

# The Miriam Memo



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**The Miriam Hospital**  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur J. Sampson".

Arthur J. Sampson

Every time I see the image on the cover of this issue of *The Miriam Memo*, I can't help but smile. It reminds me of the important, life-changing work we are doing at The Miriam Hospital every day. Scott Mercier, pictured on the cover with his daughter Karley, has our award-winning Center for Bariatric Surgery to thank for helping him change his life. After losing 150 pounds, Scott's enjoying an active life with his family—something obesity prevented him from doing before. I'm excited to share his weight loss story with you as the Center for Bariatric Surgery and the Weight Management Program joins forces to open The Center of Weight and Wellness in East Greenwich.

Other reminders of our daily impact on patients' lives are found on Fain 3 in the Leonard and Adele R. Decof Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, where complementary therapies—made possible entirely through philanthropy—are making both the physical and psychological aspects of cancer treatment easier to manage. You'll read more about this life changing program—and other exciting news from The Miriam—within these pages. As we look ahead in this New Year, I also hope you'll join us at this year's Gala on April 16th at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. This extraordinary night will take us back in time to the *Age of Aquarius* with the evening's fund-a-need and auction benefiting the Cancer Patient Assistance Program.

It is also my pleasure to share that we welcomed Nancy E. Broude as The Miriam Hospital Foundation's new Chief Development Officer on November 30. An accomplished and enthusiastic fundraising leader, Nancy brings with her more than 20 years of expertise, and we could not be more excited that she chose to join The Miriam family.

While it would be easy for us to get caught up in all that happens at The Miriam on a daily basis, we never for a moment forget that much of what we accomplish as a hospital would not be possible without the unwavering support and commitment of our generous and supportive donor community.

Thank you for your continued support and my best wishes to you and yours for a healthy and peaceful 2016.

## Dr. G. Dean Roye Receives Excellence in Teaching Award



Dr. G. Dean Roye, MD, Director of General Surgery at The Miriam Hospital is the 2015 recipient of The Riesman Family Excellence in Teaching Award.

"The Riesman Teaching Award is the most prestigious teaching award at The Miriam and it's extremely humbling to receive it in the company of the other physicians nominated, all of whom I look up to," explains Dr. Roye. "It's nice to know my peers recognize my interests and desire in teaching."

The Riesman Award was created by a gift from the Robert A. and Marcia S. Riesman family to recognize excellence in teaching by a Miriam physician who is currently and actively involved in the education of medical students, resident physicians and other colleagues. Dr. Roye plans to use his award scholarship to purchase surgical reference materials and videos for the residents on call to further help his students' education and knowledge.

"Dr. Roye teaches not only about patients' pathophysiology and diagnostic and therapeutic approaches, but he teaches compassion, especially by example, and stresses that one of a physician's greatest roles is to be a good listener and a strong and recurrent presence at the bedside," says Fred J. Schiffman, MD, Associate Physician-in-Chief of The Miriam Hospital.





## Empowering Patients to Fight Obesity

Scott Mercier was never “a slim guy,” but after the premature birth of his daughter in 2007 and the tremendous stress that accompanied it, he reached an all-time high of 335 pounds. With his newborn hospitalized for 30 days in intensive care, Scott was traveling to both work and the hospital daily, and eating became a matter of grabbing quick, unhealthy meals on the run. Within the year, he gained 100 pounds.

Scott soon found himself struggling to get down on the floor and play with his little girl. He could no longer ski because he couldn’t find ski boots big enough to fit over his calves. He was also going through three rescue inhalers a month and suffered from severe sleep apnea.

The turning point for Scott came when he needed a general surgeon to repair a hernia and was introduced to G. Dean Roye, MD. “Dr. Roye looked at my situation and determined that a hernia repair would not work at my current weight. He asked if I had ever considered weight loss surgery.”

At Dr. Roye’s suggestion, Scott began thinking seriously about the surgery. His wife Deborah, pictured above, attended his next appointment and Scott then made the decision to have gastric bypass. He was ready to make the lifestyle changes that would reduce his risk of death and enable him to be there for the special moments in his family’s life.

Dr. Roye is part of The Miriam Hospital’s multidisciplinary Center for Bariatric Surgery. The

comprehensive program offers patients with a body mass index of 35 or higher three options for minimally invasive bariatric surgery: gastric sleeve, adjustable gastric band, and gastric bypass. Depending on the procedure, it works by either

reducing the size of the patient’s stomach, which restricts the amount of food they can eat, or by rerouting the digestive system allowing food to bypass a large portion of the small intestine, or a combination of both. A person’s medical health history and lifestyle helps to determine the type of surgery that is right for them. The Miriam also offers a non-surgical weight management program that provides comprehensive, medically supervised

treatment for mild, moderate and severely overweight adults (*see page 5*).

Before surgery, patients meet with a team of specialists, including a surgeon, nutritionist, radiologist, pulmonologist, cardiologist, psychiatrist, and members of the nursing staff, who perform comprehensive medical exams and evaluations. Also required for surgery are intensive educational classes and support group programs where patients learn what to expect during and after surgery.

**“Obesity-related conditions include heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer, some of the leading causes of preventable death.”**

– Center for Disease Control



Scott before surgery

“People always ask what my biggest accomplishment is... it is the little things that I get the greatest satisfaction from. Things like playing on the floor with my daughter and tying my shoes without losing my breath.”

—Scott Mercier, patient

Patients who undergo gastric bypass to tackle obesity reduce their risk of death over five years by eighty-nine percent. According to the Chief of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at the Center for Bariatric Surgery, Siva Vithiananthan, MD, “There is an 80 to 82 percent resolution of Type 2 diabetes, and within 48 to 72 hours we see a reduction of diabetic medication needs.”

What sets The Miriam’s program apart from others in the region is its follow up services. Before going home from the hospital, patients have a one-on-one, bedside pharmacy consultation and they go home with all the medications, vitamins and minerals they need. This is a convenience for the patient, but also helps with patient adherence. The support groups are also a unique follow-up feature. Each month there are five different support groups open to anyone, not just patients of The Miriam’s program. The groups not only offer support, they organize group runs and participate in various sporting events together.

On December 8, 2011, Scott had his gastric bypass surgery, at which point Dr. Roye also repaired his hernia. Within six months, his sleep apnea was gone, and he no longer needed asthma medication. Within a year, he was down more than 100 pounds.

Today, Scott is four years post-surgery and is maintaining a healthy and active weight of 185 pounds. He’s running half marathons and completing obstacle races; he’s back skiing and

has the energy and ability to keep up with his now eight-year-old daughter, Karley.

So pleased with his experience at The Miriam and thrilled with his new healthy lifestyle, Scott speaks at new patient seminars and helps facilitate the men’s support group. “People always ask what my biggest accomplishment is. I can point to the big things like the half marathons, obstacle races and

other fitness challenges, but it is the little things that I get the greatest satisfaction from. Things like playing on the floor with my daughter and tying my shoes without losing my breath,” explains Scott.

The Center for Bariatric Surgery and The Weight Management Program at The Miriam have recently joined forces, providing patients the opportunity to learn

about all of the weight loss programs available at The Miriam during a single orientation. Together, as The Center for Weight and Wellness, the programs are also opening a satellite location in East Greenwich in January 2016 that brings all of their combined services and support to patients under one roof.

“We may not be able to cure obesity, but we are committed to giving our patients all the tools and support they need to lose weight and live longer, happier and healthier lives,” says Arthur Sampson, President, The Miriam Hospital.



Bariatric surgeons, Beth Ryder, MD, G. Dean Roye, MD and Siva Vithiananthan, MD. Not pictured: Todd Stafford, MD



## The Non-Surgical Path to Health

For Deb Toyota and her son Matt, losing weight and getting healthy has become a family affair thanks to The Miriam's Weight Management Program. Approaching 50, Deb was looking to do something major to reclaim her body and lose the unwanted pounds she'd gained over the years since giving birth to her children. At 5'1" and 288 pounds, she searched the Internet and found The Miriam's program. "I didn't think I could lose the weight with regular calorie counting, and I also didn't want to have the surgery," she says.

"Fortunately, The Miriam has programs that span the spectrum of circumstances (medical, psychological and physical) for patients that need to lose different amounts of weight," explains Vincent Pera, MD, Director of the Weight Management Program.

With more than 100 pounds to lose, Deb enrolled in the Level III program which includes 20- to 28-weeks on a liquid diet of five medically-approved, nutrition-packed shakes per day. The calorie reduction combined with close medical monitoring, behavior therapy, exercise instruction and nutrition education were just what Deb needed. "The staff was so supportive and their genuine caring made the program doable."

Soon after starting the program, Deb was able to come off of the blood pressure medications she'd been on for decades. Doctors also told her she was no longer pre-diabetic. After 20 weeks on the full fasting program, Deb continued with a modified fast for another six months, and food was slowly reintroduced into her diet. She joined the Masters Program—the maintenance program designed to help patients keep the weight off—a year into the program when she was within 20 pounds of her goal weight. Around the time Deb started the modified fast, her 21-year-old son Matt was inspired by his mom's success and decided to enroll in the program himself.

Battling with his weight since he was a child, he too was heading down a path to pre-diabetes. Matt says, "I was one of those people that would say

I could never do the liquid diet, but I saw my mom's progress and decided to devote the time and energy to losing the weight.

I'm lucky; I'm young and have the rest of my life to keep it as my lifestyle."

Starting at a weight of more than 300 pounds, Matt has lost more than 125 pounds. "The full liquid diet totally flushes out old habits and changes your taste buds. Before, I wouldn't eat fish or vegetables, now I love fish and have tried all vegetables. It gives you a clean slate."

Mother and son know they have to constantly work at maintaining their weight loss and new lifestyle, just like patients that have bariatric surgery. "I'm learning how to eat for real life. Using the strategies I've developed by going to group and learning how to look at food differently, I now have all I need to be successful," says Deb.

"I'm so proud of Matt," says Deb. "It's gratifying as a mother to know I not only did this to help myself and my family, but was able to inspire my son to be healthier as well. We're so fortunate to live so close to such a wonderful program and hospital as The Miriam."



# 2015 Annual Meeting

THE MIRIAM HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



Susan H. Kaplan, Vice Chair of The Miriam Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees and Sheri Sweitzer, a Governor of The Miriam Hospital



Marie J. Langlois

## Annual Meeting

**Highlights The Miriam's Accomplishments, Honors Alan H. Litwin and Welcomes Marie J. Langlois as Chair, The Miriam Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees**

**O**n Wednesday, November 4, The Miriam Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees held its 2015 Annual Meeting, welcoming more than 120 friends and supporters to the hospital's Sopkin Auditorium.

Along with celebrating The Miriam's successes of the past year and the outpouring of generous support from donors, the evening served to install a new slate of officers, governors and trustees, while giving special recognition to outgoing Foundation chair, Alan H. Litwin, for his years of dedicated service.

During his remarks, hospital president Arthur Sampson proudly shared a few of The Miriam's impressive accolades of the past year. He cited The Miriam again receiving the prestigious Magnet designation, making it one of only four hospitals nationwide to achieve the recognition five times. He also highlighted the re-accreditation of the hospital's multidisciplinary bariatric surgery program, and it being among the first in the nation to be named a Blue Distinction Center for quality by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island.

As the business portion of the meeting drew to a close, Alan Litwin reflected on his tenure as chair of the Foundation

with a sense of pride and deep appreciation. He will remain an active member of the Foundation.

"So many of the accomplishments, medical breakthroughs and recognitions shared tonight quite simply wouldn't be possible if not for the generosity of people like all of you who give so much of themselves for the sake of others," said Alan. "This hospital is such an important part of the community; it has been an honor to work alongside an amazing team to help advance its work."

In one of her first duties as the newly-appointed chair of The Miriam's Foundation Board, Marie J. Langlois invited Alan back to the stage to present him with a special gift in recognition of his years of service, which stands at more than 40 years and counting.

"Not only is Alan an incredible friend and wonderful person, he is an extraordinary leader who leads by example, giving freely of himself to The Miriam," said Marie. "Together with his wife, Marianne, the Litwins have embraced our hospital fully and openly and for that, we are forever grateful."

# More than Four Decades Later, Alan H. Litwin's Commitment to The Miriam is as Strong as Ever

**I**t was more than 40 years ago that Alan H. Litwin's connection to The Miriam took root. But it wasn't as a patient. It was as a volunteer in the hospital's pharmacy, while he was still in high school.

"So much in my life is about giving back, which is something my parents instilled in me at an early age," says Alan. "I was taught that anyone can make a difference by volunteering, and that is particularly true at The Miriam, where volunteers are welcomed with open arms."

A lifelong resident of Providence's East Side, Alan pursued a degree in economics at Lafayette College, later receiving an MBA from Rutgers University and a Master's in Taxation from Bryant University. Today, he is an accomplished CPA and managing director of Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co, Ltd. But no matter where Alan is or what he's doing, Providence and The Miriam are never far from his thoughts.

"I've seen, firsthand, how important The Miriam is to the community and how it saves lives," says Alan. "I wanted to be a part of that and do what I could to help."



"It was a lot of work, but when you walk into the emergency department and see the difference our collective efforts have made in helping caregivers provide an even higher level of exceptional patient care, you know it was worth every second," he says.

In 2013, Alan was appointed chair of The Miriam Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees. During the hospital's Annual Meeting this past November, he passed the torch of leadership to Marie J. Langlois, but will still remain an active member of the Foundation Board.

"More than just a remarkable leader,

Alan is an absolutely wonderful person who has been The Miriam's go-to person for longer than I can remember,"

says Marie. "When I think of Alan and his wife Marianne, the expression 'love knows no bounds' couldn't be more appropriate; they have embraced our hospital fully and openly."

Year after year, gala after gala, campaign after campaign, and everything in between, the Litwins' tireless dedication to The Miriam has left an indelible mark, and for that, we will be forever grateful.

"Health care is very important to Marianne and me; we want to contribute to a place that makes the community stronger for the future and that's exactly what The Miriam represents," Alan shares. "Words cannot describe the sense of pride I feel when people in the community come up to me and say, 'The Miriam is my hospital of choice.'"



Alan and Marianne Litwin

In 1986, Alan volunteered to serve on the hospital's finance committee. He later became chair of The Miriam Hospital Board. For three years, Alan chaired *Advancing Emergency and*



*Cardiac Care: The Miriam's Campaign for Excellence*, helping to raise millions of dollars for a complete renovation of the emergency department and procedural care unit.



# 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Miriam People Dinner

## CELEBRATES DONOR GENEROSITY, HOSPITAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Jeffrey Savit and Lori Barnet; Alan and Marianne Litwin; Arthur and Lynda Sampson; Geri and Fred J. Schiffman, MD; Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr.; Timothy J. Babineau, MD; Marie J. Langlois and John Loerke; and Jill Cohen and Michael Savit



Jeffrey Savit and Lori Barnet; Fred J. Schiffman, MD; Jill Cohen and Michael Savit

More than 150 members of The Miriam People Society and their guests were welcomed by officers and trustees of The Miriam Hospital Foundation on October 7 for the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Miriam People Dinner.

The special evening, held at the Providence Marriott, brought together donors who have made annual gifts of \$1,000

or more, or have given \$25,000 or more in their lifetimes. In addition to a delightful dinner, guests heard from hospital leadership, who cast a spotlight on The Miriam's many accomplishments of the past year made possible thanks to generous donor support.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Fred J. Schiffman, a Miriam

medical oncologist who serves as medical director of The Leonard and Adele R. Decof Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Miriam Hospital, as well as the Sigal Family Professor of Humanistic Medicine at Brown University. Dr. Schiffman delivered a thought-provoking presentation on the applications of humanistic medicine—open communication, mutual respect, and the emotional connections built between physicians and patients—at The Miriam and beyond. Dr. Schiffman also highlighted the ways in which The Miriam employs a relationship-centered approach to care through programs and services that treat patients' body, mind and soul, and what must be done to enhance humanistic medicine as an interdisciplinary field in the practice of clinical care.

This year's Miriam People Dinner was co-chaired by Jeffrey Savit and his wife Lori Barnet, and Michael Savit and his wife Jill Cohen.



Dr. John Froehlich and Susan Froehlich

## Caring Professionals and Patients Who Care.

Grateful for The Miriam's care and compassion, patients and their families can pay tribute to the caregivers making a difference during their hospital experience with a Caring Hearts nomination. Donations to The Caring Hearts Program support The Miriam Hospital Fund for a New Generation, which provides vital resources to areas with the greatest funding needs, including patient care services, educational programs, and innovative research projects.

Upon nomination, Caring Hearts providers receive a letter informing him or her of the thoughtful gift made in their honor as well as a custom-crafted lapel pin to wear proudly.

We recently received this nomination from Regina Toomey...

*On December 26, Dr. Lorvidhaya replaced my husband Richard's old defibrillator device with a new CRT-D device. This event was life-changing for the whole Toomey family. We feel like it was a miracle as well as a marvel of modern medicine & science. Richard feels like a new man, with all symptoms of his congestive heart failure gone since that day!!! Thank you, Dr. Lorvidhaya and your team – you are our heroes. Richard & Regina Toomey & family.*

For more information about the Caring Hearts Program please visit [giving.lifespan.org/Caring-Hearts](http://giving.lifespan.org/Caring-Hearts).



## Complementary Cancer Therapies Available to Patients Thanks to Donor Support



Peter DuBiel receiving a Reiki healing session with Gail Yates, Coordinator of Complementary Care.

A cancer diagnosis can turn a person's life upside down. Suddenly, they're thrust into life as a patient, filled with countless appointments and procedures, chemotherapy treatments and often radiation. While all are intended to treat their cancer, physical and emotional side effects unfortunately can occur.

As part of The Miriam Hospital's commitment to helping patients manage their symptoms, complementary therapies, including Reiki, massage, acupuncture and yoga, are offered to patients at no charge. This is possible thanks, in part, to donors like The Miriam Hospital Women's Association. Their recent gift to support the program will go a long way to ensure patients continue to receive these helpful services without having to pay out of pocket.

"I want our patients to wake up and say 'Great – I'm going to the Cancer Center today! I'm going to feel so much better when I leave,' " explains Susan Korber, Administrative Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Miriam Hospital. "We are always focused on the highest level of care, and complementary therapies help provide the highest level of comfort. They help patients sleep better, eat better and have less pain."

The complementary services are available to patients during and post treatment to manage symptoms including neuropathy, nausea, and emotional stress. "I can't imagine going through my journey with cancer without the complementary therapies," says cancer survivor and complementary therapy patient, Peter DuBiel. "It has really helped me so much."

When people hear the word "vaccine," the first thing that usually comes to mind is an immunization to prevent them from getting a disease like the measles or chicken pox. But what if a vaccine could help treat patients with prostate cancer? That is exactly what physicians and researchers at The Miriam are working to find out.

Committed to bringing cutting-edge discoveries and treatments to patients, The Miriam Hospital is helping to evaluate the effects of a potentially life-changing immunotherapy by participating in a phase one trial for a new prostate cancer vaccine developed by pharmaceutical company Advaxis.

"A similar vaccine is being successfully used for cervical and anal cancers and we are optimistic that the immune system will respond similarly for patients with metastatic prostate cancers," says Anthony E. Mega, MD, a medical oncologist at The Miriam.

Used in combination with standard care chemotherapy and radiation, this vaccine could dramatically improve the quality of life for patients, triggering an immune response to fight the prostate cancer.

## From Bench to Bedside – Prostate Cancer Vaccine Being Studied at The Miriam



# Brown University Football Team Hosts Annual “Bench Press for Cancer” Fundraiser in Support of The Miriam



cancerous tumor that grows in the bone and soft tissue surrounding the bone. Lawrence passed away in 2005 at the age of 23, but his courage and resolve while battling the disease inspired the Brown community to take action and help other young adults fighting for their lives while honoring his memory. Since the event’s inception, more than \$107,000 has been raised.

“From tragedy grew an incredible effort that epitomizes the impact young people can have on the lives of others and their community; year after year, I am in awe of the dedication exhibited by everyone involved,” says Dr. Fred J. Schiffman, a Miriam medical oncologist who serves as medical director of The Leonard and Adele R. Decof Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Miriam Hospital, as well as the Sigal Family Professor of Humanistic Medicine at Brown University. “Our Cancer Survivorship Program for Young Adults is the first of its kind in Rhode Island, and thanks to generosity such as this, we’re able to work with survivors to help them live the healthiest, fullest lives possible following their treatment—we want to be there for them for the rest of their lives.”

It was an uncharacteristically warm November Monday when members of the Brown University football team welcomed fellow students, athletes, faculty, alumni and members of the community to the school’s main green for its “Bench Press for Cancer” event.

Now in its 12th year, the annual effort accomplishes two important purposes: honoring the memory of Brown student-athlete Lawrence Rubida, and raising funds to support the Cancer Survivorship Program for Young Adults at The Leonard and Adele R. Decof Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Miriam Hospital.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. under a cloudless sky, participants took turns flexing their muscles by bench pressing a weight of either 75 or 165 pounds for as many repetitions as they could. Prior to the event, each participant secured a “per rep” pledge, providing them the added motivation to push themselves to raise the bar until they could bench no more.

By the time the event ended at 4:00 p.m., literally thousands of bench press repetitions—coupled with hours of sweat, determination and encouragement—resulted in thousands of dollars raised.

“While the football team takes great pride in running the event, the funds we’ve raised are a direct reflection of the Brown community as a whole,” says Will Quigley, a key organizer of the event and a senior defensive back on the football team. “Cancer has affected all of us in one way or another, and as a team, we are truly honored to work with The Miriam, knowing the funds we raise help young adult cancer survivors.”

“Bench Press for Cancer” made its first appearance at Brown in 2004 as a fundraiser in support of former football team captain Lawrence Rubida, who was diagnosed with Ewing’s Sarcoma—a







## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride 'Round Rhody Raises \$47,000 for Local Cancer Treatment

This past July, LIFEcycle continued its commitment to supporting local cancer treatment and clinical research when the organization held its 7th annual Ride 'Round Rhody charity bike ride. Enjoyed by 50 cyclists, including four cancer survivors, the ride raised \$47,000 for Lifespan's Comprehensive Cancer Centers, including The Leonard and Adele R. Decof Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Miriam Hospital, as well as programs at Rhode Island Hospital and Newport Hospital.

Beginning and ending at West Kingston Elementary School, this year's course featured three different ride lengths for cyclists of all ages and abilities; 25 miles, 50 miles, and 75 miles. From beautiful back roads to scenic coastlines that passed through iconic Watch Hill, Shannock Falls and Misquamicut Beach, the ride finished under the grace of the Coast Guard House and shaded Narragansett bike path.

"Year after year, I am amazed by the passion and commitment of our riders and volunteers—their energy has powered some amazing achievements," said Jacob Brier, Co-Founder and Chairman of LIFEcycle. "I am also extremely proud of our history of support for the Comprehensive

Cancer Center and The Miriam. The advancements made there have been amazing, and the benefits those advancements provide to local patients are so critical."

From start to finish, cyclists were supported with on-route rest stops and bike mechanics, food to fuel their journey, and volunteers cheering them on as they biked their way to completion for a great cause. Each participant raised a minimum of \$250, with 19 cyclists earning entry into the 2015 Peloton Pack for raising \$1,000 or more.

"The Miriam has emerged as a national leader in cancer care and research, and that in no small part is due to the incredible support we received from the community and organizations like LIFEcycle," said Arthur Sampson, President of The Miriam Hospital. "Words alone cannot express our appreciation for the energy and commitment that so many pour into making this inspirational event possible."

Since 2009, LIFEcycle's signature Ride 'Round Rhody event has raised more than \$350,000 in support of local cancer care and research and become an invaluable partner of The Miriam's work.

## Planned Giving

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