mike considers his calling at the Institute simple: “I’m looking forward to continuing to support the researchers and scientists here at the John Wayne Cancer Institute who seek to alleviate the suffering of our patients.”

“Both John and Mike are seasoned development professionals with considerable experience and success in the greater Southern California philanthropic community,” says Foundation president and CEO Robert O. Klein. “We’re very pleased to have them on our team.”



Michael Avila

Rendering of the Health Center's South Campus.

Health Center's Phase Two Development Plan Applications Deemed Complete

The City of Santa Monica has accepted for filing Providence Saint John's Health Center's Phase Two development applications, including a South Campus Master Plan and development review permit applications for eight new buildings. The plan calls for the construction of a new facility to house the John Wayne Cancer Institute as well as a new education and conference center and additional ambulatory care facilities.

The June 5th determination from the city is a milestone, kicking off the city's formal review of the Phase Two Development plan. The parameters for the plan are contained in Providence Saint John's development agreement with the city that was created following the 1994 Northridge earthquake to authorize the rebuilding of the core hospital facilities and provide a framework for future development on the campus.

The plan creates a world-class Health Center complex and an integrated north and south campus. The campus will include ample research space for the vital translational science performed at the John Wayne Cancer Institute and will allow for its continued growth. Another major goal of the plan is to promote health and wellness programs and other research and ambulatory services that can contribute to community health initiatives.

The design includes enhancements to better connect Mullin Plaza on the north campus, across Santa Monica Boulevard, a new plaza—Saint John's Square—on the south campus and an upgraded 21st Street "living street" that leads to a new south garden along Broadway.



Paul Mamoulelis Named Director of Business Development



Saint John's Health Center is pleased to announce that Paul Mamoulelis has come on board as its new director of business development. Paul has a solid background in strategic planning and brand management, with in-depth health care experience in the acute care, ancillary service, and medical group and managed care environments.

"Saint John's has a great reputation in the Los Angeles health care community for providing world-class care," Paul says. "The team and medical staff here are exceptional and passionate about what they do, and of course Providence as a system and company has a great culture."

Paul has many goals for the coming year and beyond: "Health care is constantly changing," he says. "We must continue to evolve in order to stay competitive, while being strategic about our direction and capital investments. I'm looking forward to working with the talented leadership team, caregivers and physicians who make Saint John's excel."

With more than 13 years of experience implementing cutting-edge strategies and creative ideas for marketing and development, Paul brings his considerable talent to the Health Center. He lives in Laguna Niguel with his wife, Melodie, a pediatric physical therapist, and his two children, daughter Melia, 8 years old, and son Max, who is 4.



Sister Maureen Craig, SCL
Saint John's Health Center Foundation chaplain

Inspiration from Sister Maureen Craig, SCL

Since the very beginning of Catholic hospitals, religious Sisters have been a vital part of health care. Some may remember when nuns were nurses, administrators and patient visitors at Saint John's. In these more recent times, we have welcomed splendid people to join us in ministry. In our spiritual care department, our chaplaincy program supports our profound belief that each person has not just a body, but also an infinite soul. At Saint John's, as at all Catholic hospitals, we realize the importance of bringing healing to that soul as well as to the body.

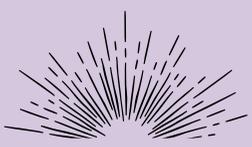
For years, the Sisters did this. Now, members of spiritual care frequently are not nuns or priests, but dedicated people from diverse religious backgrounds who bring their own spirituality to create an oasis of peace and restoration for our patients. As a result, everyone—patients, family, friends—feels embraced by the love and care the chaplains, Sisters and volunteers impart. Read more about our spiritual care department on page 22 in this issue.

We are fortunate to have representatives of many ministries of service at Saint John's. Sister Therese Zimmerman, SCL, one of three original Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth still here at the hospital and a former nurse-administrator and psychologist, continues her life-long ministry through sacristy, the daily care of the chapel. And she understands that simple things can be the most important: Her "Healing Hands" program for Saint John's caregivers offers employees a hand massage and a moment of prayer or discussion. I, as part of Saint John's for many years, represent the Sisters of Charity through my chaplaincy for the Foundation, the Irene Dunne Guild and the physicians' alumni association. Sister Mary Kamperschroer, SCL, formerly a medical technologist, volunteers at Saint John's, using her clinical skills in the pathology department.

Our presence at Saint John's allows the Sisters of Charity to continue the mission of service and spirituality we began more than 70 years ago at this hospital. And we're pleased and honored to partner with Providence Health & Services in that mission, under the leadership of Sister Colleen Settles, OP, vice president of mission. We are grateful that you, our friends, support our work in bringing God's healing love to those who come to us in their need.

Over the past year, we've lost some dear friends and important members of the Saint John's family, recognized in the list at left. They have and will continue to be a valuable part of our community—trustees, donors and physicians—and we will miss them deeply. We pray they are at peace.

Thank you.



IN MEMORIAM

The Foundation mourns the loss of several of our dear friends, major supporters and trustees. Their longtime devotion to our mission and their willingness to help will be remembered with fondness and deep gratitude.

- * Mrs. Robert H. Adams [Betty], life trustee
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- * Louis Colen
- * Pat Epstein
- * William A. Frumovitz, MD
- * Janice Ruck
- * Robert M. Sinskey, MD, trustee
- * Stanley Strasberg

Health Center Scores Again

When it comes to getting elective surgery, choosing the right surgeon at the right hospital is of the utmost importance. ProPublica, a nonprofit focused on investigative reporting to help consumers make smart choices, did an analysis of Medicare data and made public the complication rates of almost 17,000 commonly performed surgeries in the U.S. The procedures studied included hip and knee replacement surgery, lumbar spine fusion and laparoscopic gallbladder surgery. ProPublica reported that Saint John's has the best surgical outcomes for hip and knee replacements nationwide, and the best in the city for lumbar spine fusion. Still another reason to select Saint John's Health Center. To see how your doctor rates, go to *projects.propublica.org/surgeons*

Newsweek "Top Cancer Doctors 2015" Includes Saint John's Physicians

Newsweek magazine has named its "Top Cancer Doctors 2015," which includes five physicians who are affiliated with the John Wayne Cancer Institute and Providence Saint John's Health Center. The *Newsweek* list is compiled through peer nominations and extensive research by Castle Connolly Medical LTD. The honored physicians include:

Anton J. Bilchik, MD, PhD, professor of surgery, chief of medicine, chief of the gastrointestinal research program at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. Dr. Bilchik is an expert in colorectal cancer.

Linnea Chap, MD, is a medical oncologist based in Beverly Hills who has admitting privileges at Providence Saint John's Health Center. Dr. Chap specializes in breast cancer and gynecologic malignancies.

Santosh Kesari, MD, PhD, director of neuro-oncology, professor of neurosciences and chair of translational neuro-oncology and neuro-therapeutics at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. Dr. Kesari is a physician-scientist who specializes in the research and treatment of brain cancer.

Lawrence D. Piro, MD, a medical oncologist at the Angeles Clinic and Research Institute, and adjunct faculty member of the John Wayne Cancer Institute. Dr. Piro is an expert in drug development, leukemia and lymphoma.

Marilou Terpenning, MD, medical oncologist and adjunct professor of medical oncology at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. Dr. Terpenning is an expert in breast and gynecological cancers, hematologic malignancies and hereditary cancers.





Anthony Cacace teaches a group of children how to take a selfie in Tanzania.

A Rewarding Mission to Tanzania

Everyone, says Anthony Cacace, can give back—that's part of the Providence Saint John's Health Center's ethic. Tony, a concierge with the Foundation's VIP Caritas Suites, sees that every day in the actions of Saint John's caregivers.

So when he heard about a medical mission to Tanzania, he saw it as an opportunity to give back in gratitude, working with a population lacking even basic medical care. "Here," he notes, "we have clinics, we have resources. There, the resources that those hospitals lack is staggering ... even the most basic supplies."

Along with Saint John's pediatrician Robert C. Hamilton, MD, and physical therapist aide Jessica McGuire, Tony joined the mission of 25 volunteers last spring, spending 10 days providing care and comfort to some 1,500 patients before returning on Easter Sunday.

"Everyone was there to give back," he says, "and everyone was there to learn." For Tony, that meant learning to be comfortable working in clinical positions, from helping oversee the pharmacy to accompanying doctors in the clinic. "It was an amazing learning experience," he says. His experiences went beyond the clinic, too—from introducing children to bubbles and dancing with a school group to being chased by zebras.

His advice for anyone contemplating joining a medical mission: be open-minded. "You're going to see things you've never seen before," he says. "It's about what you can do to give back ... and that feeling of reward. I want to keep doing it."

A Grateful Young Patient Shows Us How It's Done

Alex Ferrufino, 20, arrived at the Saint John's Health Center emergency room on December 27, 2012, after having a seizure, and was so grateful for the care he received that he decided to give back, a little at a time. "He comes into the Foundation office every few months, and drops off whatever he has in extra cash—\$10, \$9," says Yolanda Luna, Foundation research coordinator. "I remember seeing him and I was so impressed by how young and humble he was. He obviously doesn't have much, but he is serious about these donations, and he's taking this money out of his own pocket."

"My mentor in Singapore encouraged me to start doing this after Saint John's treated me," Alex says. "I know that every donation makes a difference, and it's something you can feel good about forever. That's my goal, to go to sleep each night and know that I've done something to help."

Alex has a goal to help in other ways, too; he's attending West LA College to be a marriage and family counselor, specializing in sex and relationship therapy. "I really want to help couples stay together by helping them remain interesting to each other," he explains, "and intimacy is something people always seem to fight about." Alex lives in Silver Lake with his mother, and swings by the Foundation office on his way to and from school. "He has been doing this for almost three years," Yoli says, "and he doesn't live in the area, so he really is going out of his way."



ER patient Alex Ferrufino knows how to give back.

Your Gift Can Make an Impact Now

Donations to Saint John's Health Center Foundation help Providence Saint John's Health Center maintain its ranking as one of the best hospitals in the country. We continually strive to meet the highest standards of care, while adapting to technological and economic changes that have an impact on the delivery of the hospital's services. Your gift helps us purchase cutting edge equipment, support clinical education, create new patient services and perform vital community outreach. To help you envision what your dollars can do, we've compiled a list of projects, equipment, programs and services that are immediate funding priorities. A gift of any amount is appreciated and will be directed to one of these important projects.



BEDSIDE ULTRASOUND (\$100,000)

The role of ultrasound scanning has become increasingly important in today's demanding labor and delivery environment. These compact, mobile, high-resolution, real-time ultrasound machines are critical for immediately necessary diagnostic and intervention-guided support to ensure a safe and healthy delivery.

CANCER 101 BINDERS (\$10,000)

The Cancer 101 binder is a great organizer for those diagnosed with breast cancer and is



given to every patient to help them organize materials and guide them through their treatment journey. It has useful information and resource contacts as well as places to put loose papers, results, questions, etc. A \$10,000 gift would underwrite binders for more than 700 patients.

HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The Child Family Development Center at Saint John's provides mental health programs directed to the emotional and developmental needs of underserved children and their families. Offering child-centered and family-focused services in clients' homes, schools, parks and other community venues, this "clinic without walls" serves more than 1,000 needy families annually. During the holiday season, we offer these children and their families a little something extra to spread holiday cheer. Gift card

donations of any amount from retailers such as Target, Best Buy, Toys"R"Us, and clothing and grocery stores can go a long way toward reaching this goal; gift cards in smaller denominations make it easy to support multiple families. Please contact the Foundation at 310-829-8424 if you would like to make a holiday gift card donation.

JOHN WAYNE CANCER INSTITUTE NAMED SURGICAL ONCOLOGY FELLOW (\$175,000)

The lack of specially trained surgical oncologists hinders the progress of cancer research. Fellowship training provides surgeons with a specific area of surgical expertise, allowing them to see, treat and learn from the most rare and challenging cases. The Institute's renowned Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program prepares surgeons to become specialists and leaders in surgical oncology.

JOHN WAYNE CANCER INSTITUTE SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECTS (\$25,000+)

This type of donation allows researchers to test an idea on a smaller scale, gathering crucial data that will enhance subsequent applications for federal funding. You can support specific areas of cancer research, such as breast, gastrointestinal, melanoma, neurology, prostate and urology. Donors of \$50,000 or more to a research project are acknowledged in the investigator's published research.

NURSING COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (\$1,400,000)

The two-way, streamlined Vocera communication system facilitates immediate communication between members of hospital staff, and is proven to significantly improve care team efficiency, patient flow, staff satisfaction and patient outcomes. The hands-free, high caliber technology uses voice recognition to allow staff to relay information and requests. Vocera is currently installed in more than 1,300 facilities worldwide.

NURSING ENDOWMENT (\$5,000,000)

It is well known that hospitals are currently facing a nursing shortage, due in part to nursing school closures and an aging work force. The Health Center is proactively taking a leadership role in addressing this crisis by expanding professional opportunities for nurses and providing educational incentives for others to join the profession. To ensure exemplary nursing now and in the future, Saint John's has established the Nursing Endowment that will fund nursing support in perpetuity. Earnings from the endowment fund will support collaboration with local colleges, and will provide scholarships, continuing education, merit awards and other incentives to retain outstanding nurses at Saint John's.



PANDA INFANT WARMER (\$25,000)

These state-of-the-art isolettes help ensure a safe and gentle recovery/transition period for infants immediately after birth. The newly regulated built-in resuscitation system and innovative design make it easier to respond and observe the baby in emergencies.

To learn more about supporting any of these projects, please call Gail Drewniak at 310-829-8175.

A Gift from the Ahmanson Foundation Set to Improve CFDC Facilities

The Child and Family Development Center (CFDC) at Providence Saint John's Health Center has been a beacon of hope for children and families facing mental health issues since 1962. Saint John's Health Center Foundation is pleased to acknowledge a \$325,000 gift from the Ahmanson Foundation that will focus on repairs and upgrades to the CFDC building, including privacy fencing, floors, lights and restroom upgrades.

The Ahmanson Foundation donation complements gifts that support the CFDC's 2015 Partnerships for Families (PFF): Birth to One Program. Initiated in 2012 with a lead gift from The Atlas Family Foundation, Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation, Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc. and a private foundation wishing to remain anonymous, the PFF: Birth to One program provides intervention services to new mothers at risk of child maltreatment through in-home therapy visits and connections to more than 15 community partners including Venice Family Clinic, Westside Family Health Center and St. Joseph's Center.

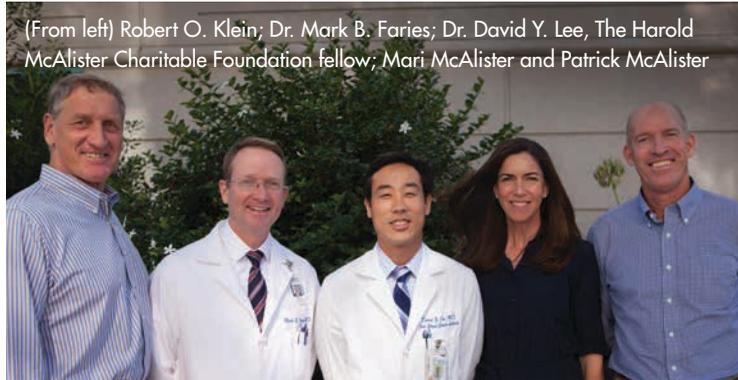
We are grateful for the generosity of these foundations and look forward to continuing to offer vital resources to local children and families.



McAlister Fellowship is Funded for 8th Straight Year

The Harold McAlister Charitable Foundation has renewed its support of the John Wayne Cancer Institute by funding the surgical oncology named fellowship for 2015–2016. The foundation has funded this prestigious fellowship for eight years in a row. This year's recipient is David Y. Lee, MD. Dr. Lee graduated from the University of Maryland and earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. He completed a research fellowship and residency at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, University Hospital of Columbia University, in New York City.

At the Institute, Dr. Lee focuses on melanoma, fellow education, colorectal cancer and sarcoma. Earlier this year, he presented data



(From left) Robert O. Klein; Dr. Mark B. Faries; Dr. David Y. Lee, The Harold McAlister Charitable Foundation fellow; Mari McAlister and Patrick McAlister

at the Society of Surgical Oncology annual meeting on the consequence of not detecting positive lymph nodes on sentinel lymph node biopsy in the treatment of melanoma. Dr. Lee is also the author of a study published recently in the *Annals of Surgical Oncology* that explored the impact of certification on the training of surgical oncology fellows.

The Harold McAlister Charitable Foundation was established in 1959 and honors the legacy of Hobart and Soni McAlister, who were longtime friends of Saint John's Health Center. We are grateful for the Harold McAlister Charitable Foundation's ongoing support. The fellowship program enables the Institute to continue educating the next generation of leaders in the fight against cancer.

William Randolph Hearst Foundations: Making the World Safer, One Hospital at a Time

The drive to improve patient safety, especially during a crisis, is recognized at hospitals world wide, and at Saint John's we have a tool proven to go beyond the abstract into reality: simulation training. Study after study has shown that team training using simulation scenarios promotes collaboration between nurses and physicians and enhances the patient care decision-making process.

This year, the William Randolph Hearst Foundations funded the Multidisciplinary Simulation Training for Enhanced Patient Safety program, which provides Saint John's health care teams with hands-on crisis training so they're prepared to handle a variety of high-risk, low incidence emergencies with increased confidence and improved outcomes.



Founded in 1945 by William Randolph Hearst, the Hearst Foundations are national philanthropic resources for organizations working in the fields of culture, education, health and social services. The Hearst Foundations identify

and fund outstanding nonprofits to ensure that people of all backgrounds in the United States have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and inspiring lives. We thank the William Randolph Hearst Foundations for this vital support.

Million Dollar Hearts



Michael M. Minchin, Jr.

When longtime Saint John's Health Center Foundation trustee Michael M. Minchin, Jr. feels grateful, he does more than just say "Thanks." After Mike was told he needed heart valve surgery, he researched surgeons in the area and chose John M. Robertson, MD, Saint John's director of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery. The surgery was a success and Mike decided he wanted to give

back to Saint John's. "My heart is with Saint John's in two ways," he says. "The Health Center fixed my heart and gave me all these additional healthy years, and now I will do whatever I can to support the expansion of cardiac care at the hospital."

Mike's first step: He called Irene Bristol, RN, director of development for the Foundation with an idea for a ladder of matching pledges for the cardiac care committee, which is actively raising funds for the Saint John's TAVR (transcatheter aortic valve replacement) and stroke center units. "Mike has been such a great supporter of Saint John's," Irene says. "So I knew he could get an innovative fundraiser going. We decided to start by raising \$100,000." Two weeks later, a donor who had heard cardiologist Peter C.D. Pelikan, MD, speak about what Saint John's Health Center was doing with TAVR and the cardio committee called and asked: "Can you use \$500,000?" And the Million Dollar Heart Club was born.

Soon the fund had reached \$900,000; Mike donated the rest and said, "OK, I'm closing your Million Dollar Club." Before long, however, another Foundation trustee donated \$100,000 to start

the second Million Dollar Heart Club.

"Now we're purchasing equipment for the TAVR procedure room," Irene says, "and working toward our goal of becoming the Providence Health & Services, Southern California hub for all TAVR procedures." TAVR is much less invasive than open-heart surgery and is gaining favor with patients who might not be candidates for traditional heart surgery. Patients also experience a faster recovery. "As more people learn about the new equipment and what it can do, we gain momentum," Irene adds. "It's very exciting."

The Foundation is grateful to the Million Dollar Heart Club donors, and looking forward to offering state-of-the-art cardiovascular care to more Southern Californians than ever before.

Members of the first club (closed):

- Michael W. Croft
- Michael M. Minchin, Jr.
- Thomas Wertheimer
- Anonymous donor

Members of the current club (open):

- Robert J. Lowe
- Anonymous donor

Representative Ted Lieu Recognizes Saint John's Excellence

In May, U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu, newly-elected representative for California's 33rd District, toured Providence Saint John's Health Center and the John Wayne Cancer Institute, meeting with senior leaders, physicians, research faculty and staff, and learning about the hospital's role in the community.

"Providence Saint John's Health Center and the John Wayne Cancer Institute have long been known for excellent patient care and for playing a crucial role in the community," says Congressman Lieu. "I was impressed by their emergency room design, which gives them the capability to continue safely serving the community even if an epidemic were to break out. The technology

they're using, such as next-generation ultraviolet light-emitting robots to keep infections to a minimum, really speaks to their commitment to remain at the forefront of medical care."



Ted Lieu and Marcel Loh

While on campus, Congressman Lieu visited the laboratories, specimen repository and gene sequencing center at the world-renowned John Wayne Cancer Institute. "We were pleased to provide our representative with an update about the latest innovations that are making an impact in research and treatment world-wide and are originating right here in his district," says Andy Trilling, vice president, principal gifts, Saint John's Health Center Foundation and the John Wayne Cancer Institute."

Congressman Lieu serves on the House budget and oversight and government reform committees, is the Democratic freshman class president and is an outspoken advocate for cities and the environment.

Fundraiser Pays Tribute to Helen Reid Volunteers

In September, a star-studded dinner and silent auction at Tiatto in Santa Monica raised more than \$60,000 for the Helen Reid Parenting Program (HRPP), a new addition to Providence Saint John's Health Center's Child and Family Development Center (CFDC).

The dinner's stars? The 15 dedicated volunteers honored with the Helen Reid Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Development: Lezlie Atlas, Gayle Brohner, Judy Dubin, Linda Glasser, Renee Kass, Barbara Kingsley, Bernice Miller, Maxine Mintzer, Bobbie Poledouris, Laura Rabin, Madeline Schwartzman, Linda Schoenman, Joan Simon, Agnes Thaler and Barbara Trikonis (in memoriam).

The program, which joined the Saint John's family in July, is an ideal match with the center's other birth to 5 programs, says CFDC executive director Rebecca R. Refuerzo, LCSW. It expands the CFDC's outreach to five additional transitional housing programs.

Previously known as the Early Childhood Parenting Center, the HRPP has served the community since 1971, focusing on the social-emotional development of children from birth to age 5. The HRPP provides families who are coping with issues or circumstances that place them at risk, such as homelessness, domestic violence and children with developmental disabilities with support and information. Currently the program sponsors 10 on-site parenting education groups and also offers individual and family therapy. Services are free of charge.

"There are a lot of amazing things going on," says Nancy Ezra, PhD, director of early intervention services with the CFDC, noting that the program's affiliation with Saint John's has allowed it to increase the scope and reach of the services the HRPP offers.

The partnership ensures that the legacy of founder Helen Reid will continue and flourish, says advisory board chairman Richard Thaler.



The Helen Reid Award for Excellence Dinner and Silent Auction honored its dedicated volunteers.

To support the Child Family Development Center activities and programs, please call Wendy Merritt at 310-829-8443.

A Note About Donor Advised Funds

Some people prefer to donate to charity using donor advised funds (DAFs). We are grateful for all donations and want to advise our supporters on several important Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules governing DAFs.

Although a DAF cannot be used to fulfill a legally binding personal pledge or to make gifts for which a donor will receive certain benefits, it may still be used in other meaningful ways to accomplish the same goal. For example, the administrator of your fund may enter into a pledge agreement directly with Saint John's Health Center Foundation.

DAFs also can be used to support events benefiting Saint John's Health Center, but in limited ways so as not to infringe on IRS rules. For example, DAFs can be used as an additional gift outside of the full price of admission paid by the donor. They can also be used for sponsorship opportunities, so long as the sponsorship benefits do not amount to more than an incidental personal gain to the donor. (Meals, preferential access and/or seating are considered non-incidental benefits.) Thus DAFs can be used to purchase tables if the donor does not attend the event and plans to donate the table back to the Foundation.

When DAFs are used to pay for tickets to a nonprofit event, the IRS no longer allows for the deductible and non-deductible portions of admission to be split. Moreover, the IRS prohibits DAF account holders, additional account users and any of their family members from receiving more than incidental benefits (e.g., small tokens of appreciation such as key chains, coffee mugs, etc.) associated with the DAF grant recommendations.

For more information, please visit:

[irs.gov.Charities-&-Non-Profits/](https://irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Charitable-Organizations/Donor-Advised-Funds)

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Or call Tanya Lopez at 310-582-7095.

Know Your Options: Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts

Charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts are two popular ways to provide gifts to Saint John’s and your other favorite charities. They offer donors similar benefits, but there are important differences, too. **Charitable gift annuities** are the go-to choice for donors wanting a regular, fixed payment over their lifetime without having to be involved with the investment or management of their gift, whereas **charitable remainder trusts** are attractive to donors wanting flexibility and a more hands-on approach with their gift.

	Charitable Gift Annuities	Charitable Remainder Trusts
 WHAT IS IT?	Irrevocable gift transfer to charity	Irrevocable gift transfer to trust
 GIFT AMOUNT	\$25,000+	Typically \$100,000+
 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS	A simple contract, no legal fees	A trust agreement, legal fees will be incurred
 RECOMMENDED FOR	Donors 65 and over; guaranteed regular fixed income payments that do not fluctuate with market volatility	Donors and those who would like income payments prior to age 65; allows principal and annuity payments to appreciate over lifetime of donor and/or named beneficiaries
 WHO CONTROLS IT?	Charity controls and manages assets	Trustee (the donor or someone appointed by the donor) controls and manages assets with some limited input for investment decisions and additional contributions by donor
 TAX DEDUCTIONS	Donor receives partial charitable deduction in current year and avoids capital gains tax on assets transferred to the charity	Donor receives a partial charitable deduction in current year and avoids capital gains tax on assets transferred to the trust.
 PAYMENTS	Charity responsible for payments to donor and/or an additional annuitant. Payments are fixed for the lifetime of the donor or for the lifetimes of the donor and annuitant.	Trust responsible for payments to donor and/or named beneficiaries. Payments are fixed amount (trust) or fixed percentage (unitrust) for the lifetime of donor and/or named beneficiaries.
 TAXATION OF PAYMENTS	Payments received are partially tax-free	Payments received are taxable
 REMAINING FUNDS	Charity has use of remaining funds after donor and/or annuitant's passing	Trust assets transferred to charity after specified period or passing of donor and/or named beneficiaries

Our staff can prepare personalized, confidential examples for you. Please call Tanya Lopez, director of planned giving, at 310-582-7095. We also encourage you to consult with your financial, tax and legal advisers as you explore the charitable giving options available to you.

MARK THE DATE

April 9

John Wayne Cancer Institute Auxiliary Odyssey Ball Beverly Wilshire Beverly Hills

The annual John Wayne Cancer Institute Auxiliary Odyssey Ball will be held on April 9, 2016, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills. This popular fundraising event attracts more than 500 guests and helps fund a wide array of the Institute's priorities, including groundbreaking research, vital new equipment and the renowned Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program, which trains the next generation of cancer surgeons. "The Duke" Special Service Award will be presented to Institute oncologist Mark B. Faries, MD, professor of surgery, director of the Donald L. Morton, MD, Melanoma Research Program and therapeutic immunology at the Institute.



May 11

Irene Dunne Guild Think Pink Luncheon and Boutique Upper Bel-Air Bay Club Pacific Palisades

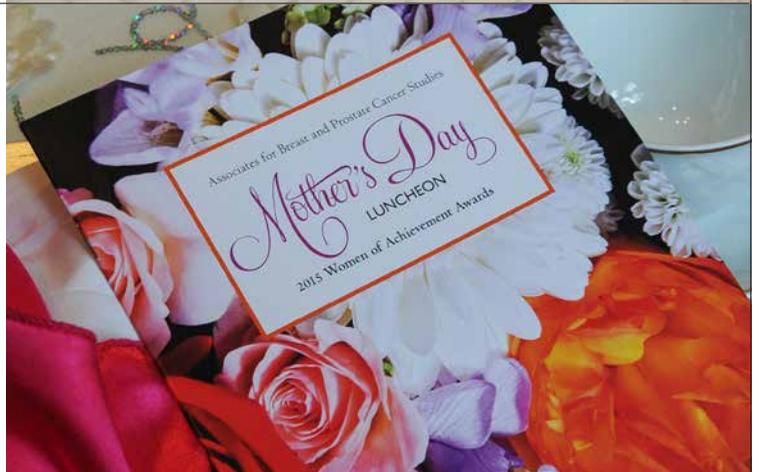
Lunch, mingle and learn about the latest in cancer research and health care while you shop to help support Saint John's. In the spirit of Mother's Day, the Irene Dunne Think Pink Luncheon and Boutique is slated for Wednesday, May 11, 2016, above the beautiful Pacific Ocean at the Upper Bel-Air Bay Club on Pacific Coast Highway. A portion of the boutique sales will benefit the Health Center's special patient programs and services.



Early May

ABCs Mother's Day Luncheon and Boutique Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles Beverly Hills

The Associates for Breast and Prostate Cancer Studies (ABCs) will host its annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Boutique at the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles in early May. The organization will present its Women of Achievement Award to women who have given their time, energy and funds to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Last year more than 200 guests enjoyed the festive luncheon and shopped with vendors who donated a portion of their proceeds to the John Wayne Cancer Institute.



**For more information about these and other upcoming events,
please visit www.SaintJohnsFoundation.org or call 310-829-8424.**



GREEN SCORECARD

In just a few months, the caregivers at Providence Saint John's Health Center have made an impact in their efforts to be more environmentally conscious.

- **36%** increase in diverted cardboard waste (that would otherwise go to landfills)
- **69%** increase in recycled batteries
- **4%** increase in general recycled waste
- **42%** decrease in paper shred waste (due to digital records)
- Conversion to new **Sharp Waste System** reusable containers
- Diverting approximately **2,400 pounds** of plastic a month (almost **30,000 pounds** a year)

Saint John's Goes Green

When the Mission and Values Committee at Providence Saint John's Health Center met earlier this year, two events were beginning for discussion. One was the state's newly issued water use restrictions. The other was an encyclical (a teaching document) from Pope Francis calling for humans to respect their relationship with the earth by being more environmentally conscious.

The meeting ended with the formation of a new committee at Saint John's: the Go Green committee, which is charged with finding ways to reduce the hospital's environmental footprint through water and energy conservation, use of environmentally friendly products and education of staff, patients and visitors.

The idea was driven by Sister Colleen Settles, OP, vice president of mission for Providence Saint John's Health Center, says Eddie Paez, environmental services director at Saint John's and chair of the new committee.

"The Pope had issued the encyclical on the environment," Eddie says. "We all wanted to

follow suit and make sure we were in line with that."

The result has been an enthusiastic, hospital-wide embrace of "green" projects and objectives. The committee is a natural outgrowth of the hospital's commitment to its values, says Sister Colleen. "Through our medical committees, we measure the quality outcomes of our medical procedures," she notes. "In the same way, our Go Green team is measuring quality outcomes of our environmental practices which can enhance the healing of our earth."

Hospitals are heavy users of water, energy and products. Health care executives who embrace environmental values must find a way to balance those objectives with the primary goal of providing outstanding patient care and adhering to stringent infection control standards.

"We have to keep in mind not only the quality of care but also the satisfaction of our Health Center patients and visitors," Eddie says. "You have to find that happy medium."

The Go Green committee has

found numerous ways to make an impact in just a few months. One of the major initiatives is to reduce water use. Dan Muckley, administrative director of support services, has met with Santa Monica city leaders to discuss what Saint John's can do to help curb water use, setting a lofty goal of a 20% reduction.

Many of the water conservation plans require construction, including retrofitting toilets and urinals with flush valves, replacing ice machines with more energy-efficient units and installing soil moisture sensors.

An education campaign for staff and visitors is also underway. "It's basically bringing awareness to staff and visitors about water usage and our part in water conservation—thinking twice about when you're using water," Dan says.

Other initiatives have been launched to conserve energy and reduce waste: The Health Center has installed high-grade floor mats that catch dirt, oil and dust from shoes before it's tracked into the hospital.

"We reduce the amount of

waste coming into the hospital, which is normally about a half-pound per person per day of dirt and grime," he says. "If we reduce that, we reduce the amount of cleaning chemicals we're using, and we don't have to use the cleaning equipment as much."

The Health Center purchases environmentally preferable products developed and manufactured according to a best-in-class criteria, and also has increased its use of cardboard vs. plastic, established battery recycling stations and increased the amount of disposable waste that will be recycled.

In the cafeteria, Aramark—the Health Center's food vendor—has increased its use of recyclable paper goods and encourages employees to bring their own coffee mugs to the cafeteria. The staff has transitioned to digital records and offers vegetarian options to lower its carbon footprint. Sensors dim or shut off lights when people leave a room.

"We're doing the right thing for Mother Earth," Eddie says. "We're doing everything we can to make our patients better, but we're doing it the right way."



Five members of Saint John's gifted spiritual care department
(from left): Rabbi Janet Madden, Chaplain Sherry Tuell, Father Patrick
Comerford, Chaplain Sam Scriven, and Sister Colleen Settles, OP

Spiritual Haven

The spiritual care department at Saint John's offers whole-person healing for all.

Written by SANDI DRAPER
Photographed by SHANE O'DONNELL

Patients admitted to Providence Saint John's Health Center know their bodies will be well cared for by doctors, nurses and other medical personnel. What may be less expected is the team devoted to caring for a patient's mind and spirit in the spiritual care department.

"Spiritual care is a hallmark of Catholic health care," says Sister Colleen Settles, OP, vice president of mission at the Health Center. "Spiritual care is a way of looking at whole-person care: body, mind and spirit." Though Saint John's is affiliated with the Catholic faith, the spiritual care department strives to meet the needs of patients of any faith—or even those who don't practice one.

"Because of the important support of the Saint John's Health Center Foundation and our many donors, we are able to sustain critical hospital needs, giving administrators the freedom to fund programs such as the spiritual care department. The care we offer

is not limited to the treatment of a disease or bodily ailment, but rather embraces the entire person, including the spiritual dimensions of their life," says Marcel Loh, chief executive of the Health Center and the John Wayne Cancer Institute. "Saint John's is blessed to have chaplains of many varied faith traditions, bringing a healing presence to our patients, their families and our caregivers, no matter what their background."

Chaplain Sam Scriven joined Saint John's in September as the manager of spiritual care. His personal background is Presbyterian, but he has no problem crossing religious and cultural boundaries to meet patients wherever they are. "Perhaps through divine providence," he says, "chaplains often find themselves in the right place at the right time." Chaplain Scriven has been in the Providence health care network for years, working at both Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank and Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills.

And there's no doubt he's adept at working with a diversity of beliefs. "For quite some time I had been supporting the wife of a cancer patient," he recalls. "Her husband, who had leukemia, was Jewish. His journey had renewed his faith in God, but as the high holidays approached, he feared that it might be the last time for his name to be written in the Book of Life.

"The three of us began to discuss his anxiety and how it was disabling their ability to enjoy each other. Through these conversations, they uncovered new ways to describe their love and to experience life to its fullest while they could. After months of waiting, a bone marrow transplant match was secured and performed, and his health, for now, is intact.

"They had been husband/wife for decades but never actually married. Faced with the uncertainty of his survival, they decided they would, and asked me to perform the ceremony. They didn't necessarily want a Jewish wedding but wanted religious elements. So I crafted a ceremony that met their needs, and they were married in his hospital room. We celebrated heartily and I am relieved to say that he is now in remission.

"Chaplains offer more than a kind ear or prayers; we provide tangible experiences that build meaning and purpose," Chaplain Scriven concludes. "We're in the business of 'meaning making,' as in, 'How do we find meaning in a situation that seems to have no meaning such as pain, illness, cancer?'"

AN INSIDE PERSPECTIVE

Gretchen Haight knows the importance of meaning making

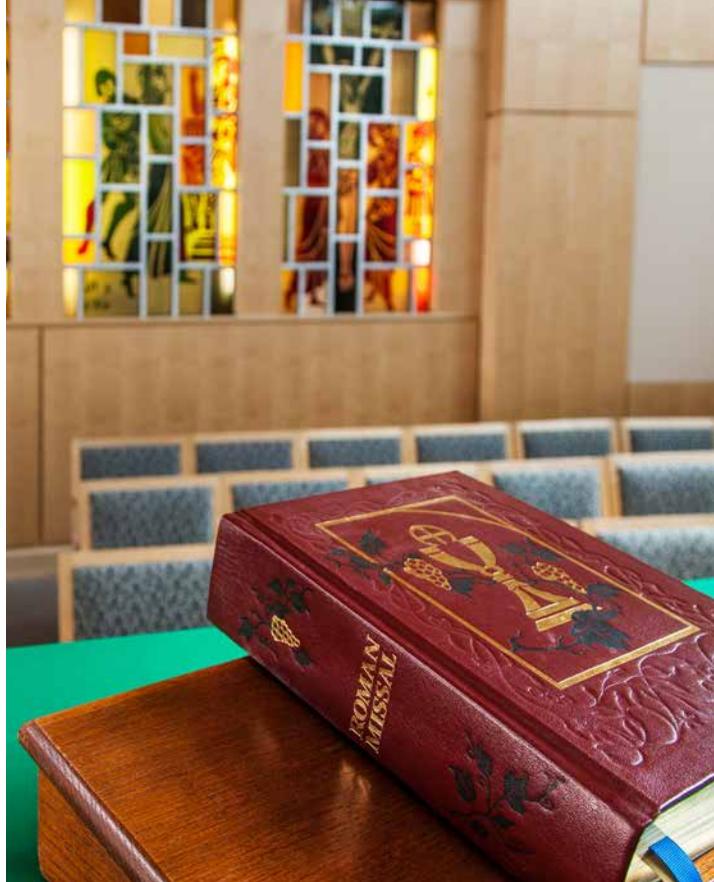
from both sides of a hospital bed. For several years she was a volunteer chaplain at Saint John's after completing clinical pastoral training at another hospital. "During the training, you work overnight shifts and weekends. You may have people die. You learn what you can and cannot do. You learn how best to be a presence in a patient's life—to walk with them through whatever they are going through, either illness or end-of-life issues. I grew to love it."

She likens chaplaincy to a form of hospitality, a reaching out in support of a patient's values, whatever they are. During her years as a volunteer, Gretchen was amazed at the number of patients who had no family visits. For those patients, a chaplain's visit might be the only support they receive.

In September 2014, Gretchen was hospitalized at Saint John's for six weeks with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a disorder in which the body's immune system attacks the nervous system. While she was hospitalized, Chaplain Sherry Tuell came to see her most every day.

"I was in ICU for six weeks on a ventilator, couldn't talk or swallow. Sherry came most days, said a prayer with me or read scripture. It was a blessing just to have somebody say those words when I couldn't, and put me in touch with God. I didn't feel scared. The medical staff kept me comfortable, the chaplain put me at ease, and my family was present. People say to me, 'You must have been terrified.' I wasn't."

One sad side effect of her illness: her doctor recommends that she not resume her chaplaincy duties in a hospital setting. "He said I shouldn't be



“Perhaps through divine providence, chaplains often find themselves in the right place at the right time.”

—Chaplain Sam Scriven

in a hospital anymore unless I'm a patient." She now facilitates a healing prayer group at her church. "It's a similar kind of work. I really feel called upon to be with people and walk the path with them."

GETTING PERSONAL

Rabbi Janet Madden looks at chaplaincy work in a similar fashion, though from a different faith perspective. "I meet such incredible people in my work at Saint John's and it is always such an honor to companion them as they go through whatever it is that they are going through," Rabbi Madden says. "I don't think of myself as a religious presence but as a spiritual companion."

She, too, knows the personal side of care at Saint John's. Once while on her twice-a-week chaplaincy rounds, she received a text from her husband, who was being admitted through the emergency room for chest pain. "He stayed a day or two and actually met the doctor who became his cardiologist—seeing him through a few surgeries, including getting a pacemaker," says Rabbi Madden. "So I know what it's like to have that kind of concern and to have a family member cared for here."

Often, Rabbi Madden says, patients try to put on a brave face for their families, or vice versa. "But where do they take their fears and worries and existential questions? That's

what we're here for."

Father Patrick Comerford, dubbed "a fixture at Saint John's" and an "anchor in the spiritual care department," is also described as "well-known and well-loved." When told this, he jokes that his tenure "predates the earthquake," referring to the 1994 Northridge quake that caused Saint John's to be red-tagged and rebuilt. Arriving in 1988, he has been ministering ever since to patients who list "Catholic" on their admission forms. But he's open to everyone, saying: "We are all one in the community of suffering. If people are hurting, petty differences go by the wayside."

HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON

Saint John's chaplains "make every effort to get patients a person of their own religious persuasion if they request it. We do everything we can to facilitate that," Father Comerford says.

Compared to Father Comerford, Chaplain Douglas Hatch is a relative newbie. He's one of two graduates of Saint John's inaugural Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program, and now works as a fill-in chaplain daily while he looks for a permanent position. "I'd like to take the Saint John's approach to wherever I land."

Coming into the program, Chaplain Hatch says, "I didn't yet know what Catholic health care meant. At Saint John's there is a commitment to whole-person care: body, mind and spirit. That philosophy is infused into every aspect of care, and it comes through in every department from environmental services to the chief medical officer."

Chaplain Hatch's pastoral training is as a non-denominational Christian. "I've come to really like the chaplaincy niche. I've always preferred the interpersonal ministry. People are sick when I'm seeing them. The stories they share with me are about significant parts of their lives and that is the great reward of this work."

Chaplain Hatch considers interfaith ministry a cardinal virtue. "When it comes to serving others, it's not about converting them to our perspective, but about meeting them where they are. That has been a huge part of the training in the Providence



Chaplain Sam Scriven makes a point of getting to know the patients of Saint John's and what they might need.

system and Saint John's approaches its chaplaincy program in the same manner."

This year Saint John's accepted new two students into the one-year CPE residency program: Sarah Caine and Luke Bullock. "They bring a variety of experiences and knowledge, and a deep sense of caring for the poor and vulnerable," says Chaplain Scriven.

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVERS

While the patients' needs are paramount, the spiritual care

team doesn't overlook the needs of family and medical caregivers, says Sister Colleen, whose job includes oversight of the spiritual care department. "Being a caregiver can be very stressful, especially when caring for those who are seriously ill. So our chaplains do a lot of work with the staff as well.

"There's a lot of stress involved in doing the right thing for the patients. Having a chaplain routinely available to 'debrief and listen' is part of being able to come back

day after day to a stressful situation," Sister Colleen says.

While patients and their families suffer the trauma of an illness or injury firsthand, caregivers experience secondary trauma, Chaplain Scriven observes. "Think about what goes on in the emergency department, ICU and oncology," he says. "Caregivers suffer from empathy and exhaustion. Chaplains help relieve that stress so the caregivers can show up the next day with renewed purpose, full of

meaning, not full of suffering." And Saint John's aims to meet all the needs of even the most transitory patients: Retired Reverend Shelby Larsen is now volunteering as a chaplain in the orthopedics department—where there's high volume and turnover—freeing the full-time chaplains to focus on those with greater need.

GROWING STRONG

When interviewed on Day 2 of his new job, Chaplain Scriven was busy making assessments. Among his initial impressions: He would like to have a more robust volunteer staff in spiritual care. He also would like for the department to improve how needs are met during the night shift, and he wants to continue expansion into outpatient services; again, Foundation funding for hospital services can help support these efforts as well.

“ You learn what you can and cannot do. You learn how best to be a presence in a patient's life, to walk with them through whatever they are going through. I grew to love it.”

—Gretchen Haight

Gretchen Haight has been both a patient and a volunteer chaplain at Saint John's Health Center.





As Sister Colleen explains, chaplaincy is moving outside the bounds of hospital inpatient care. “As in all of health care, the majority of care takes place in an outpatient setting. So we try to connect patients with their own spirituality. Provide them with resources. Maybe show them a bridge back to their faith community.” To this end, she says, the spiritual care department is hoping to find funding for an additional chaplain soon. “As patients discover the serenity of the Saint John’s oasis of healing, more and more will benefit; we want to be able to accommodate them all.”

Chaplain Hatch sees the chaplaincy at Saint John’s gaining significance: “I’m very excited about where I see this department going. There have been a lot of transitions in the past year, and I’m really encouraged about what the department can grow into. Expect big things.” •

To learn more about helping to fund a new chaplain for the spiritual care department, please call John D. Miller at 310-829-8632, or email john.miller@stjohns.org.

WHO’S WHO AT THE CHAPLAINCY

The staff of the Providence Saint John’s Health Center spiritual care department includes (front row, from left):

- Sister Colleen Settles, OP, vice president of mission
- Chaplain Sam Scriven, department manager
- Father Patrick Comerford, full-time priest chaplain
- Rabbi Janet Madden, contract rabbi chaplain
- (Back row, from left): Father Anthony Mbaegbu, per-diem priest chaplain
- Reverend Shelby Larsen, volunteer chaplain
- Luke Bullock, full-time CPE resident
- Chaplain Douglas Hatch, CPE graduate and per-diem chaplain
- Sarah Caine, full-time CPE resident
- Chaplain Sherry Tuell, full-time senior chaplain
- (Not shown): Father Brian Delaney, contract priest chaplain
- (Not shown): Eleanor Hoblock, volunteer

Anyone wishing to volunteer with the spiritual care department can call Grenda Perlman, director of volunteer services, at 310-829-8208.



Two-Way STREET

Saint John's alliance with the John Wayne Cancer Institute makes cutting edge cancer immunotherapy research accessible to more patients than ever.

Written by PEG MOLINE
Photographed by PRESTON KERES

Anita Semjen was an early recipient of immunotherapy at Saint John's Health Center.

There are distinct advantages to housing the John Wayne Cancer Institute, one of the most respected cancer research facilities in the country, at Providence

Saint John's Health Center. Saint John's patients have access to better clinical care because of the cutting edge research done at the Institute, and researchers at the Institute have better access to patients. Because of the alliance between the two institutions, Saint John's patients can get treatment—including those offered in clinical trials—that might not yet be available elsewhere.

Now, with immunotherapy, the Institute is at the forefront of revolutionizing cancer treatment with medications that boost a patient's own immune system to fight off cancer. And while the progress these new treatment drugs have made in the past few years has been remarkable, and powerful new anti-cancer drugs have been fast tracked by the Food and Drug Administration, the concept itself could be called a throw back.

Make that a throw back in a good way: Some of the most groundbreaking discoveries in the field actually have been in the works for decades. The late Donald L. Morton, MD, co-founder of the John Wayne Cancer Institute, was an early advocate of immunotherapy research while working at the National Cancer Institute in the 1960s. He had been struggling to design a vaccine for melanoma using modified melanoma cells. Vaccines are a type of immunotherapy that take advantage of the body's natural ability to recognize and attack harmful substances.

While immunotherapies have, over the years, fallen in and out of favor among medical researchers, Dr. Morton and his colleagues never wavered in their conviction that the body's own natural mechanisms for fighting germs and other foreign invaders could be employed to battle cancer.

Today the Institute can be proud of its trailblazing legacy in the development of cancer immunotherapies, says Delphine J. Lee, MD, PhD, director of translational

immunology and the Dirks/Dougherty Laboratory for Cancer Research. Saint John's Health Center patients continue to reap the rewards of the Institute's research. "I've been saying all along that the immune system is the key in fighting cancer," she says. "It has taken a while for the concept to prove itself. But we, at the Institute, were always looking at the immune system."

One day Dr. Morton saw a patient with melanoma lesions all over her arm. There were no treatments for such an advanced case, so he decided to give the patient an injection of Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG), which is made from live but weakened bacteria related to the bacteria that cause tuberculosis. He reasoned that the bacteria might stimulate her immune system to kick into action and fight the cancer.

"Her previous doctors had suggested amputation of her arm, but she was a polio victim whose other arm was paralyzed," says Mark B. Faries, MD, director of the Donald L. Morton, MD, Melanoma Research Program and therapeutic immunology at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. "Dr. Morton thought he'd try the BCG vaccine since she had nothing to lose. Her melanoma went away, and she was still sending him Christmas cards decades later. From that experience, he was instilled with a fervor to make immunotherapy work, while others remained doubtful."

Dr. Morton continued to study cancer immunotherapy after he moved on to the University of California, Los Angeles, and then started the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John's Health Center, says Leland J. Foshag, MD, a surgical oncologist who later moved with Dr. Morton to Saint John's. "Back then people thought immunotherapy was both a revolutionary and crazy idea. The feeling was, 'Why are you fooling around with the immune system? It's all about chemotherapy.'"

BANKING ON THE FUTURE

But Dr. Morton stuck to his guns, and took another prescient action when he decided to begin freezing blood, tumor and other tissue samples from cancer patients that

could be used to study immune system response. His foresight convinced Dr. Lee to join the Institute's immunotherapy team.

"It was his vision and ability to collect specimens that enticed me," she says. "It's one thing to ask an interesting scientific question. It's another thing to have the tools to answer it." The Institute's specimen repository is exceptional because it includes patients' records with outcomes—data that can be correlated with their tissue samples.

"Everyone is jumping on the bandwagon with tissue banks now. But Dr. Morton carefully collected immune cells from blood and froze the samples," Dr. Lee explains. "I've been able to thaw them 30 years later and study their live function. I do something with them and learn. That is beyond visionary."

Saint John's has remained steadfast in its support of this kind of basic science, which—while painstaking and slow and seemingly impractical—is the basis for extraordinary discoveries such as the recent burst of new cancer immunotherapy drugs like ipilimumab and pembrolizumab, which are dramatically improving long-term remission rates for melanoma and other types of cancers, says Dr. Lee. "There is this focus on clinical research and clinical trials, but the findings that led us to ipilimumab and pembrolizumab started from basic research," she says. "You can't fix something if you don't know how it works. That's where progress starts."

AN EARLY CANCER VACCINE

In 1998, Dr. Morton was convinced enough of the potential success of immunotherapies that he created an experimental vaccine for melanoma. Called CancerVax, the vaccine was based on the knowledge that the BCG vaccine could, in some patients, cause melanoma tumors to vanish.

CancerVax consisted of live cells from three melanoma cell lines grown in culture. The study participants either received the vaccine or BCG injections. Ultimately, CancerVax was considered ineffective because the patients receiving

BCG had outcomes similar to those who had received the vaccine.

But Dr. Morton and his Institute colleagues continued to use BCG injections, much to the gratitude of patients like Anita Semjen, 71, who lives in Washington, D.C. An international arts consultant, Anita was born in Hungary but moved to the United States in 1988. In 1989, she noticed a growth on the back of her right calf. An immigrant without health insurance, she didn't consult a doctor until 1990, when she learned the growth was melanoma. The tumor was removed, but three years later Anita learned the cancer had returned and spread.

Anita had surgery and chemotherapy and even tried several experimental therapies at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. "Four or five tumors came back on my leg," she says. "After a while the doctor at Sloan Kettering said, 'Sorry, that is all we can do for you.'"

At that time, Anita learned she also had breast cancer and was successfully treated. However, the melanoma persisted. She turned to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, near her home, and had an experimental treatment called isolated limb perfusion, which involves infusions of chemotherapy directly into the limb with the tumors.

The treatment didn't work and left her with a weakened leg and in severe pain for a year. By 1998 she had about 200 small melanoma tumors in her right leg, but none of the cancer centers she had seen on the East Coast had anything more to offer her. One group of physicians even recommended amputating the leg.

Years earlier, however, a dermatologist had told Anita about BCG injections for treating melanoma. She began searching for someone who offered the treatment, found Dr. Morton and underwent BCG injections at the John Wayne Cancer Institute for five years, first flying out every two weeks and then stretching out her trips for injections as she responded to the therapy. The tumors had completely disappeared around the third year of treatment.

Anita still visits Saint John's from D.C. twice a year, seeing Dr. Foshag at the Institute. "I remember during one of my

first visits, seeing this little sign in the waiting room that said to be patient because the doctors will spend as much time with each patient as the patient needs. It was like I had arrived home."

"Don Morton was a pioneer in the development of early immune treatments for cancer, initially with BCG and then tumor cell vaccines. He was fearless, tireless and an out-of-the box thinker," says Steven J. O'Day, MD, professor of medical oncology at the Institute. "Don's colleagues around the world often thought he was crazy, injecting BCG into human tumors. But it's come full circle. All the naysayers are now jumping on board."

MELANOMA: A WILD OPPORTUNITY

Unlike other skin cancers, melanoma is highly aggressive, with the ability to move rapidly into the bloodstream and fan out along the highways of the circulatory system, setting up

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—Delphine J. Lee, MD, PhD

camp wherever it likes, from the lymph nodes to the internal organs. It also mutates easily. All of this means that traditional treatments such as surgery, chemotherapy and radiation have little to no effect.

"Melanoma has been a prime candidate for immune therapy investigation because these traditional therapies could never

be established as standard treatments," says Dr. Faries. "The two most promising categories of advancement in melanoma treatment today are immune therapies and targeted therapies."

Current immune therapies include drugs such as ipilimumab, which strengthens the body's immune system by boosting the number and effectiveness of the body's T cells, and two new drugs (pembrolizumab and nivolumab) that bind to a pathway on the cancer cells called PD-1 receptors. In addition to these immune therapies, the nascent and growing field of targeted therapies uses melanoma's own mutations against it, preventing the cells from growing and eventually killing them.

"Up until now, treatments for advanced cancers were merely ways of buying time for patients and extending survival," says Dr. Faries. "But these new therapies are game changers because they have the potential of fixing a cancer in a more long-term way." And while the new medications used to treat melanoma have shown the most promise, researchers at the Institute are now testing them against a host of other types of cancer, including colon, bladder, kidney, breast, Hodgkin's lymphoma and multiple myeloma.

Specific genetic mutations such as the BRAF mutation, which accounts for about half of melanoma patients, can be targeted quite effectively. "We can easily test for it," explains Dr. O'Day. "Someone with widespread melanoma can see their tumors melt away within a week." The downside is that, currently, targeted therapies on their own may only work for a limited time before the cancer becomes resistant to them as well. So these medications are primarily used for patients with advanced cancer who need a fast response and temporary remission that gives doctors time to find a long-term plan.

PAST MISSTEPS LEAD TO PROGRESS

While CancerVax was considered unsuccessful by some, it hinted at the immune system's complexity, a concept that today is understood much better, Dr. Lee says. Researchers have learned that turning on the immune system to fight cancer won't work on its own. The immune system also

needs to be strategically manipulated to shut off some mechanisms and allow other key functions to recognize and attack cancer, she says.

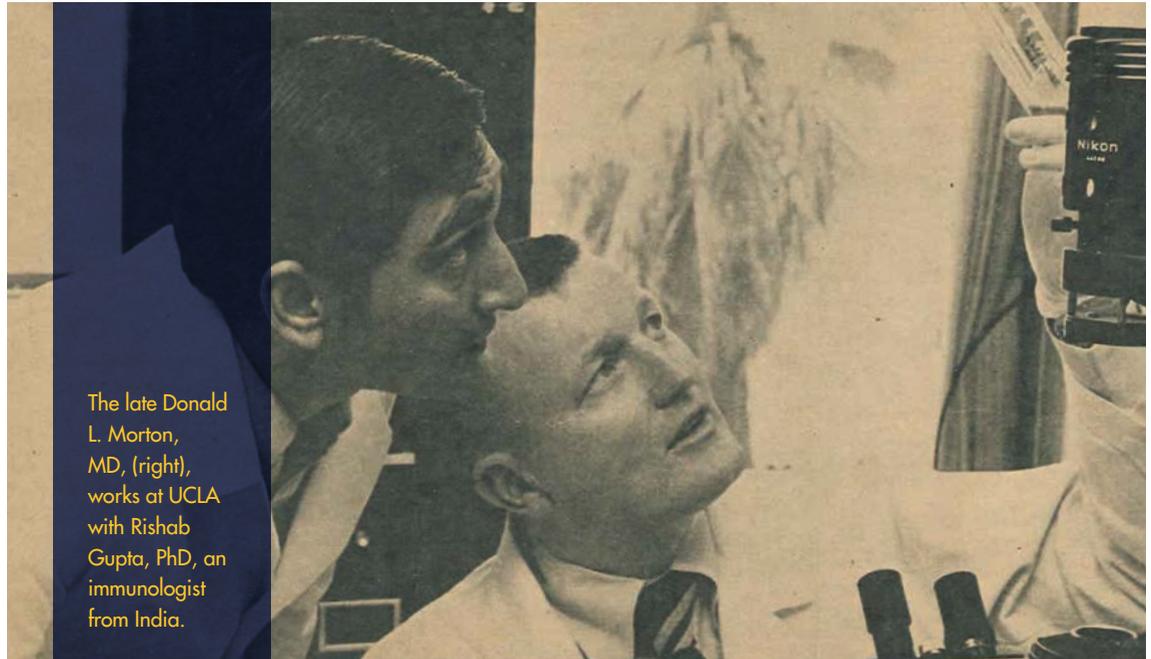
Research on cancer vaccines is undergoing a renaissance today, and the Institute's researchers are front and center. Two melanoma vaccine trials are underway under the direction of Dr. Faries. "Both use patients' own tumors as sources of vaccines," he explains. "The tumor is removed, then a vaccine is created from the tumor to give back to patients. What's different is they are

given with different immune stimulation alongside the vaccine. The context in which the vaccine is given affects the response. Both trials use dendritic cells created from patients' own blood to steer immune response in more beneficial directions."

Dr. Faries' research on tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) is also a type of immunotherapy. After a metastatic tumor is removed, it's taken to the lab and put into a culture to assist growth of immune cells. Very large numbers of those cells are injected into the patient. "With vaccines," Dr. Faries says, "We rely on a patient's body to stimulate immune cells on their own within the patient. Part of the problem with melanoma is the immune system is not so strong, so the response from the vaccine may not be strong enough, whereas the massive response generated in lab can be given back fully formed."

NEXT UP: THE MYSTERIOUS MICROBIOME

In Dr. Lee's lab, several innovative immunotherapy projects are underway. Researchers continue to study how BCG can be used to enhance the immune response. She is also on the leading edge of research exploring how microbes that naturally cover our bodies and populate our intestines can influence cancer development through an



The late Donald L. Morton, MD, (right), works at UCLA with Rishab Gupta, PhD, an immunologist from India.

immune system response.

"We're living with the bacteria all over us. They mold and shape all of our organ systems and, more importantly, our immune system," she says. "We're undertaking a big effort to understand how the microbes in the breast contribute to breast cancer in its development or contribute to it reoccurring."

She is working with Susan Love, MD, MBA, the renowned breast cancer expert, and NASA researchers to study the breast microbiome. The group is seeking funding to expand their work to study how bacteria in the intestinal tract may influence breast cancer development.

Likewise Dr. Lee is working with Anton J. Bilchik, MD, PhD, and Providence researchers in Portland on the role of the intestinal microbiome in colon cancer development. Dr. Bilchik is chief of medicine and the gastrointestinal research program at the John Wayne Cancer

Institute.

"The progress being made in immunotherapy at the Institute is truly inspiring," says Carole Schwartz, a Saint John's Health Center Foundation trustee and a member of the cancer committee. "So many patients, families and future generations will benefit from the incredible findings and discoveries made by Institute researchers. This is just one of the reasons why I am so motivated to raise awareness and funds to support cancer research at the John Wayne Cancer Institute."

Unlike many other research groups that are gearing up to study cancer immunotherapy, the researchers at the Institute are continuing their work. "It's nice to know that we're on the right track," Dr. Lee says of the cancer immunotherapies that are now making headlines around the world. "It's sort of a confirmation: We're not out here in left field. We've been digging in the right area." •

To support groundbreaking research in immunotherapy, please contact Michael Avila in the Office of Development at 310-829-8351 or michael.avila@stjohns.org.

The Art of Business

Lee A. Ault III has a knack for combining disparate elements to create a harmonious blend.

WRITTEN BY **NANCY SOKOLER STEINER**
PHOTOGRAPHED BY **LAUREN PRESSEY**

Boldly colored paintings grace the living room walls in the light-filled home that Lee A. Ault shares with his wife, Rachel. Others sit propped up on the floor, waiting to find an appropriate spot in the Westwood home the couple is remodeling following their purchase a year ago.

As he does with his artwork, Lee brings people together to create synergistic arrangements. A Foundation trustee and special advisor to Providence Saint John's Health Center's local board of directors, Lee played a key role in bridging divides when Providence assumed sponsorship of the Health Center in 2014.

"Putting two cultures together can be very challenging," says Lee. "I have enormous respect for the managements of both Saint John's and Providence for working through difficult issues and arriving at a point where I think we now have the best of both worlds."

Donna F. Tuttle, Foundation trustee and chair of the Health Center's local board of directors, describes how Lee helped shepherd the process. "Lee's genius is his ability to set aside the issues and confront the underlying challenge that needs to be confronted and acknowledged," she says. "One memorable example of this during the transition was in a



meeting with Mike Butler, the COO of Providence, and a small group of doctors and trustees. The frustration level on the part of Saint John's was at a critical point. Lee articulated that the real problem was a lack of trust; he summarized the positive message from *The Boys in the Boat*: To be of championship caliber, a crew must have total confidence in each other."

She adds, "His point was clear: We needed to develop the trust between Providence and Saint John's and each other, in order to make the partnership work. The issues would then be resolved in a collaborative manner. Lee's leadership has been invaluable—to me, and to the members of the board."

Paul D. Natterson, MD, former medical staff president and former Health Center interim CMO, has similar praise for Lee. "He has an unbelievably broad breadth of experience and is remarkably insightful," says Dr. Natterson. "Lee has a capacity for drawing on his life experiences to provide perspectives that most people wouldn't consider."

Lee became a trustee in 2003, at the behest of trustee Charles F. Smith. He currently serves as treasurer, co-chair of the finance committee and chair of the compensation committee.

"Lee is one of my favorite people," says Charlie. "He's a strategic thinker and an active participant in everything he does. You can expect him to be dedicated and a real doer."

Lee brings valuable experience and knowledge drawn from his personal and professional lives. A Yale graduate, Lee spent four years as a Marine Corps officer and pilot. For two of those years, he flew the F8U Crusader, a supersonic jet known as "the last

of the gunfighters."

"It was the best graduate school," says Lee. "It gave me confidence and the opportunity to assume leadership and make decisions at a young age."

He spent five years in Peru and Columbia, working in various capacities for W.R. Grace & Co., and gaining a love of South American art.

In 1968, while still in his early 30s, Lee became CEO of Telecredit, a public company that was a pioneer and leader in the payment services industry. He served as CEO for 23 years, until Telecredit was sold to Equifax. Lee served on the Equifax board for 15 years.

In 1999, Lee received a call from his friend Buzzy Krongard, then executive director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Buzzy asked Lee to help build and lead an independent technology venture firm funded by the CIA with the objective of investing in technology companies that would help the intelligence community solve some of its pressing challenges.

While the call was a complete

talented people in discovering and delivering important technology to the CIA and other government intelligence agencies. Several companies In-Q-Tel invested in have gone public or were bought out by companies such as Google, IBM, HP and Microsoft. Today In-Q-Tel provides the intelligence community with a valuable link to the high-tech venture capital world and is a great example of the government and the private sector working together to produce positive results."

He describes his experience with the Health Center similarly. "The competence, commitment and caring that is inherent in the people and culture is an invaluable asset that has great appeal to our various constituents, including the community in general."

Lee and Rachel have been married for 31 years and have a blended family comprised of 6 children and 12 grandchildren. Lee's greatest pleasures have included the sharing of experiences such as skiing,

Rachel says her husband would have made a great diplomat. "Lee can say very disagreeable, true things in a straightforward and non-offensive way. People hear him and they're generally not personally offended."

In 2008 Lee suffered a serious accident at their lakeside home in Camden, Maine, when he was flipped out of a hammock. The impact of the fall broke his neck and injured his spinal cord, initially paralyzing him from the neck down.

During his three months of hospitalization, Lee deeply valued the caring and skill of his caregivers. "They were perhaps the most fulfilled people I had ever known because they were involved with helping people every day," he says. His experience also reinvigorated his commitment to support Saint John's Health Center: "I see that same spirit at Saint John's—that genuine compassion for the patient is one of the things that distinguishes us as a great hospital."

Lee still walks with a limp and uses a cane, but one would never guess the extent of his original injuries. Although he suffers from lingering health impacts that aren't visible, he prefers to talk about the gifts the experience gave him.

"I was 72 years old and didn't know if I would walk again, but I genuinely felt thankful to have led such an interesting and diverse life," he says. "You learn from all your experiences—even the negative ones. I learned to be more empathetic and understanding. I learned to appreciate life even more and live life day by day."

He sums up the experience with a fitting analogy. "I strive every day to make each day a masterpiece." •

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—Donna F. Tuttle

surprise, Lee was intrigued by the challenge and, before the call ended, he agreed to become chairman of the In-Q-Tel board, a position he held for seven years.

He's glad he did. "It was a wonderful opportunity to work with some incredibly

sports and travel with family and friends.

After moving to Los Angeles in 1984, Rachel served as a docent for 10 years at LACMA and was active with the Los Angeles Junior Philharmonic Committee where she was co-president for two years.

The Right Stuff

Donna F. Tuttle's vast experience suits her well for leadership positions.

WRITTEN BY **NANCY SOKOLER STEINER**
PHOTOGRAPHED BY **LAUREN PRESSEY**

Strategist. Diplomat. Fundraiser. Leader. A board chair must play many roles, and Donna F. Tuttle has adeptly risen to this challenge both as former chair of the Saint John's Health Center Foundation

board of trustees and current chair of the Health Center's local board of directors. With experience ranging from teaching in a Watts classroom to briefing the president of the United States on security issues, Donna brings unique expertise and abundant personal strengths to her roles at Saint John's. (The security briefings took place in "The Bubble," a top-secret room in the basement of the White House: "It's the only place in the White House that cannot be penetrated," Donna says, "so the Soviets were not able to overhear our conversations there.")

Donna's early career centered around political fundraising. She served as finance chair for numerous California campaigns, beginning with then Lt. Governor Mike Curb's bid for governor and including gubernatorial campaigns for Pete Wilson and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Her talent eventually landed her in Washington, D.C., where she served as Deputy Secretary and Undersecretary of Commerce during President Ronald Reagan's term. One of the highlights of that time involved briefing the president prior to his trip to Russia to meet with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev; no president had ever gone to Russia before this.

After her time in politics, Donna was hired to run advertising agency N.W. Ayer's western division, renamed Ayer Tuttle with her arrival. Her knowledge of branding would later serve her well at Saint John's.

Now with her husband, David Elmore, Donna is a co-owner of Elmore Sports Group, which manages sports and entertainment events, venues and concessions. The company built the stadium that hosted the 2002 Olympic hockey games in Utah, and owns the Inland Empire 66ers, the Angels' Class A team.

The couple's professional and leisure activities tend to revolve around their many business enterprises, which also include serving as agent for Olympics tickets and managing the U.S. venues for Gold Cup Soccer. And they are dedicated to their combined five children, 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A native Californian, Donna first encountered Saint John's Health Center when she gave birth to her children here more than three decades ago. She never forgot the kind and compassionate care she received.

In 1994 Donna became a Foundation trustee at the invitation of William K. Hummer, MD, a life member of the Saint John's Health Center Foundation board of trustees and the physician who delivered her two daughters.

"I get to know my patients well, and we became social friends," says Dr. Hummer. "I quickly saw how tremendously capable Donna is—she could run General Motors if she had to."

He adds, "Her coming aboard was the best thing for Saint John's. We can't place a value on the time and talent she has given to the hospital over the years."

As chair of the Foundation board for three years, Donna helped broaden the group's demographics by bringing in younger members and more women. She also increased the Foundation's role and decision-making powers in the Health Center's strategic planning.

"The Foundation is not just a fundraising entity. Working together with physicians and hospital leadership, the Foundation has decision-making authority in all strategic endeavors. This is an unusual approach and one that's proven very effective," she says.

Now Donna is helping the Health Center board at an exciting time of growth.

"The future is very bright," she says. "Providence has been a strong partner in recruiting top physicians and developing centers of excellence such as our neuroscience, heart and prostate centers. They have been very generous in putting

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money into the hospital. Our task is to keep adding to and growing our program.”

Donna noted that Saint John’s is currently involved in a major effort to further enhance its breast center so it can offer a full spectrum of care for breast cancer in one location. A nationwide search for the director of this program is currently underway.

Plans for south campus development include a new building for the John Wayne Cancer Institute, space for ambulatory care and research, an education and conference center, and visitor housing.

As exhilarating as the Health Center’s physical developments are, Donna says that what most excites her about Saint John’s are its physicians. “They’re very different. As I like to say, other major hospitals in Los Angeles may have great doctors, but we have great doctors with heart. They get to know you. They live in the neighborhood. They become your social friends.”

She continues: “Not only are they amazing in their warmth and in their areas of medical expertise, but they know how to run a hospital. We have more physicians on the board than ever before. Many are trustees. This is an unusual arrangement that benefits everyone.”

“Saint John’s is a special health care center,” she adds. “My goal is to preserve that culture and history and spirit. It’s the people who make a difference.” •

MEMORABLE EVENTS

CARITAS GALA

A glittering Caritas Gala was co-hosted by the Saint John’s Health Center Foundation board of trustees and the Irene Dunne Guild on October 24 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. The event, which raised nearly \$660,000 for Saint John’s Health Center, is held to recognize individuals who display exceptional compassion and service to their communities.

Celebrated this year were Wendy Goldstein, executive vice president and head of urban A&R at Republic Records; trustee Bruce Meyer and his wife, community leader Raylene Meyer; and trustee Peter Mullin and his wife, philanthropist Merle Mullin.

Lawrence D. Piro, MD, a member of the Health Center’s local board of directors, presented the 2015 Caritas Award to Wendy, a cancer survivor. The evening featured a special performance by Republic Records’ artists Joe Jonas and DNCE.

Donna F. Tuttle, chair of the Health Center’s local board of directors and trustee, presented the 2015 Spirit of Saint John’s Award to Raylene and Bruce Meyer, and Merle and Peter Mullin for their inspirational service to Saint John’s mission.

Gala chair Judy Beck and John M. Robertson, MD, Foundation chair, welcomed the more than 450 guests. Dr. Robertson introduced Marcel Loh, chief executive of the Health Center, who proudly spoke about Healthgrades’ report naming Saint John’s Health Center as one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals for the ninth straight year. He said the Health Center is poised for progress and announced its new branding campaign: “A place you can believe in.”

This year’s fundraising was led by the support of our dinner chairs: Abbott L. Brown, Donna and David Elmore, Martha and David Ho Family, Darcie Denkert Notkin and Shelby Notkin, and Dominic Ornato.



(From left) Bruce Meyer, Raylene Meyer, Wendy Goldstein, Merle Mullin and Peter Mullin



Dr. John M. Robertson and Judy Beck



Terence Hall, Dr. Marilou Terpenning, Jane Loh and Marcel Loh



Marion Benell and Craig Benell



Robert O. Klein, Dominic Ornato and Jo Ann Klein



Norris Bishton, Debi Bishton, Donna Schweers and Tom Geiser



Dr. Lawrence D. Piro and Wendy Goldstein



(From left) DNCE members Jack Lawless, Jin Loo, Joe Jonas and Cole Whittle with Wendy Goldstein (center)



Bruce Meyer, Merle Mullin, Peter Mullin and Raylene Meyer

“ Happiness is a choice, and it’s a much easier choice to make if you don’t have to go through cancer ... So let that be the gift of my experience to you. Make the choice to be happy.” —*Caritas Award recipient and cancer survivor Wendy Goldstein*



Dr. Ernie Prudente and Kate Prudente



Roger Wacker, Angelle Grace Wacker, Jerrie Ortega and Abbott Brown



David Elmore and Donna F. Tuttle



Joe Jonas



Irene Bristol, RN, Jerry Epstein, Loraine Sinskey and Coco Garcia



Dr. Cara Natterson, Dr. George Wu, Nancy Wu and Ben Van de Bunt

MEMORABLE EVENTS

PLANNED GIVING DONOR RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Friends for the Future, individuals who have remembered the Health Center in their estate plans, and Guardians of the Future, friends who have remembered the Institute in their estate plans, gathered together for their annual luncheon at the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades on September 16. The group heard presentations on infection prevention and travel medicine by Stanton G. Axline, MD, and Angela Vassallo.



Robert O. Klein, Peter Haight, Dr. John M. Robertson and Marcel Loh



Gloria Holden, Ambassador Glen Holden and Mary Davis



Lee A. Ault III and Rachel Ault



Sumako Cohrs and Shelley Selover

PACIFIC PALISADES/WILL ROGERS 5K AND 10K RUN

Saint John's Health Center was once again honored to serve as the title sponsor for the long-standing Pacific Palisades/Will Rogers 5K and 10K Run on July 4th. Many Foundation trustees, physicians, donors, patients and their families participated in the hilly event, and official race starters were Marcel and Jane Loh. Race proceeds benefit Will Rogers Race Foundation, which supports many westside youth charities.



Helen Cranmer, a volunteer in the Saint John's emergency department, hands out race T-shirts.



(From left) Dr. William B. Hutchinson, Jr., Marcel Loh, Jane Loh, John Huarte and Eileen Huarte



Marcel Loh in the official pace car in the Palisades/Will Rogers 5K and 10K.



They're off! Runners in the Pacific Palisades/Will Rogers 5K and 10K hit the road.

THE ART OF GIVING BACK

The Art of Giving Back featured a private dinner and auction of contemporary art held on October 3 at the home of Saint John’s Health Center Foundation trustee Dallas P. Price-Van Breda. Guests were treated to a display of all contemporary works of art featured in the auction, as well as tours of Dallas’ renowned private art galleries. More than \$170,000 was raised, which will support cutting-edge and compassionate cardiac care at Saint John’s Health Center’s Heart Institute and aid in the battle against heart disease—the No. 1 cause of death in the United States. Attendees included committee members Putter Pence, Carol Dunston, John M. Robertson, MD, Foundation chair, as well as artists Charles Arnoldi, Ryland Arnoldi and Don Bachardy, and gallery owner Frank Lloyd.



Bob Van Breda and Dallas P. Price-Van Breda



(From left) Richard Sassin, Charles Arnoldi, Dr. John M. Robertson, Dallas P. Price-Van Breda, Ryland Arnoldi and Don Bachardy



Dr. Shephal Doshi and Jinga Doshi



Guest appreciates the art



Glen Mitchel, Laura Lee Woods, Putter Pence and Devin Pence



Dr. John M. Robertson, Jill Robertson, Laurie Hasencamp and Michael Lurey

THE CAT’S PAJAMAS BLESSING AND UNVEILING



Jerry Epstein and children from the CFDC



The Cat’s Pajamas

The Cat’s Pajamas, artwork created by the late Pat Epstein, a beloved and longtime member of the Saint John’s family, was donated to the Health Center by Foundation trustee Jerry Epstein, Pat’s husband of more than 66 years. The piece was blessed by Sister Maureen Craig, SCL, and unveiled by Pat’s grandniece, Miriam Levine, in a moving ceremony on September 25 at the Child and Family Development Center (CFDC), where the fanciful papier-mâché creation will be housed. Following the blessing and unveiling, 10 young children served by the CFDC entered the lobby, walking hand-in-hand and wearing tiny white T-shirts bearing *The Cat’s Pajamas* image as a tribute to Pat and a special surprise for Jerry.

AVON WALK FOR BREAST CANCER

The John Wayne Cancer Institute was honored to serve as the medical sponsor for the annual 39-mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Santa Barbara on September 12 and 13. Cheer booth volunteers distributed pink John Wayne Cancer Institute bandanas and offered walkers a chance to be photographed with “The Duke.” The Institute is one of the beneficiaries of the walk, which raised \$5.3 million. Avon presented Maggie DiNome, MD, with a check of \$400,000 in support of the Institute’s breast cancer research collaboration among Delphine J. Lee, MD, PhD, Dave S.B. Hoon, PhD, and Diego Marzese, PhD.



(From left) Dr. Diego Marzese; Nellie Nelson; Dr. Maris Jones; Dr. Amy Voci, JWCI Auxiliary breast fellow; Kevin Honeycutt; Dr. Maggie DiNome; Dr. Trevan Fischer and Dr. Kelly Huynh



Dr. Richard Freider

BREAKFAST WITH DR. MAGGIE DINOME AND DR. RICHARD FRIEDER

An intimate conversation and breakfast on risk for female cancers and the High Risk Clinic, the second in a series of informational discussions highlighting the Margie Petersen Breast Center and its services, was held September 24 at Saint John’s. Conversations with Maggie DiNome, MD, and Richard Frieder, MD, focused on how to assess and manage your risk for cancer, including non-hereditary and hereditary factors and the BRCA gene mutation. They also talked about determining the best next steps for care and follow-up for you and your family when applicable. The women in attendance walked away with helpful information to share with their friends and family.

SURGICAL ONCOLOGY FELLOWS COMMENCEMENT AND RECEPTION

A June 18 ceremony and reception was held at the home of Institute benefactor Ruth Weil to recognize the graduates of the Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program and thank the Institute benefactors and donors who support the fellowship and make it possible. The afternoon included faculty remarks from Anton J. Bilchik, MD, PhD, Mark B. Faries, MD, Maggie DiNome, MD, and Garni Barkhoudarian, MD, as well as reflections from a past fellow, Travis Kidner, MD. The graduates were introduced and shared their thanks and information on where their training will take them. The ceremony was followed by a garden reception kicked off by a celebratory toast from Patrick Wayne and Michael Wayne.



(From left) Danielle Morton; Ilene Eisenberg; Lois Rosen; Dr. Bjorn M. Lobo; Lorraine Morton; Ruth Weil; Dr. Daniel Kirchoff, co-chief administrative fellow, the Harold McAlister Charitable Foundation fellow; Dr. Rashmi Bawa, JWCI Auxiliary breast fellow; Dr. Simon Lavotshkin and Dr. Gary B. Deutsch, co-chief administrative fellow

NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST MASS AND BRUNCH

During a Mass of thanksgiving and brunch held on August 2 at the Saint John’s chapel and dining court, the Native Sons of the Golden West bestowed the Saint John’s Cleft Palate Team with a check for \$55,000. The gift brings the Native Sons’ total donations—which span an impressive 47 years—to nearly \$1,655,000. Some 12 parlors from San Francisco to Orange County sent representatives. Mark Urata, MD, DDS, medical director of the center, provided a program and progress update while Ann Masson, RN, BSN, clinic case coordinator with the Cleft Palate Center, shared a former patient’s story at the gathering. These funds will support the treatment of thousands of children with cleft lip and/or palate and other craniofacial anomalies and bring comfort to families who rely on and trust in the Health Center’s comprehensive care.



Former patient Sofia Cuellar, now a student at UC Berkeley



(From left) Stephen Faessel, Robert O. Klein, Joe Ursino, Dean Zellers, Sister Maureen Craig, SCL, Marcel Loh, Dr. Mark Urata and Ann Masson, RN, BSN



(From left) Lew Miller, Michael M. Minchin, Jr., Sister Maureen Craig, SCL, Carolyn Minchin, Marcela McKenna and Mary Davis



Stanley Trilling, Linda Trilling, Katherine Gray and Dr. Robert K. Gray



James Uli, Dr. Melanie Goldfarb, Dr. Robert Amonic and Dr. Frederick Singer



Gloria Kaufman and Ursula Levi

BOARD OF ADVOCATES LUNCHEON

The Board of Advocates met for their biannual luncheon on October 14 at the Riviera Country Club. At the October meeting, presentations by Melanie Goldfarb, MD, and Frederick Singer, MD, focused on building a parathyroid center at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. The Board of Advocates is comprised of friends and patrons of Saint John’s Health Center and the John Wayne Cancer Institute who help support our missions. They serve as ambassadors to the community and encourage the support of various projects and programs deemed to be of the highest priority by the Health Center and Institute staff.

ABCs MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AND BOUTIQUE

The Associates for Breast and Prostate Cancer Studies (ABCs) hosted its celebrated Mother's Day Luncheon and Boutique at the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills on May 8. The afternoon honored award-winning actress, writer and director Chandra Wilson, star of *Grey's Anatomy*, and author and former top model Brandi Glanville of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* with the organization's Women of Achievement Award. The ABCs' president is Gloria Gebbia. Event chairs were Beverly Cohen and Sheri Rosenblum.



Brandi Glanville, Chandra Wilson and Gloria Gebbia



Dr. Anton J. Bilchik, Anita Swift, Melanie Wayne and Michael Wayne

THE JOHN WAYNE CANCER INSTITUTE AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AND BOUTIQUE

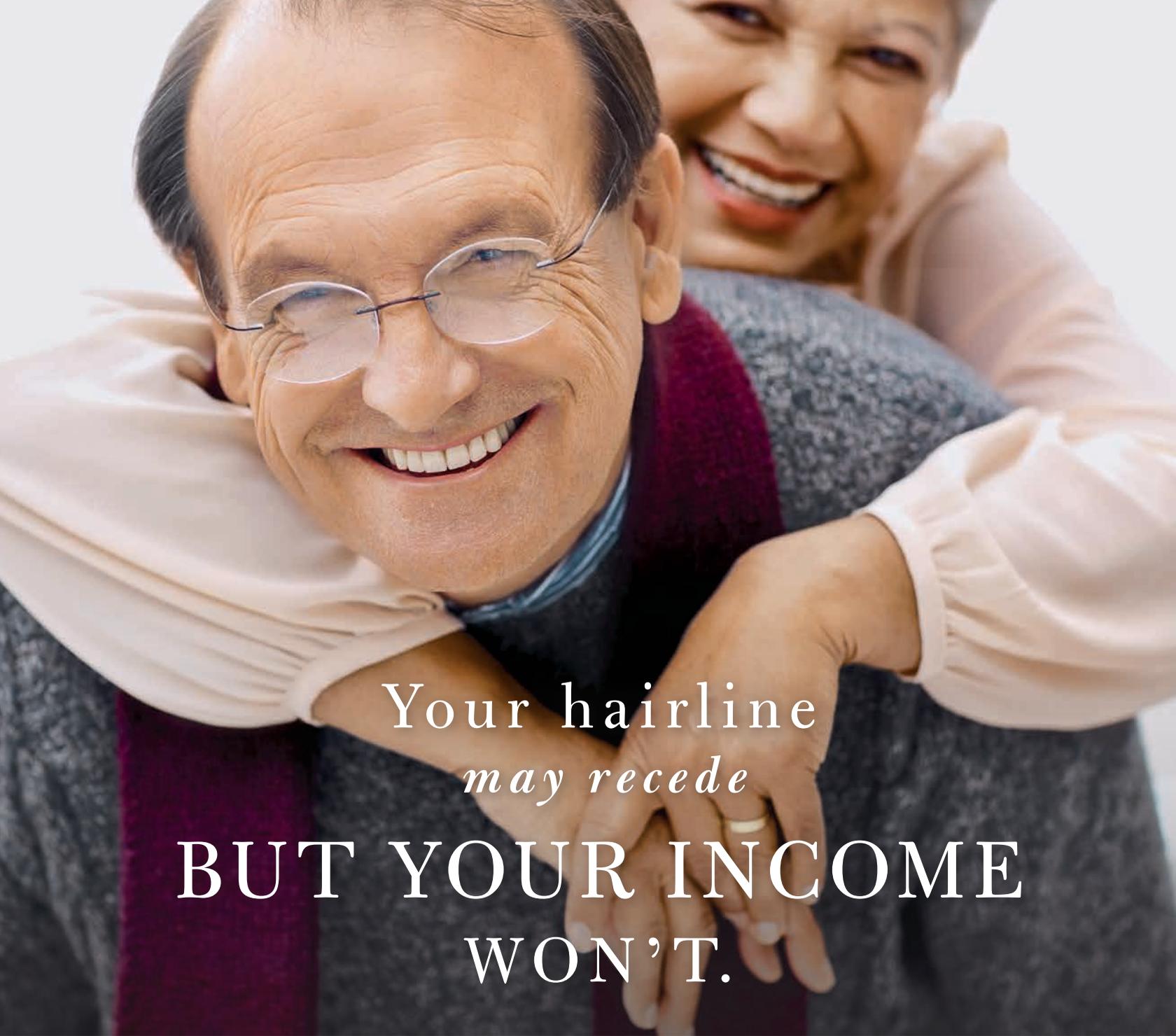
Nearly 300 John Wayne Cancer Institute Auxiliary members and friends gathered for its annual membership luncheon and boutique on October 22 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Renowned and beloved cancer researcher Delphine J. Lee, MD, PhD, director of the Dirks/Dougherty Laboratory for Cancer Research, received the Angel Award, presented by Hillary Fogelson, a grateful patient, melanoma survivor and author. Michael Wayne presented the Public Service Award to the Ford Warriors in Pink. The more than 20 boutique vendors donated a portion of their proceeds to the auxiliary, helmed by president Anita Swift. The luncheon was co-chaired by Katie Lewis and Marisol Zarco, and emceed by Gerard DiNome. At this year's luncheon, a check for \$1,470,787 was presented to the John Wayne Cancer Institute. Over the span of close to 30 years, the auxiliary has raised more than \$19 million to fund research and programs at the Institute.

QVC PRESENTS "FFANY SHOES ON SALE"

The annual QVC Presents "FFANY Shoes on Sale" was held at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City on October 19. For more than 20 years, the Fashion Footwear Association of New York event has combined great shopping with an even better cause. Each October during the on-air charitable sale, thousands of shoes are sold at half the manufacturer's suggested retail price, generating awareness and funds for breast cancer research and education. Shoppers were also able to purchase shoes online throughout the entire month of October. The John Wayne Cancer Institute is grateful to be one of nine beneficiaries of the 2015 event.



Michael Connors III, Patrick Wayne and Michael Connors



Your hairline
may recede
**BUT YOUR INCOME
WON'T.**

Age	Rate	Effective Rate
65	4.7%	7.9%
70	5.1%	9.0%
75	5.8%	10.6%
80	6.8%	12.8%
90	9.0%	18.6%

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Board chair Donna F. Tuttle brings both to her position.



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