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# The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation

"I learned that through suffering, great things can come. And if you put others ahead of yourself, that will motivate you. And love motivates you more than anything."



**CAROLINE MONTI SALADINO**, associate trustee of North Shore University Hospital (NSUH) and president of the Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation, keeps giving more to the \$43 million her foundation has raised since its inception. The foundation's latest gift to North Shore-LIJ is endowing the 2015 Don Monti Cancer Survivors Day at the Monter Cancer Center in Lake Success.

Ms. Monti Saladino's parents, Tita and Joseph Monti, established the foundation in 1972 following the death of their 16-year-old son, Don, from acute myeloblastic leukemia (AML). The foundation's mission of support includes patient care at NSUH, home of the Don Monti Division of Oncology/ Hematology and the Don Monti Bone Marrow

Transplantation Unit; the Don Monti Cancer Centers in Huntington, Glen Cove and Plainview Hospitals; research on AML and other cancers at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; and education at Long Island University Post for a groundbreaking master's program in genetic counseling for adults.

Ms. Monti Saladino, her brother and fellow trustee, Richard Monti, and her husband, Arthur Saladino, co-manage the family foundation pro bono. "My mother said, 'Just do what's right for the patients.' So as part of our patient-care mission, we fill in areas that the health system isn't able to do," she said. This includes funding for a hepatology patient navigator and creating and managing a complementary alternative therapies program.

The foundation also offers morale-boosting events, such as holiday parties, on NSUH's hematologic malignancy and bone marrow transplant floors.

"To work in the oncology field is joyful at times, but at times it can be very sad," Ms. Monti Saladino said. "These women and men have dedicated their lives to this; the staff members are so critical to what is going on with each patient's journey."

The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation raises more than \$1 million annually through a variety of events. Major fundraisers include this past spring's 3rd Annual PinkTie.org Networking Event, the 2015 Inaugural Golf Event and the 44th Anniversary Ball of the Year in November.

"We also get a lot of support from people whose loved ones we have helped—some have survived, some who have not—who want to give back," said Ms. Monti Saladino.

The family's commitment to the Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation—and to the North Shore-LIJ Health System—grows as the second, third and fourth generations of Montis and Saladinos continue to support research, education, patient care and fellowship.



From left: Danielle and Jayson Siano and Jennifer and Frank Marzano

# A MOTHER'S LOVE LIVES ON

he Marzano family of Huntington wanted to honor their mother, Joanne, and give back in a meaningful way following the care she received at Huntington Hospital.

To fulfill that wish, Ms. Marzano's children—Frank, Danielle and Michael, along with their spouses, Jennifer, Jayson and Heather—

made a gift to help further the care of women in the community. Thanks to their benevolence, Huntington Hospital's Center for Gynecologic Surgery has been named the Joanne Marzano Center for Gynecologic Surgery.

Gerard X. Brogan Jr., MD, FACEP, executive director of Huntington Hospital, said, "We very much appreciate the Marzanos' generosity

and look forward to providing the community with the finest, leadingedge care and new innovations that will come from this center."

The Center for Gynecologic Surgery at Huntington Hospital is a Center for Excellence in minimally invasive gynecology. "Minimally invasive gynecologic techniques have become a mainstay at Huntington [Hospital], where over 90 percent of the procedures are performed using this method," said Ted Goldman, MD, who is co-director of the center along with John Wagner, MD. These progressive techniques result in less blood loss and pain and quicker recovery so women are able to get back to their everyday routines faster. Procedures performed this way also tend to have results that are more cosmetically appealing to the patient. Future plans for the Marzano Center will include not only gynecologic surgeries but also reconstructive surgery for patients with breast cancer.

The Marzano family is thrilled that their mother's legacy of caring for others will live on at Huntington Hospital. "Our mother would have been proud to have her name associated with the first-rate medical staff and technology in this center," Frank Marzano said. "Joanne was a special mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend to us all."

# **Philanthropy News**

# New Diabetes Wellness Program Debuts at Lenox Hill Hospital



A significant gift from the Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman New York Foundation for Medical Research will enable Lenox Hill Hospital to extend new health and wellness services to patients through the opening of the Gerald J. Friedman Diabetes Institute in early 2016.

"North Shore-LIJ's patient-centric approach mirrors the Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman New York Foundation for Medical Research commitment to excellent and accessible health care for all," explained the foundation's director and the Friedmans' niece, Jane Friedman. The institute, named for Dr. Gerald J. Friedman, pays homage to his illustrious 55-year career as a pioneer in the field of clinical nutrition that focused on a variety of specialties, including diabetes. Ms. Friedman and her board were "overjoyed to follow Dr. Leonid Poretsky, a founding director, to Lenox Hill Hospital."

In addition to his roles as chief, Division of Endocrinology, and associate chairman

for research, Department of Medicine, Dr. Poretsky will oversee the new institute's wide range of offerings.

As a result of this gift, a diabetes education program will be available for children, pregnant women and adults in collaboration with their primary care physicians. A multidisciplinary approach will be taken so that internists can partner with ophthalmologists, podiatrists, cardiologists, nephrologists and neurologists to treat each patient holistically. Community outreach will focus on prevention, control and management workshops and will include an on-site demonstration kitchen and gym to encourage healthy eating and exercise. A fully integrated research program will consist of a variety of investigations ranging from molecular biology and basic science to clinical trials and studies of various educational approaches. Each of these vital program divisions will have a tangible, transformative impact on patient care.

### **Eye-Opening Programs**



Margaret and Allan Keene at Lenox Hill Hospital.

Margaret and Allan Keene take great pleasure in helping people, "especially if we can have direct impact in a positive way, from us to the recipient."

The benefactors of a unique and much-needed service are doing just that with the Keene Reading Glasses Program. In the past year, over 1,500 pairs of glasses have been distributed to surprised and grateful patients at North Shore-LIJ's Lenox Hill Hospital; Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital; and Lenox Health Greenwich Village.

Patients who leave their glasses at home have called the program "a lifesaver" and are truly thankful to the admitting staff for making an already great experience even better.

Gerri Travali, director of Patient Experience at Lenox Hill, relayed a recent story about a patient who was extremely upset and embarrassed about leaving her glasses at home. "When she asked the staff to assist her with paperwork and was offered reading glasses in three different strengths, she exclaimed in a very positive way, 'This is just like being in the drug store!"

The Keenes' generosity has even touched patients outside the country. For the third year, a group of Lenox Hill nurses traveled to the Dominican Republic in January to volunteer their clinical services to underprivileged communities. Along with the hospital administration's donation of medication and the staff's contribution of supplies, 200 pairs of reading glasses were also distributed. In August, Dr. Yves Duroseau, chairman of Emergency Medicine at Lenox Hill, personally delivered close to 100 pairs to a clinic in Haiti. Thanks to the Keenes, these additional donations have been a tremendous help to patients who cannot afford to purchase reading glasses.



### Plans Unveiled for New Children's Emergency Room at Staten Island University Hospital

After years of planning, preliminary floor plans for a new children's emergency room at Staten Island University Hospital were revealed during a press conference at the South Site this July.

The Emergency Children's Help Organization (ECHO) presented the hospital with a \$100,000 gift toward a \$500,000 pledge. In addition, Councilman Vincent Ignizio has secured \$435,000 from his capital budget, which will be used to purchase equipment for the new facility. While still in design, the \$1.5 million project will be built within the existing walls of the hospital. The pediatric unit will include a separate entrance, registration and waiting area; five pediatric beds; and a patient care station.





From left: Frank Besignano, chairman of the Executive Committee of Board of Trustees, SIUH; Sebastian Angelico, ECHO chairman; Vincent Angelico, ECHO co-secretary; Pasquale Loporcaro, ECHO executive director; Lou Tobacco, senior director of External Affairs at SIUH; Vincent Ignizio, NYC councilman; John Demoleas, executive director of Development and External Affairs, SIUH; Paul Dapolito, ECHO vice chairman; and Joe Borelli, assemblyman.

# Founder's Society of North Shore-LIJ Health System

The North Shore-LIJ Health System Foundation's Founder's Society was created to recognize donors for their exceptional generosity to the health system's annual fund.

Since its inception, members of the Founder's Society have raised significant funds that help to advance medicine at North Shore-LIJ, making it possible to provide outstanding patient care, facilitate cutting-edge research and attract the best possible faculty. We are truly thankful for their philanthropic support.

For more information on membership and its exclusive benefits, please contact Suzette Aviles at 516-465-7984 or giving@nshs.edu.

# ASD: Searching for a Cause

There is growing evidence that the maternal immune response may affect fetal brain development and, in some instances, lead to autism spectrum disorder. Dr. Betty Diamond, investigator and head, Center for Autoimmune and Musculoskeletal Diseases at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, was able to explore this theory thanks to a partnership grant from strong proponents of autism research.

The Nancy Lurie Marks Family Foundation, in collaboration with philanthropists Donna and Robert E. Landreth, recently sponsored a \$600,000 grant in support of Dr. Diamond's work. For more than 25 years, the Nancy Lurie Marks Family Foundation has funded peer-reviewed research, the development of collaborative investigator projects and research fellowship programs related to autism. Mr. and Mrs. Landreth, founders of the Robert E. Landreth and Donna Landreth Family Fund, have been advocates for research and awareness since their grandson was diagnosed with autism several years ago.

Dr. Diamond has expressed deep gratitude for philanthropic contributions that support her team's efforts to determine a possible cause for autism. Dr. Diamond's team set out to identify the maternal antibodies that can lead to an autism spectrum disorder-like phenotype in mice. The goal was to identify at-risk pregnancies and develop decoy antigens to neutralize the pathogenic antibodies. Initial results are promising, and one of Dr. Diamond's colleagues was selected to present the findings at the 45th annual Society for Neuroscience meeting this fall.

Additionally, donors Bradley and Jennifer Marsh have been strong supporters of Dr. Diamond's research over many years and have a personal interest in her team's work, following the diagnosis of their son. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are hopeful that Dr. Diamond's investigations will help advance the understanding of the condition's cause. "I think it's great how the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research has grown over the past several years," said Mr. Marsh. "I look forward to seeing great cures and better drugs being discovered from it."



### Gambino Medical & Science Foundation Celebrates 25 Years of Friendship with Cohen Children's

The Gambino Medical & Science Foundation has been a longtime friend and supporter of North Shore-LlJ's Cohen Children's Medical Center. At their 25th Anniversary Gala this past April, members of the foundation presented a \$1 million check toward their pledge of the Gambino Medical & Science Foundation Trauma and Imaging Center located at Cohen Children's newly constructed pediatric emergency center. The Trauma and Imaging Center provides highly sophisticated technology to help diagnose and evaluate medical problems.

"The Gambino Medical & Science Foundation's quarter century of support has ushered in critical programs and services and helped improve the lives of thousands of children," said Kevin McGeachy, FACHE, executive director of Cohen

Children's. "We look forward to what the future holds and know that together we will continue to make a difference."

The Gambino Foundation has raised millions of dollars over the past two decades, starting with its first gift that established the Gambino Medical & Science Foundation's Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit. Subsequent donations funded critical pediatric programs for the Epilepsy Center, Division of Behavior and Development, Diabetes Center and the Child Life Program. Additionally, each holiday season they host a party in the atrium of Cohen Children's Medical Center to benefit Child Life Services. The event is designed to brighten the holiday season, treating each child to toys provided by gifts from generous donors, live music and storytelling, along with a visit from Santa Claus.



From left: Kevin McGeachy, FACHE, executive director of Cohen Children's Medical Center with the Gambino Medical & Science Foundation founders. Thomas Gambino Sr. and Frances Gambino.

"Our mission is to give hope to children and their families who are facing health-related challenges," said founder Thomas Gambino Sr. "We are proud of the impact we have had on so many patients and their families and look forward to creating a better today, tomorrow and beyond."



From left: Shadiyah Evans, LIJ Medical Center; Dr. Jill Rabin, co-chief of the Division of Ambulatory Care and Women's Health Programs for the North Shore-LIJ Health System; Surviving with Impact honoree, Joan Lunden; Ann Stephens, outreach coordinator at LIJ Medical Center; Margaret Hegarty, nurse practitioner at LIJ Medical Center; and Kaitlin Doyle, director of Women's Health Projects at LIJ Medical Center.

### Susan G. Komen Greater New York City Recognizes LIJ Medical Center

Susan G. Komen Greater New York City recognized LIJ Medical Center as its 2015 Community Impact and Innovation Award honoree. This is the fourth consecutive year that Komen Greater NYC has funded the Cancer Community Connection Program, which promotes breast health, regular breast cancer screening and early detection.

### Service Guild Puts Patients First at Long Island Jewish Medical Center



The Service Guild's duly elected officers and directors at their installation luncheon.

For more than 50 years, the Service Guild of Long Island Jewish (LIJ) Medical Center has helped serve the community from its youngest to oldest residents. Recently, their Grants Committee allocated gifts to 18 departments totaling more than \$62,000. From a pediatric injury prevention program to a project aimed at improving ICU patients' sleep quality, each grant reflects the compassionate spirit and vision of guild members.

The Service Guild has been honored multiple times by the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) for providing innovative yet practical benefits to help better the lives of patients and their families. One of the recently awarded grants created mobile device charging stations to ensure visitors never lose access to their cell phones and so hospital staff can maintain contact with them throughout the day.

Grants Committee chairperson Marilyn Obert-Thorn explains, "Service Guild members are proud to be involved on a daily basis with activities at LIJ, Cohen Children's Medical Center and Zucker Hillside Hospital that will benefit the community for many years to come."



### Pink Aid Funds Free Breast Cancer Screenings

Pink Aid, a nonprofit group that funds breast cancer services for local women in need, has generously funded a one-year, \$25,000 grant to the Dolan Family Health Center that will provide free mammograms, sonograms and breast biopsies to women without health insurance. Mammograms and other breast screenings will be performed at Huntington Hospital's Women's Center and the hospital's Charles and Helen Reichert Imaging Center.

"The Dolan Family Health Center provides great services for the medically underserved in the Huntington area," said Ali Mitchell, a founding member of Pink Aid.

"We are very grateful for this grant, which will help so many women to get the medical care that they need and will also help their families," said Kathy Giffuni, RN, nurse manager of the Dolan Family Health Center.

Ms. Mitchell added, "We are glad to be able to help more women get breast cancer screenings because being able to diagnose and treat cancer as soon as possible is critical to survival."



Grand Prix Subaru dealership in Hicksville, NY, generously donated \$56,000 to Cohen Children's Medical Center to be used in the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

### **Subaru Supports Pediatric Cancer Research**

From November 20, 2014, to January 2, 2015, Subaru retailers donated \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased to the customer's choice of one of four national charities—ASPCA®, Make-A-Wish®, Meals on Wheels America®, and the National Park Foundation—as well as one local charity of their choice. The funds generously donated by Grand Prix Subaru to Cohen Children's will support pediatric cancer research.



Members of the Reichert family with Jason Naidich, MD, chairman of Radiology, North Shore-LIJ Health System; Ross Wank, MD, chief of Radiology at Huntington Hospital; and Cynthia Kubala, vice president of Imaging Services for the North Shore-LIJ Health System.

### Reichert Family Names New Imaging Center

A new state-of-the-art and spa-like imaging center recently opened in Greenlawn on the campus of the Dolan Family Health Center. The Charles and Helen Reichert Imaging Center at Huntington was made possible through the generosity of the Reichert family, who are longtime philanthropists and advocates of nearby Huntington Hospital.

This 10,750-square-foot imaging center offers a full spectrum of diagnostic radiology services, including wide-bore MRI, low-dose CT, ultrasound, digital X-ray, image-guided biopsies and therapeutic procedures. In addition, the center provides comprehensive breast imaging services that include 3D mammography, breast ultrasound and breast MRI, as well as MRI-guided, ultrasound-guided and stereotactic breast biopsies.

"This facility offers patients a comfortable atmosphere close to their homes to receive the radiological tests they need," Ross Wank, MD, chief of Radiology at Huntington Hospital said. "We appreciate the generosity of the Reichert family and look forward to providing the community with high-quality radiological care."

# The Henry Schein Pediatric Cancer/ Oral Health Navigator Program

As the world's largest provider of health care products, Henry Schein has a strong mission of giving back to the communities they serve. Their generous support has impacted the lives of many young patients at Cohen Children's Medical Center, and their latest gift has led to the creation of the Pediatric Cancer/Oral Health Navigator Program.

The Henry Schein Oral Health Navigator will play an integral role in evaluating every child upon a cancer diagnosis. This dedicated professional will meet with patients and families to provide a seamless treatment process between hematologists, oncologists and dentists. One of the critical issues faced by children coping with cancer is that the presence of active dental disease often necessitates the delay of treatment, which can contribute to adverse outcomes. As a leader in pediatric oncology and home to the Edward Strausman Center for Pediatric Dental Medicine, Cohen Children's goal is to provide optimal outcomes for young patients with cancer and serious blood diseases.

"We are grateful for Henry Schein's desire to partner with our medical staff to optimize the oral health of this important patient population," said Jeffrey Lipton, MD, PhD, chief, Division of Hematology/Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation. "We are confident that the Henry Schein Oral Health Navigator Program will contribute to improving the quality of dental care and successful outcomes for children with cancer."

### SkyHealth Takes Flight

Emergency medicine is now airborne with the launch of SkyHealth, a joint partnership between North Shore-LIJ and Yale-New Haven Health System in Connecticut. North Shore University Hospital's (NSUH) new rooftop helipad enables safe, rapid landings for patients requiring transport via air ambulance.

Since construction was completed in December

2014, nearly 200 patients have received critical medical assistance via air ambulance. Early supporters of this \$6.5 million project include the hospital's auxiliary, the Peter and Jeri Dejana Family Foundation, David Lerner Associates and the Phelan Foundation.

"The SkyHealth helicopter is outfitted with highly sophisticated critical-care technology and lifesaving equipment normally found in a hospital intensive care unit," said Eugene Tangney, North Shore-LIJ's senior vice president and chief administrative officer. The medical flight team consists of a paramedic and nurse with the highest level of training in emergency medicine or critical care, who are dual-credentialed in New York and Connecticut.

North Shore University Hospital was verified in 2014 as a Level I trauma center by the American College of Surgeons' Committee on



Trauma—the first hospital in the downstate region to receive this designation. "North Shore University Hospital is a destination center for trauma patients from across the region," said Jon Sendach, North Shore University Hospital's deputy executive director.

The helicopter can land and depart not only from the hospital but also from

Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, Yale-New Haven in Connecticut and Staten Island University Hospital, which has a specialized burn unit. "For children with critical care needs, the helicopter would land at North Shore University Hospital and the patient would then be transported a mere two miles away to Cohen Children's Medical Center," said Alan Schwalberg, vice president of North Shore-LIJ's Center for Emergency Medical Services.

"With brain injuries, severe trauma or heart attacks, time is everything," noted Mr. Tangney. "The SkyHealth helicopter and the helipad show what's possible when the North Shore-LIJ community and our philanthropic partners work together."

# Staten Island University Hospital's Auxiliary: Endless Hours and Continuous Commitment

More than 130 auxilians serve on the Staten Island University Hospital's (SIUH) Service Auxiliary as ambassadors of goodwill to patients and their families. As the oldest continuous auxiliary in the country, SIUH's Service Auxiliary hosts numerous events every year to fund hospital projects and further the mission of compassionate care.

Some of the events this past year have included:

- Staten Island physicians swapped scrubs for kitchen aprons to take orders from local Chef Stefano Sena of Bocelli Restaurant.
- Employees competed in "My SIUH's Got Talent" with Scott Bloom, MD, associate chair of Surgery, as emcee of the event.
- Physicians, staff and volunteers modeled trend-setting outfits for the auxiliary's fashion show with special host, Bella NYC's Dana Prigge.

 Family and friends joined together to enjoy the production of a timeless children's classic, *Curious George*, at the St. George Theatre.

These events have raised more than \$40,000 to support the SIUH Service Auxiliary's commitment to the Florina Rusi-Marke Comprehensive Breast Center and the Kids Against Cancer Pediatric Oncology Center.



Cathy Parisi, SIUH Service Auxiliary vice president (second from left), is presented a check from Dr. Scott Bloom, associate chair of Surgery (fifth from left) with fellow talent show committee members.



A special panel judged the acts based on energy, creativity, presentation, poise and crowd appeal. From left: Nicholas Caruselle, deputy executive director and south administrator, SIUH; Donna Proske, executive director, SIUH; Anthony Ferreri, executive vice president and chief affiliation officer. North Shore-LIJ Health System: and Gina Forsythe. OR technician. SIUH.



# Comprehensive Breast Care Comes to Staten Island

Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH) recently began construction of the new home for the Florina Rusi-Marke Comprehensive Breast Center.

The center is dedicated to the memory of Florina Rusi-Marke, a Staten Islander who, at 35 years old, was diagnosed with breast cancer. When Ms. Rusi-Marke succumbed to the disease within a year, the Rusi family galvanized to help others and teamed up with Cynara Coomer, MD, Staten Island's chief of Breast Surgery, to fight the disease.

Housed above the hospital's Breast Imaging Center, the Florina Rusi-Marke Comprehensive Breast Center will, for the first time, offer all-encompassing breast care to residents of Staten Island. The center expands on a multidisciplinary approach of advanced imaging, surgical and reconstructive techniques, and collaborative care with medical and radiation oncologists, along with dedicated geneticists and pathologists. Its Nurse Navigator Program serves as the touchstone for patients during their journey.

"The Comprehensive Breast Center's future is not only focused on its short-term expansion, but on all patients' long-term health," said Dr. Coomer. "By conducting research, collecting data and submitting findings for peer review with clinicians around the world, the center will help in developing new treatments and therapies for breast cancer."



At the ceremonial groundbreaking, participants used shovels with pink bows and dug into pink sand to symbolize the next stage of compassionate breast cancer care. From left: Paul Lebowitz, primary care ambulance, SIUH; Anthony C. Ferreri, executive vice president, regional executive director and chief affiliation officer, North Shore-LIJ Health System; Donna Proske, executive director, SIUH; Eli Rusi; Elli Rusi; Tony Marke; Cynara Coomer, MD, chief of Breast Surgery and director of the Comprehensive Breast Program; District Attorney Daniel Donovan; Borough President James Oddo; Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis; Josephine Cupo, foundation trustee, SIUH; and April Cinardi, practice administration manager, SIUH.

### **Awards Presentation**

At the North Shore-LIJ Health System annual meeting at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Mark L. Claster, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the Theodore Roosevelt Award for service to the health system to one of its greatest supporters, Sandra Atlas Bass. Mr. Claster also presented the Outstanding Associate Trustee Award to Leonard Litwin and John Picone for their extraordinary stewardship and support of the health system's mission and service to the communities it serves.







Mark L. Claster with Sandra Atlas Bass (top); Howard Swarzman (bottom left, accepted award on behalf of Leonard Litwin); and John Picone (bottom right).

# Southside Hospital's First Annual Fire Island Pirate Festival

Southside Hospital hosted the First Annual Fire Island Pirate Festival in Kismet, Fire Island, this past August. This inaugural event raised more than \$120,000 in support of the continuing growth and expansion of Southside Hospital's clinical programs.



#### PIRATE FEST

From left: Committee chairpersons, Dwayne and Patty Diesu with live auction winners, Jane and Mike Weber and Chris and Christina Cox with their children, and Donna Moravick, executive director, Southside Hospital.



#### COMMITTEE

From left: Oriana Bohlsen; Kaitlin B. Wojnar; Adriane Collins, MD; Patty Diesu, event chair; Jane Mooney; Chris Cuomo, CNN's *New Day* co-host; Marijane Voltz; and Nora C. Perry.



#### EXECS AND SENATOR BOYLE

From left: Colleen Solazzo; Donna Moravick, executive director, Southside Hospital; Senator Phil Boyle dressed as the Islip High School Buccaneers mascot; and Winifred B. Mack, senior vice president and regional executive director, North Shore-LIJ Health System.



IMBERTS

Philanthropists Susan and Rick Imbert







Philanthropist Sandra Atlas Bass

# Generous Gift to Establish Center for Liver Diseases

A \$3 million gift from lifetime trustee Sandra Atlas Bass to the North Shore-LIJ Health System will help to create the new Sandra Atlas Bass Center for Liver Diseases. The new center will open in mid-2016 on the campus of North Shore University Hospital (NSUH) next to the hospital's Division of Infectious Disease.

A philanthropic partner of North Shore-LIJ for 25 years, Ms. Bass has touched the lives of thousands of patients. She has invested more than \$55 million in philanthropic support to advance medicine and patient care throughout the health system, leaving a tangible legacy at Cohen Children's Medical Center, the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, Long Island Jewish (LIJ) Medical Center and the North Shore University Hospital campus that bears her name.

"The latest gift from Sandra Atlas Bass to create and name the Center for Liver Diseases at North Shore University Hospital fits the strategic plan for the future of the hospital," said Alessandro Bellucci, MD, the hospital's executive director. "It will play an important role in our growth and ability to manage the challenges associated with

an increasing number of patients suffering from hepatic disease."

"The new Sandra Atlas Bass Center for Liver Diseases will incorporate clinical, research and educational facilities and will be the only one of its kind on Long Island," said David Bernstein, MD, who has been appointed director of the Center for Liver Diseases, as well as the chief of the new Division of Hepatology. "This generous donation from Ms. Bass will allow us to have a direct and meaningful impact on our patients with liver disease."

The Center for Liver Diseases will house 18 exam rooms, two treatment rooms and a multimedia educational center. It will also offer patients a separate entrance and parking lot for easier access, plus the added conveniences of blood-drawing and testing services.

"We are extremely grateful to Sandy and all of the donors who have supported this important initiative," said Dr. Bellucci.

# Transforming the Future of Health Care

Thanks to the generosity of Robert Willumstad, founding chair of North Shore-LIJ's Department of Medicine's Leadership Circle, a unique platform is now being created to develop innovative, technologically based ideas.

The Willumstad Endowed Health Innovation
Fund will help the Department of Medicine's
young physician—scientists to thrive and
eventually develop independent careers in
research. While these outstanding doctors will
continue to use their skills as clinicians to treat
patients, this critical funding will allow them
to spend part of their time using their intellect
and creativity to conduct research that will help
shape the future of medicine.

The important research generated through the Willumstad Fund will further the Department of Medicine's efforts to enhance outcomes, safety, wellness, efficiencies and the patient

experience. Research studies will focus on three broad but rapidly evolving areas: enhancing the clinical decision process and secure sharing of information through the Electronic Health Record; using metadata to conduct outcomesbased research; and developing patient-centered technology.

North Shore-LIJ's Center for Learning and Innovation and its vast array of simulation technologies, along with the Department of Medicine's access to a large patient population, will play an important role in fostering the growth of research generated through the Willumstad Fund. Mr. Willumstad said, "This essential endeavor will ultimately pay enormous dividends toward the health and wellness of our community. These brilliant and energetic investigators are tomorrow's health care leaders."



Robert Willumstad, founding chair of the Department of Medicine's Leadership Circle.

Dr. Thomas McGinn, senior vice president and executive director of North Shore-LIJ's Department of Medicine added, "We are extremely grateful to Bob for his gracious support and foresight in creating this lasting endowment that will save and impact lives today and make a dramatic impact for generations to come."









# WALK FOR HEALTH GROWS



n May 2015, more than 5,000 people hit the Jones Beach boardwalk for the North Shore-LIJ Walk for Health. The event raised a record-setting \$322,000 in support of programmatic and educational services provided for women at the Katz Institute for Women's Health, as well as the lifesaving pediatric care provided at Cohen Children's Medical Center.

More than 200 registered teams, comprised of members of the community and North Shore-LIJ employees, rallied around a single cause to celebrate health and wellness and show their pride for the health system. Dottie Herman, president and CEO of Douglas Elliman Real Estate, was a corporate sponsor of the Walk for Health. "I am proud to have supported

the walk since its inception," said Ms. Herman. Douglas Elliman Real Estate had more than 170 registered participants among 22 teams present on the Jones Beach boardwalk. "We walk for women, friends and family members that we love and want to honor."

This 5K festival-themed event was filled with music, interactive health-related booths and kids' activities. Attendees also had an opportunity to discover ways to take charge of their health and learn about the great work taking place at the Katz Institute for Women's Health, at Cohen Children's and throughout North Shore-LIJ.

As one walker stated, "The Walk for Health is meaningful to me and my family. My children and I have been involved in this event every year since they were born."

### North Shore-LIJ Walk for Health

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Midland Beach Promenade, Staten Island

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### THE SHARON J. COHEN

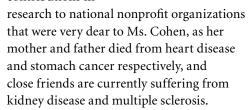
# PEDIATRIC NEUROSCIENCES UNIT

After receiving her master's degree in education at Queens College and teaching remedial reading at the elementary school level for several years, Sharon J. Cohen always knew that her legacy would involve children.

ast August that vision became a reality when Ms. Cohen agreed to fund the development of a pediatric neurosciences unit at Cohen Children's Medical Center that will focus on treatment of the brain, central nervous system and spinal disorders and diseases. Though Ms. Cohen does not have children, she thought, "What better way to make a difference than to help a child who could make a difference in the future?"

Growing up in Kew Gardens Hills, Ms. Cohen has experienced the extraordinary services at LIJ Medical Center and other facilities across the North Shore-LIJ Health System. A member of the Payson Wharton Legacy Society, which acknowledges those who have provided for the health system through planned gifts, Ms. Cohen's donation has provided for the health system through both a major gift and a planned gift in her will. Ms. Cohen hopes that her generous gifts help further North Shore-LIJ's mission of improving the health of the community.

For many years, the Sharon J. Cohen Foundation made significant contributions in



Since 2000, Ms. Cohen has been a volunteer at the Lighthouse for the Blind and the Jewish Braille Institute. She is also involved with the North Shore Animal League Pet Outreach Team. When she's not kicking up her heels as a community theatre dancer, Ms. Cohen is often traveling the globe with family and friends. Ms. Cohen is thrilled about her upcoming adventures but is most inspired by the legacy of care she has created for the many generations of children who will be treated at the Sharon I. Cohen Pediatric Neurosciences Unit.



### What will my legacy be?

If you or a loved one have received outstanding care and have the ability to direct a trust, influence someone else's giving or name us as a beneficiary of your own will, retirement plan or income-producing gift, we would be happy to help you make a difference in the lives of our patients. Please contact Alexandra Brovey or Shawn Mroz at 516-465-7934 or giftplanning@nshs.edu.

# Just a Heartbeat Away

# NORTH SHORE-LIJ'S EXCEPTIONAL CARDIOVASCULAR CARE IS RIGHT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Cardiovascular disease remains the number one killer of both men and women worldwide. Our nation's aging population means today's cardiologists must broaden the focus from simply prolonging their patients' lives to also sustaining the quality of life. That's why North Shore-LIJ Health System is pioneering new technologies aimed at minimizing risk and maximizing benefits. With the help of our donors, we are revolutionizing new treatments for cardiac patients.



#### STATEN ISLAND 'GOES NETWORK'

North Shore-LIJ's innovative approach to medicine caught the eye of ABC Network executives who gave an unexpected nod to Staten Island University Hospital on an episode of *Grey's Anatomy* earlier this year. The show's doctors removed a radical tumor from a patient's chest using the McGinn Technique, a minimally invasive cardiac surgery/coronary artery bypass grafting, pioneered by Dr. Joseph McGinn, medical director at the Heart Institute at Staten

Island Hospital and chairman of the Department of Surgery.

Most bypass surgeries involve a large incision in the front of the breastbone and stopping the heart completely, while the McGinn Technique decreases surgical trauma, which is important for patients who can only tolerate a certain amount of tissue damage during a procedure. "Our approach allows surgeons to work between the ribs, without breaking bone, through a two-inch incision," explained Dr. McGinn.

### SAVING LIVES ON THE SOUTH SHORE

From Hollywood recognition, we turn to Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, which was recently acknowledged by the American Heart Association for their treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

Southside was the first hospital in Suffolk County to receive this special recognition from the American Heart Association for quickly treating patients undergoing a life-threatening attack. The attack, called STEMI for (ST-segment

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elevation myocardial infarction) is caused by a complete blockage of blood flow to the heart. Southside's innovative, web-based approach enables treatment within 120 minutes, thereby improving patient outcomes and saving lives. The new Physio-Control's LIFENET System, a comprehensive cloudbased platform, helps make this possible by allowing medical providers to transmit essential information about the patient to the hospital's on-call team so they are ready for intervention when the patient arrives. "There is a saying that time is muscle, which is particularly the case with a STEMI," said Burak Arkonac, MD, director of Interventional Cardiology at Southside Hospital. "Southside's cardiology and emergency medicine teams really coordinate to get patients the

critical care they need quickly."

Southside Hospital offers patients groundbreaking technology as well as the latest devices to aid in their cardiac care. When a freezing catheter was released to market for treating arrhythmia, an electrical irregularity in the heart, the device was quickly made available to patients being treated by the exceptional cardiology team at Southside Hospital. Once the freezing catheter is implanted, it destroys the tissue so that it's left inactive and should leave patients free of arrhythmia for the rest of their lives.

#### LENOX HILL MOVES THE NEEDLE

Another standout in the North Shore LIJ-Health System is the Lenox Hill Hospital Vascular Institute where support from individuals, families, corporations and foundations allows researchers to make groundbreaking discoveries in cardiac care. With a holistic, cross-disciplinary approach, cardiologists, cardiac surgeons and other specialists work together to achieve the best possible patient outcomes.

In 2009, Lenox Hill's Vascular Institute was the first in the New York metro area to perform a totally endoscopic robotic coronary artery double bypass surgery on a beating heart, led by Dr. Niray Patel, associate chair of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery and the head of Lenox Hill Hospital's Robotic Cardiac Surgery program. Today, a fullservice robotics program is staffed by a multidisciplinary team, and Dr. Patel's progressive work continues with Dr. Varinder Singh, chair of Cardiovascular Medicine. Drs. Patel and Singh are studying advanced coronary interventional care that includes the implantation of a tandem heart device to take over the heart's functions for a limited time during cardiac surgery, thus lowering the risk of complications. Lenox Hill is one of only five medical centers in the U.S. participating in this study.

Lenox Hill Vascular Institute's growing network of full-service cardiology centers teaches patients ways to lower their blood pressure



and cholesterol levels through one-on-one consultations, publications and workshops. They also offer seminars on the cardiovascular issues of specific ethnic groups such as South Asians whom studies have shown to have a higher risk of cardiovascular disease due to metabolic factors. Interpreters in more than 250 languages and dialects are also available to ensure non-English speaking patients are able to communicate with their doctors.

### **CLEVELAND CLINIC'S CHOICE**

North Shore University Hospital combines the expertise of its physicians with state-of-the-art facilities to deliver the highest quality cardiac care and has been recognized by the New York State Department of Health for having the highest success rate for patients undergoing cardiac stent procedures.

The revolutionary cardiovascular program at North Shore University Hospital offers a skilled network of cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, diagnosticians, technicians

and health care professionals. These adept clinicians provide treatment for conditions ranging from a relatively simple aortic stenosis, an obstruction of blood flow, to a highly complex illness such as Ebstein's anomaly, a rare congenital heart defect that causes varying degrees of leaking.

Robert Johnston, a married grandfather of two from upstate New York, is grateful for the advances in cardiac treatment. While visiting friends late last year, Mr. Johnston experienced heart attack symptoms and asked to be brought to a North Shore-LIJ hospital. His mother had been treated at LIJ Medical Center many years ago, and the family was impressed with the care she received. The North Shore University Hospital electrophysiology team was the first team on Long Island to implant the world's smallest cardiac pacemaker in Mr. Johnston. After undergoing the minimally invasive procedure, Mr. Johnston was upbeat and "looking forward to continuing to enjoy life and nurture my grandchildren."

And in an alliance formed last year, The Cleveland Clinic Heart & Vascular Institute placed North Shore University Hospital as the exclusive New York member of the Clinic's Cardiovascular Specialty Network. This distinctive association has given cardiac patients in the New York metropolitan area even greater access to enhanced treatment options and clinical trials.

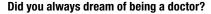
Alessandro Bellucci, MD, executive director of North Shore University Hospital, acknowledges the crucial part that private philanthropy plays in building on recent successes, "The vision for the continued growth of our top-ranked cardiac program is becoming a reality thanks to the vital support from our generous donor community."

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# Inside Look

### A CONVERSATION WITH: JEAN MARIE CACCIABAUDO, MD

Gratitude magazine recently spent time with Dr. Jean Marie Cacciabaudo, chief of the Division of Cardiology at Southside Hospital. In addition to being an assistant professor at the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine, Dr. Cacciabaudo is busy raising awareness about women and heart disease all while raising two young children with her husband who is also a doctor.



My mother was a nurse and my dad was a dentist. My mother always taught me the big, long words when I was little. I remember stethoscope, otoscope and otolaryngologist, and I would say, "Maybe I'll be a nurse like you." However, my mom would reply, "No. If you're going to go into medicine, then you're going to become a doctor." That always sat well with me and it felt good; so yes, I always knew that I would be a doctor.

You were born and raised on Long Island and have called the North Shore-LIJ Health System your home for over 20 years. What has it meant to treat patients in your own community?

It is a real privilege to be able to take care of my friends and family. I try to avoid taking care of those closest to my heart because you don't want to lose perspective, but when a friend calls and asks me to see her parents, it's really an affirmation at the highest level.

### How has teaching at the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine changed the way you interact with patients?

I always felt that when you have an obligation to teach it makes you a better doctor. You're really compelled to stay on top of the literature and quote the most recent articles. It's kind of like raising kids; you want to stay ahead of the curve when it comes to your students.

Recently, both you and Dr. Stacey Rosen, vice president of the North Shore-LIJ's Katz Institute for Women's Health, were the medical co-chairs of the Go Red for Women luncheon. In your 25 years as a cardiologist, how have attitudes toward women and heart disease shifted?

I just pulled up the latest statistics from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the incidence of cardiovascular death in the country for both men and women is at its lowest point. Somewhere in the late '90s it peaked, and to see it die down to such a low point, I feel as if I have been part of that.

In the early '90s, one in every two women died from a cardiac event and today it's about one in three women. It's been really great to help empower women about their health because it's almost like they need permission. I didn't understand that until I became a mom and was multitasking like crazy because there's never time for you. Most women perceive taking care of themselves as selfish, but it's really being selfless so they can be around for their families.

Southside is home to the award-winning North Shore-LIJ Cardiac Surgery program. As the chief of the Division of Cardiology, what innovative lifesaving techniques are you most proud of?

I think part of the ability to be so innovative and make a dramatic impact is that we have the full support of our administrative team



and that rises up through the health system. They trust us to put new techniques in place and believe that we will get good outcomes. Part of the ability to do well is also related to synergy. The support in my group is extraordinary, and we are almost intuitive with how we think about treatment when we share the care of a patient. It's natural to be creative with how we approach a disease when we have surgeons right by our side thinking the same way. It's pretty unique and very special to have such a close relationship with both radiology and vascular surgery.

# Since your husband is an anesthesiologist, are you able to disconnect from work when you spend time together?

When he walks out of the office his workday ends, but for me, it's always an ongoing situation. We try to make sure the kids get our first and foremost attention, and then we take care of each other. The best part of him being a physician is that he understands there's a whole world of patients asking for my attention as much as he and the kids are. We do schedule time alone and try to go away ourselves so that we stay connected. At the end of the day, we make sure that we have a good connection since that needs as much nurturing as anything else!



### METS WELCOME HOME DINNER

The 2015 Mets Welcome Home Dinner honored Chantal Weinhold, senior vice president and regional executive director, North Shore-LIJ Health System's Central Region with the "Every Woman Matters" award. Ms. Weinhold is pictured here with Saul Katz, North Shore-LIJ trustee and executive committee member.

# HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL WOMEN'S HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

In conjunction with the Katz Institute for Women's Health, Huntington Hospital hoss

Women's Health, Huntington Hospital hosted the second annual Women's Health Symposium. More than 70 women in the community attended the luncheon at Mac's Steakhouse and learned important information about women's heart health, nutrition and palliative care.

Ross Wank, MD, chief of Radiology, Huntington Hospital, with speaker Adrianna Garite, DO, chief of Palliative Medicine, Huntington Hospital.

# **Event Scrapbook**

We'd like to see you at our next event. Browse our upcoming events on the back cover, or view the full event calendar at support.northshorelij.com/calendar.



### MONSTER'S KIDS ALUMNI WOODSTICK CLASSIC

The 5th Annual Monster's Kids Alumni Woodstick Classic was held on May 2, 2015, with more than 60 alumni players from both Garden City and Manhasset playing to support the children at Cohen Children's Medical Center. Tim Goettelmann, known as "The Monster" on the lacrosse field, and his wife Lisa, have been growing Monster's Kids into a significant fundraising group for Cohen Children's Medical Center. This year, close to \$60,000 was raised for the Behavioral and Developmental Unit at Cohen Children's.



# LENOX HILL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

This 17th annual Healthy Give & Take Luncheon, sponsored by the Auxiliary of Lenox Hill Hospital, focused on how technology is transforming patient care. The panel of experts unveiled new technologies that are currently impacting patient care at Lenox Hill Hospital and the North Shore-LIJ Health System.

Proceeds from the annual luncheon support a wide array of auxiliary programs that promote the hospital's unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of patients, staff and community.

From left: Sander Duncan, manager, North Shore Ventures, North Shore-LIJ; Sue Robertson, vice president of Clinical Information Systems, North Shore-LIJ; Elaine Rosenblum, senior associate executive director, Lenox Hill Hospital; Dennis Connors, regional executive director, Lenox Hill Hospital; Michele Jeffery, auxiliary chair; Ken Court, director, Clinical Information Systems, Lenox Hill Hospital Neurosurgery; David Langer, MD, chief, Neurosurgery, Lenox Hill Hospital; moderator Jane Hanson; and Alex Hellinger, executive director, Lenox Health Greenwich Village.

# FROM PIONEERS TO NEW PHYSICIANS



The inaugural class of Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine, a group of 30 students who helped pioneer a new approach to medical education, graduated on May 11, 2015, at Hofstra University's John Cranford Adams Playhouse. The school's innovative curriculum combines basic science with clinical experience from the first day of a student's training, focusing on patient interaction, interdisciplinary teamwork and community service. Among the innovations is training of all first-year medical students as emergency medical technicians who ride with North Shore-LIJ Health System ambulance crews.









# HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL GOLF CLASSIC

Huntington Hospital's Annual Golf Classic, held at Piping Rock Club and The Creek Club in Locust Valley, raised more than \$415,000. More than 200 golfers participated in the event, which benefited capital improvements at the hospital, including renovations to the Emergency, Maternity and Oncology departments.

1. From left: Huntington Hospital executive director Gerard X. Brogan Jr., MD, FACEP, joins Golf Classic chairman John Kean and immediate past chairman Alan M. Kisner, MD, FRCS, FACS.

- 2. Sponsor William Savory (right) of Presidio, LLC and guests.
- 3. From left: Golf committee members Thomas P. Arcarti, DMD, David A. Collins, Esq., and guest Russell Myers.



#### **CANCER SURVIVORS DAY**

Nearly 2,000 cancer survivors from North Shore University Hospital and LIJ Medical Center along with their loved ones gathered to enjoy the Don Monti Cancer Survivors Day held outside the North Shore-LIJ Cancer Institute.

From left: George Raptis, MD, acting executive director, North Shore-LIJ Cancer Institute; Michael J. Dowling, president and CEO, North Shore-LIJ; Richard Monti; Caroline Monti Saladino, president of the Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation, who was presented with the health system's Compassionate Care Award; keynote speaker Mark Herzlich, New York Giants linebacker and cancer survivor; Mark L. Claster, chairman, North Shore-LIJ Board of Trustees; Arthur Saladino; and Vincent Vinciguerra, MD, chief, Division of Hematology, North Shore-LIJ Cancer Institute.







# STATEN ISLAND UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL DISCO DINNER

Hundreds of guests had a ball on the dance floor at the Crystal Room on Staten Island while raising funds to support the ongoing construction of the chapel at Staten Island University Hospital.

- 1. From left: Amanda LiPuma, Pattie Jioia, Denise Zaffarese, Cher Conti, Angela Travaglione, Father John Delora, AnnMarie Catello, and Joanne Janovsky.
  - 2. Father Michael Martine and his mother, Eileen Martine.
- 3. The evening's special guest was Joe Causi, a legendary New York disc jockey.







# STATEN ISLAND UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GOLF, TENNIS AND BOCCE CLASSIC

Rallying more enthusiastic golf, tennis and bocce players than ever before, Staten Island University Hospital (SIUH) raised \$150,000 for its programs and services. Players attended the evening's dinner to honor The Friends of Maya Chang Foundation and Boris Natenzon of Nate's Pharmacy. A special recognition was presented to Dr. Theodore and Valerie Strange for their unwavering commitment and dedication to the golf and tennis classics throughout the years.

- 1. From left: Frank Besignano, chairman of the Executive Committee of Board of Trustees; Ed Mandrik, golf co-chair; and Fredrick Volk, golf co-chair and chairman, SIUH Foundation Board.
- 2. From left: Nicholas Caruselle, bocce co-chair, deputy executive director and south site administrator, SIUH; Donna Proske, executive director, SIUH; Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York; and Lou Tobacco, bocce co-chair and senior director of External Affairs, SIUH, with Christian Tobacco.
- 3. Donna Proske, executive director, SIUH (top left) and Anthony C. Ferreri, executive vice president and chief affiliation officer, North Shore-LIJ (top right) with this year's honorees (clockwise from back row): Boris Natenzon, Nate's Pharmacy; Edwin Chang, MD; Maya Chang; Yvonne Chang, founder of the Friends of Maya Chang Foundation; and Angela Natenzon.



# SOUTHSIDE HOSPITAL TENNIS AND GOLF CLASSIC

Southside Hospital hosted a record-setting Tennis and Golf Classic with two events in June that honored Amie Crisera, Deer Park Tennis and Fitness, for tennis, and William Kissam, Pyramid Air Conditioning, for golf.

- 1. From left: Donna Moravick, executive director, Southside Hospital; Barbara Kissam; William Kissam, golf honoree; and F. J. McCarthy, chairman of the board, Southside Hospital.
- 2. From left: James McGilvray, Allie Hoffman and Peter Hoffman, board member, Southside Hospital.
- 3. Frank Boulton with Amie Crisera.
- **4.** From left: Donna Moravick, executive director, Southside Hospital; Amie Crisera, tennis honoree; and Nick and Robin Racanelli, tennis committee co-chairs.









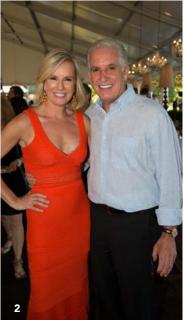
# NORTH SHORE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY'S 37TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

The North Shore University Hospital Auxiliary's 37th Annual Golf Classic was held at the North Shore Country Club in Glen Head, NY, with more than 200 golfers and attendees at the dinner. The event raised more than \$240,000, with proceeds used to support the auxiliary's pledge of \$2 million toward the construction of the helipad at the hospital.

From left: Honoree Nicholas Sgaglione, MD, professor and chair, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, and SVP and executive director of Orthopedics, North Shore-LIJ; honoree Anthony N. Dalessio, Long Island office managing partner, KPMG LLP; Lenny Stenzier; Alessandro Bellucci, MD, executive director, North Shore University Hospital; Marilyn Sturtevant; Gladiola Sampson; Rick Schwartz; John Bonanno; Vicki Silverman; and Claude Sherman.







# THE FEINSTEIN INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH SUMMER CONCERT

Grammy award-winning singer and songwriter Sheryl Crow performed at the 10th Annual Feinstein Institute for Medical Research Summer Concert. The event raised more than \$1.6 million in support of the pioneering work being conducted at the Feinstein Institute, contributing to a total of more than \$11 million raised since the concert's inception.

- 1. Benefactors Susan and Leonard Feinstein
- 2. Emcee Jennifer Ashton, MD, and Mark L. Claster, chairman, North Shore-LIJ Board of Trustees.
- 3. From left: Michael Epstein; Jesse Epstein; Kevin J. Tracey, MD, president and CEO, Feinstein Institute; Donald Zucker; and Peter Gregersen, MD, director, Robert S. Boas Center for Genomics and Human Genetics, Feinstein Institute.
- 4. Sheryl Crow rocks the crowd at Old Westbury Gardens.
- **5.** Barbara Hrbek Zucker, chairwoman, Feinstein Institute Board; Donald Zucker; Susan Karches; and Thomas Owens.







# NEW LEADERSHIP DIVISION FOR PEDIATRICS ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

For the 26th year, New Leadership Division for Pediatrics hosted their annual Golf Classic at Fresh Meadow Country Club and Deepdale Golf Club in Manhasset, NY. The event honored Adam Elberg, MS PT, ATC, CSCS, founder, president and CEO of Professional Physical Therapy, with the Gary Sherman Humanitarian Award. This year's event raised \$500,000 in support of the Child Life and Creative Art Therapies Program at Cohen Children's Medical Center.

Brenda and Adam Elberg with their daughters.





### **6TH ANNUAL DELTA GOLF CLASSIC**

Kevin McGeachy, FACHE, executive director at Cohen Children's Medical Center, acknowledged Henry Kuykendall, vice president of Delta Air Lines/JFK, and the Delta Golf Classic Committee on September 17, 2015. The 6th annual event, held at the Muttontown Country Club, raised more than \$256,000 to benefit critical programs and research for Cohen Children's.

From Left: Kevin McGeachy, Henry Kuykendall, Waseem Mian, Stephanie Baldwin, Stacey Milonas, John Barile, Paula DeLuca, Philip Grieci and Mike Rizzo



# 4TH ANNUAL LES NELKIN PEDIATRIC CANCER SURVIVORS DAY

Hundreds of pediatric cancer survivors and their family members, joined by the staff of Cohen Children's Medical Center, celebrated their health at the fourth annual Les Nelkin Pediatric Cancer Survivors Day. The day is made possible through the generosity of Ruth and Harold Nelkin, who have been great friends and supporters of the Division of Hematology/Oncology and Stem Cell Transplant.

# 23RD ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

The 23rd Annual Fall Luncheon and Fashion Show, presented by the Partners Council for Women's Health of the North Shore-LIJ Health System and sponsored by Americana Manhasset, raised more than \$500,000. The event featured cashmere and fur fashions from the Brunello Cuccinelli Collection at Hirshleifers as well as, for the first time, patient models who received treatment at the Katz Institute for Women's Health.

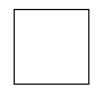
- 1. Co-chairs of the Partners Council for Women's Health, Dayle Katz and Ruth Slade (4th and 5th from left) with members of the Partners Council luncheon committee.
- From left: Katz patient models Gwynn Campbell, Ariane Papazian and Gessie Thompson and daughter, Nia, with emcee Rosanna Scotto, coanchor of WNYW-TV Fox 5's Good Day New York.







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# **EVENTS**

March 3, 2016

### A Mini Medical School for You

(To become Northwell Health Conference)

Location: The Breakers, Palm Beach, Florida Contact Joanne Gallagher, 516-465-2573

**April 8, 2016** 

### **Mets Welcome Home Dinner**

Location: Grand Hyatt New York, Manhattan, New York Contact Trisha Marasco, 516-465-2674

May 2, 2016

### Ladies' Day Out

Location: Fresh Meadow Country Club, Lake Success, New York Contact Alexa Tiven, 516-465-2710

May 4, 2016

### **Women's Health Conference**

Location: Long Island Marriott, Uniondale, New York Keynote Speaker: Arianna Huffington Contact the Katz Institute for Women's Health Resource Center, 855-850-KIWH

May 2016

### **North Shore-LIJ Walk for Health**

(To become Northwell Health Walk)

Three Locations in May 2016!

- Jones Beach, Long Island
- Midland Beach Promenade, Staten Island
- Pier 26, Greenwich Village, New York

Contact Lori Peterson, 516-465-2631