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## Providence Police Officer Inspires Thousands to Action

**I**t was an October day in 2014 when 46-year-old Ed Malloy's life changed forever. Although Ed wasn't feeling like himself that morning, nothing could keep him from the call of duty. A Providence police officer, Ed was in the motorcycle unit of the motorcade escorting President Obama from the airport to Providence.

As they made their way up I-95, Ed felt a sudden jolt of pain in his back. The pain was so intense he thought he was shot. Although his partner knew something was wrong, the two unwaveringly continued their mission. With the President safely delivered to his location, Ed put the kick-stand down and slumped over his motorcycle.

His colleagues packed Ed in a squad car and rushed him to the emergency department at Rhode Island Hospital, where a bedside ultrasound revealed he had massive internal bleeding that involved his liver. He was rushed off for surgery and four hours later woke up in the ICU to learn that a tumor on his liver had ruptured. "I thought I was going to die," Ed recalls. "It felt like a gun shot, but without the bullet."

The weeks that followed included intensive care, surgery to remove as much of the tumor as possible, and the frightening news that the tumor was in fact cancer.

For a brief period following the surgery, Ed and his wife Ellie remained cautiously optimistic. But scans soon showed additional spots on his liver and that the cancer had spread to his lungs.



Dr. Safran and Ed Malloy

Tumor ablations followed, as did eight different rounds of radiation, surgery to remove a large tumor from his shoulder, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, gene therapy, and targeted therapies.

"Fortunately, there have been several therapies that have provided many months of positive response including tumor shrinkage. But it has been a process of trial and error finding therapies that the cancer responds to," explains Howard Safran, MD, Lifespan Cancer Institute's Chief of Hematology/Oncology and Ed's oncologist. "With many new drugs and trials on the horizon, we are hopeful that the therapies we try will keep Ed's cancer treatable."

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Today, Ed takes each day as it comes. “A few years ago, all I wanted was to see my son Ryan graduate college and become a Providence police officer, and for my daughter Meagan to graduate high school,” says Ed. “Thanks to Dr. Safran and the amazing care I’ve received at Rhode Island Hospital, I have seen both and am so grateful.”

Cancer now has been a part of their lives for five years and Ed and Ellie say it’s their “new normal.” Ed continues to work for the Providence Police Department, where he is assigned to the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force, a job he took shortly after his diagnosis. He recently began a new clinical trial—one which Rhode Island Hospital is the first hospital in the world to study.

“This new drug inhibits a cancer growth pathway. Ed had a spot in the first trial group but the opportunity to be the first person to get a double dose of the drug was presented if he could wait 3 weeks,” explains Dr. Safran. “Ed was incredibly brave to wait and get a double dose. Within two weeks he’s feeling better.”

“I won’t quit,” Ed says, “and I know Dr. Safran and my care team won’t either.”

“We try and stay positive and save our energy for the good stuff,” says Ellie. “Worrying just robs you of the good times.”

The Malloy family has been participating in the Lifespan Cancer Institute’s Rising Above Cancer 5K Run/Walk since its inception in the summer of 2016. “The first year I ran, the second year I walked, last year was really rough, and this year I hope to walk it again,” Ed says. The event raises funds for the Lifespan Cancer Institute’s



Meagan, Ryan, Ellie, and Ed Malloy

Patient Support Fund, and each year the Malloys have brought together an ever-growing number of family, friends, and coworkers from the police and fire departments, state police, and FBI among others to join their team. It’s called “Malloy Strong.”

Given the positive impact Ed has on those around him, and his dedication to the Rising Above Cancer 5K Run/Walk, the event organizers unanimously agreed to rename the Patient Support Fund the Malloy Strong Patient Support Fund.

David Wazer, MD, Director of the Lifespan Cancer Institute explains, “Ed is an inspiration to everyone he meets and we thought it was only appropriate to rename the fund in his honor.”

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# Meet Dr. Jeremiah D. Schuur, Physician-in-Chief, Emergency Medicine

**R**hode Island Hospital was thrilled to recently welcome Jeremiah D. Schuur, MD, MHS, FACEP, back to the Ocean State after he's trained, practiced, and taught at some of the most recognized medical and academic institutions in the nation. Dr. Schuur is Lifespan's new physician-in-chief of emergency medicine and chair of the department of emergency medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Dr. Schuur, who completed his Brown residency at Rhode Island Hospital, shared his thoughts about the exciting advances taking place in our hospital.

## **What is your vision for Rhode Island Hospital's emergency department?**

My vision is to provide the highest quality emergency care to residents of the region regardless of who they are, what time of day it is. We aim to achieve nationally leading results on quality, safety, efficiency and patient experience. Around 100,000 patients visit the Andrew F. Anderson Emergency Center each year, and—as the only Level 1 Trauma Center and only comprehensive stroke center in the region—we must be prepared to handle everything that could arrive, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. To ensure that, we'll continue to dedicate ourselves to clinical and operational excellence while leveraging cutting-edge technologies like those found in our new biplane interventional radiology suite.

## **What can you tell us about the new biplane interventional radiology suite?**

Biplane imaging uses two rotating cameras, one on each side of the patient, that move front-to-back and side-to-side, simultaneously taking detailed images of blood vessels, soft tissue and blood flow in real-time. These images give us never-before-accessible information that informs diagnosis and treatment. The suite features the latest, most sophisticated biplane imaging technology



Dr. Jeremiah D. Schuur

available for advanced diagnostics and interventional treatment of conditions of the brain—including strokes, aneurysms, and tumors.

## **What makes this suite unique?**

It's a first-of-its-kind room because the stroke surgery suite is located right in the ED. Because "time is brain," having immediate access to procedures while in the ED is critical and can improve treatment for stroke, including how well patients recover and return to life.

A recent change in the state's emergency medical service (EMS) regulations will also accelerate access. The change, which goes into effect this June, allows any Rhode Islander suffering a severe stroke to be transported directly to our Comprehensive Stroke Center (the only one in the state), regardless of transport time. Currently, EMS brings these patients to their closest hospital first and then they are transported here after evaluation. That delay can worsen outcomes. So, the launch of our new suite coupled with the EMS change will really take our commitment to "delivering health with care" to a new level.

## With Gratitude

Dear Lisette [Prince],

Last week I was at the [Norman Prince Neurological Institute] neurology clinic in Rhode Island Hospital where I saw photos of you and your family, your great-uncle and the Lafayette Escadrille. Your uncle's World War I story moved me deeply. That war was a focus of a study in one of my university courses.

I write to thank you and your family for establishing the clinic. On June 29, I had emergency surgery there for a bleeding brain aneurysm. My neurosurgeon, Dr. Mahesh Jayaraman, tells us that my survival and recovery with no impairment is what we would call a miracle. "The universe has your back!" he told me. I cannot praise sufficiently all the fine people who cared for me. Be assured that the clinic is functioning beautifully.

Fondly, Jan Isadoro

## Cancer Survivor Makes Planned Gift to Support Research

Ask anyone who knows 58-year-old Kelly Maher and they'll tell you the woman is a fighter. When a bout of Lyme disease sapped her energy in 2015, she knew something was really wrong when she completed her treatment and still found herself exhausted all the time.

A few months passed and then excruciating belly pain took center stage. Her primary care provider ordered an MRI, which revealed two large masses in her abdomen. Kelly was immediately referred to the Women's Medicine Collaborative at Lifespan, where further testing confirmed stage IV ovarian cancer. She underwent chemotherapy and then surgery at Rhode Island Hospital. By fall 2016, she was back doing what she loved most – swimming in the ocean. Unfortunately, the cancer returned in March 2017.

Kelly returned to the Lifespan Cancer Institute at Rhode Island Hospital for more chemotherapy. "My experience there the first time was so positive. I wouldn't go anywhere else." In October 2017, scans showed Kelly was cancer free.



A painting Kelly worked on while recuperating

"From the moment I met my care team, they said they would take care of me, and they did. I didn't have to think about anything except getting better. I don't have children and I wanted to leave a legacy," says Kelly.

"In making provisions for the future of my estate, I knew I wanted to help the cancer center by supporting its research. Helping others in the future who may be going through what I experienced is the best thing I can do."



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