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COVER: Michelle Moreau and her oncologist
Rimini A. Breakstone, MD. *More on page 4.*



Arthur J. Sampson
President, The Miriam Hospital

Here at The Miriam Hospital, our credo is to strive, every day, for perfection in the delivery of compassionate, patient-centered care. Along the way, nurses and everyone else at The Miriam are supported in their pursuit of perfection by a caring and generous donor community. That’s why we are dedicating this edition of *The Miriam Memo* to you and the other philanthropists whose support enables us to achieve our mission of delivering health with care. Please visit our full 2018 Honor Roll at miriamhospital.org/2018-Honor-Roll.

This year’s issue shines a spotlight on some important milestones of the past year. We pay homage to our nurses who year after year achieve the highest status of nursing care credentialing; you’ll reconnect with my predecessor at the hospital, Dr. Kathleen C. Hittner, who together with her husband demonstrates the power of planned giving; and you’ll meet a courageous woman who shares her journey with colorectal cancer from two perspectives: as a Miriam Hospital patient and as a Miriam Hospital oncology nurse.

Our strength comes from the brilliant people who work at and love The Miriam. It also comes from wonderful people like you who stand by our side with your generosity and encouragement.

Thank you for being an important part of The Miriam’s story.

This “Magnet” Helps Us Attract the Best Nurses

When most of us hear the word “magnet” we think of a piece of metal that can attract and pull objects toward itself. But to staff at The Miriam Hospital, mention of the word elicits a different response altogether. “When we hear ‘magnet’ it’s the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s [ANCC] Magnet Recognition Program that’s top of mind,” says Maria Ducharme, DNP, Senior Vice President for Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at The Miriam. “It’s the highest and most prestigious distinction a health care organization can receive for nursing.”



The ANCC recognizes health care organizations for their quality patient care, nursing excellence, and innovations in professional nursing practice, based on a rigorous evaluation that covers more than 65 areas of focus. Magnet status is ANCC’s gold standard, and it’s reserved for the best of the best. In fact, of the 5,000 U.S. hospitals assessed, only the top eight percent receive the designation. The Miriam has garnered the honor an impressive five consecutive times—one of only four hospitals nationwide to do so—and maintains the designation today.

“Being recognized is an honor for The Miriam Hospital nurses, and all staff—as nurses could not do their job without the support of the entire team of exceptional hospital employees,” Maria adds. “It is something we take great pride in.”



Michelle Moreau and Rimini Breakstone, MD

Colorectal Cancer Turns the Table on Oncology Nurse

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in the United States among both men and women. But while colon and rectal cancers are steadily declining among people 65 and older, they are steadily climbing among people under 50.

Thanks to the outpouring of support from donors at The Miriam Hospital's Annual Gala and Auction on May 11 (*see story page 6*), our growing population of colorectal patients will be provided with the expanded navigation, survivorship, and financial assistance they need and deserve.

Meet Michelle.

Michelle Moreau is an oncology nurse at The Miriam where she has worked for nearly 30 years. When she turned 50 she went for her screening colonoscopy and was stunned to learn she had stage III rectal cancer that had spread locally to her lymph nodes.

"I did have a small amount of blood in my stool a couple of times over the course of 6 months," says the now 52-year-old mother of two from Lincoln. "I thought nothing of it because I had no other symptoms. I certainly would be the first one to call a doctor if I was concerned."

“I couldn’t believe this was happening,” says her husband, Bruce. “She was young. She was an oncology nurse. We never contemplated that Michelle would face the exact thing she worked with. It was traumatizing.” The couple could have gone anywhere for Michelle’s care but knew right away that The Miriam was the only place they wanted to be. The treatment that followed, as well as its aftermath, was a challenge. “It was a bumpy ride,” Michelle says.

After eight rounds of chemotherapy and high-dose radiation, the oncology nurse underwent surgery to remove the tumor. Adam A. Klipfel, MD, who specializes in colorectal surgery, created a temporary diverting ileostomy and a stoma for Michelle, allowing time for her colon to heal.

Eight weeks later, Michelle was back in surgery as Dr. Klipfel reversed the ileostomy and reattached the colon. With the support of The Miriam’s comprehensive colorectal cancer team and her family, Michelle completed treatment and returned to work eight months later. Today, she’s cancer free and adjusting to her new normal. “With rectal cancer, even when it’s over, it’s not over,” says Michelle.

Rimini A. Breakstone, MD, Michelle’s medical oncologist, underscores that fact.

“There are particular challenges with this cancer because of the long-term issues involved, which can be uncomfortable to talk about,” Dr. Breakstone says. “Changes in bowel patterns can happen after treatment ... even after a cure.”

Michelle not only appeared in The Miriam’s gala video, she also spoke live at the event. While acknowledging that this is a difficult issue to discuss, she told the audience about her journey.

“If sharing my story helps just one person get screened early, if it convinces one person not to ignore even a trace of blood or stomach pain, then I had to put my modesty aside,” she says.

Screening Saves Lives

The disturbing trend in early onset of the disease may be linked to more sedentary lifestyles, the obesity epidemic, and poor dietary habits in children and young adults. But genetics also play a big role. The established recommended screening age of 50 was recently reduced to 45 by the American Cancer Society for those determined to be of average risk.

“Screening programs work, especially when the disease process takes a while,” says a member of Michelle’s care team, colorectal surgeon Steven Schechter, MD. “Polyps take at least seven to ten years to turn into cancer.”

Colorectal cancer is a very tricky disease; the symptoms can often be very minimal, and can overlap with other types of diseases. If you’re having bleeding or pain, those are the times when you really need to get checked out and not put it off and wait for it to go away. Other symptoms to watch for include:

- Constipation
- Changes in bowel habits
- Diarrhea
- Narrowing of the stool
- Feeling of incomplete evacuation
- Fatigue
- Unexplained weight loss



Grease is the Word!

The Miriam's 2019 Gala Raises \$701,080



On May 11, The Miriam took more than 450 guests back in time to Rydell High when the hospital transformed Wheeler School Van Norman Field House for its 2019 gala and auction, *Grease is the Word!*

The event raised \$701,080 to benefit *The Miriam Fund for a New Generation* for programs and services with the most pressing needs. Of the total raised, the event's auctions and fund-a-need generated \$315,061 for The Miriam's colorectal cancer program to improve outcomes and quality of life in three areas: navigation, survivorship, and patient assistance.

"Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the dedication of our medical leaders and our staff, The Miriam is in the vanguard of research, medical treatment, and technology, not only in the region, but in the nation," said hospital President Arthur J. Sampson. "So many give of their time, talent, and treasure not because The Miriam *has* needs, but because it *meets* needs."

Chaired by Samara and Stuart Feldman, the evening began with a cocktail reception, followed by remarks from hospital leadership. Guests were then introduced to a Miriam oncology nurse who shared her personal journey with cancer.

"As nurses, all of us at The Miriam know how blessed we are to have such compassionate donors in our corner," said Michelle Moreau. "And as a patient, I experienced firsthand what you make possible for our cancer program."

Professional auctioneer Harry Santa-Olalla presented the live auction which featured exciting travel excursions



L-R: Timothy J. Babineau, MD, Stuart and Samara Feldman, Susan H. Kaplan, and Arthur J. Sampson



L-R: Jonathan Fain, Stephen and Caroline Tortolani, Kirsten and William LaMotte, and Ruth Fain

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Guests from Rhode Island Medical Imaging show off their custom Letterman sweaters.

and one-of-a-kind experiences. Among those to generate friendly competition from guests was a weeklong stay in a Martha’s Vineyard home that sleeps 13, which sold for \$12,000.

Throughout the night, guests enjoyed an ambience that brought *Grease* to life. Souvenir photos were available alongside a vintage 1957 Chevrolet, and actors portraying Danny Zuko, Sandy Olsson, and Vince Fontaine added to the authenticity.

“It was an honor for Samara and me to chair this year’s gala and give back to a hospital that means so much to so many people, including us,” said Stuart Feldman.

Added Samara, “You may not expect to find world-class health care on a tree-lined street on Providence’s East Side, but that is exactly what we have at The Miriam.”

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Patricia and Steven Issa



With Danny and Sandy center stage, the Rydell High Dance Troup performs *Grease* Lightning.

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Barry and Kathleen Hittner, MD

Kathleen and Barry Hittner broke philanthropic ground, in 2002, when they established the first deferred charitable gift annuity (CGA) at Lifespan. But while the couple's gift to The Miriam Hospital was new to the hospital system, planned giving was Barry's bread and butter.

"I did estate planning as a lawyer, so we had a head start on how charitable gift annuities work," says Barry, adding with a chuckle, "Every so often, I listen to my own advice."

Providing tax savings and fixed lifetime payments to annuitants, a charitable gift annuity is a future gift to a charity one holds dear. For the Hittners, the choice of The Miriam Hospital as their beneficiary was, well, all

in the family. Kathleen Hittner, MD, served as President and CEO of the hospital from 2000 to 2009. "When I think of my most memorable moments at The Miriam, it's all about the great staff," says Kathleen, who served as Chief of Anesthesiology before assuming the top spot. "They really are like family. The staff are what I loved the most and miss the most to this day."

Barry and Kathleen met in Reading, Pennsylvania, where both were born and raised. After earning their professional degrees, the couple looked for a city to settle in—one they felt would be a good fit. Since arriving in Providence in 1979, Barry and Kathleen Hittner have become pillars of the community, enjoying distinguished and much-laureled careers, as well as significant civic and community involvement. The couple's charitable gift annuity resides in its own account at The Miriam Hospital Foundation, where it is invested and managed. Rates for lifetime payments can range from 4.1 percent to 9.3 percent, depending on the annuitant's age at the time of the gift. After a lifetime, funds remaining support the charity's mission.

"We wanted to optimize our giving to The Miriam, and the CGA allowed us to make a larger gift than an outright one because of the tax savings," says Barry. "It's flexible and can be adjusted to your needs. We didn't need an immediate payment from the annuity in 2002, so we deferred it for 10 years. That's what made it unique at the time."

The Hittners' charitable gift annuity is not only an investment in the future of The Miriam Hospital. It's a way to keep in close touch along the way. "This gift is a long-term relationship with The Miriam," says Kathleen. "It keeps us connected to an institution we love."

The Miriam People Society

The Miriam People Society, which was founded by Miriam Hospital visionary Stanley Grossman, recognizes donors with annual giving of \$1,000 or more. The Society also celebrates donors with cumulative giving of \$25,000+ and awards them lifetime membership for being a “Founders-level” supporter.

As a member of The Miriam People Society, you’ll receive regular news and information from The Miriam about how your gift makes an important difference in the lives of our patients and serves as an investment in the future of medical research and education for our community. You’ll also receive invitations to special events, including our annual Miriam People Dinner at the Providence Marriott on October 29, 2019.



To become a member of The Miriam People Society, please call 401-793-2004.



Leaving a Legacy

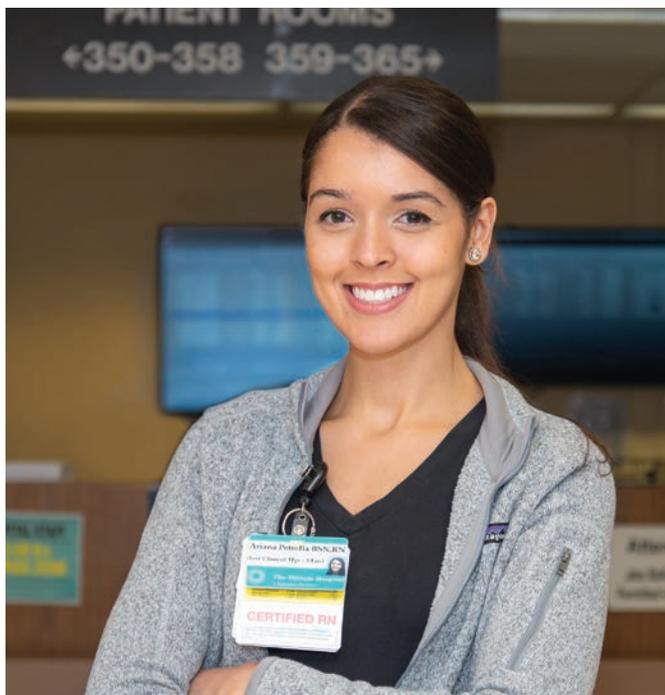
David Isenberg was a great friend to The Miriam Hospital and a valued member of the Board of Governors. He was also a patient here. As such, it was important to him to include a generous unrestricted gift to The Miriam in his estate plans. In recognition of the donation, the gift shop was renamed The Isenberg Family Gift Shop. A lifelong Providence resident, David worked his entire career in specialty food distribution and founded the family business, Chex Finer Foods. He was a generous man, something he learned from his mother who was an active leader and volunteer in Rhode Island community organizations.

“David’s charitable endeavors were varied and generous,” says Colby Cameron, his attorney. “He held The Miriam, its physicians, nurses and staff, and the quality of care in the highest regard.”

“To live with pancreatic cancer for as long as he did is remarkable and I think that time was a gift—it also gave Dad time to decide what he wanted his legacy to be,” says David’s son Jeremy. “He wanted to help ensure the long-term success of The Miriam and that it would be here for generations.”

“Michael, Rachel, and I are proud of our father’s legacy and ability to give back in this way,” adds Jeremy of himself and his siblings. “Our Dad was a wonderful man.”

A Nurse's Take on Nursing



Ariana Petrella, BSN, RN

Even before she became a nurse, Ariana Petrella knew she wanted to work at The Miriam—because she'd heard over and over about the hospital's dedication to nursing excellence, commitment to professional development, and diverse, respectful culture.

Her wish became a reality three years ago, and Ariana is now a board-certified, registered nurse at The Miriam. She's also an active member of the Nursing Excellence Advocate committee and chair of the Professional Development council.

Below, Ariana talks about what makes nursing at The Miriam so special, and how the hospital's award-winning approach to care is improving health outcomes and enhancing patient experience.

What sets The Miriam's nurses apart from others?

Our philosophy of nursing is built upon the long and strongly held belief that patient- and relationship-

centered care must be at the heart of everything we do. That philosophy is embedded and treasured here, and it informs our decision-making and drives our actions. I think other hospitals may aspire to that level, but we really do 'walk that talk' every day.

What does that philosophy look like in action?

Nurses here function autonomously and participate in making clinical and systems decisions at all levels of care and at all levels of the organization. We're able to practice freely the way we were taught, and we have resources at our fingertips that position us to succeed and help us provide the best care possible. At The Miriam, nurses truly are the coordinators of care.

What does it take to maintain such a high standard of nursing excellence?

It starts with an organization-wide commitment to nursing excellence and care delivery. Also, as a Lifespan partner and teaching hospital, The Miriam is affiliated with nursing schools in Rhode Island and Connecticut, and with The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. So, nurses here are exposed to lifelong professional development and training opportunities.

The Miriam is recognized as a Magnet Hospital for Nursing Excellence—what is the significance of this status? (See page 3 for more on this designation.)

It's the highest honor an organization can receive for professional nursing practice. We are one of only four hospitals nationwide to achieve this status five times, and we're soaring for six in 2019! We're confident we'll achieve this designation again, and we're grateful to be among such a select, elite group. But we're most proud of what it represents—that the care provided at The Miriam is among the very best ... anywhere.

Grant Helps Improve Communication, Enhance Hospital Experience

Imagine that you're in a waiting room at The Miriam Hospital while a loved one is undergoing a test or procedure. As more and more time passes, you start to feel a little anxious and wonder how everything is going "in there." Taking a walk or heading to the cafeteria for a coffee would help relieve some of the tension for sure. But you don't dare leave the waiting room. After all, if you do, you might miss your opportunity to talk with the doctor and get an update on your loved one's condition.

Well, thanks to a new Pager Genius custom paging system at the hospital, now you can leave the waiting room and be confident there won't be a missed connection. The new system, purchased as part of a grant from Ocean State Charities Trust (OSCT), will be used in The Miriam's Cardiac Catheterization Lab to connect physicians and families.

"The devices will function much like those you would use at a restaurant, which alert you when your table is ready," explains Maria Ducharme, DNP, Senior Vice President, Patient Care Services, and Chief Nursing Officer at The Miriam Hospital.

In addition to the paging system, the grant also allowed for the purchase of 25 hand-held devices, which will be used by Patient Transport Staff to improve two-way communication, increase the speed and efficiency of their work, and enhance patient experience.

"These two additions will help facilitate expedited communications across different, vital areas of our hospital," Maria points out, "and improve our ability to deliver health with care. That's why gifts such as this one from OSCT make a difference to The Miriam.

It's an investment in our shared community from a compassionate, generous partner and we are grateful for their support."

Scott Avedisian, OSCT Trustee and Secretary, also identifies the value of his organization's support. "We're deeply committed to supporting nonprofit organizations, like The Miriam, that do meaningful work in our community," he says. "This particular grant directly affects and improves the quality of life for patients and their families—and we like that."

Moreover, he points out, OSCT's longtime support of the hospital—which goes back to 1984—will continue. "The Miriam has a very good track record," Scott says, "and we're looking forward to partnering with them for many years to come."

That feeling, of course, is mutual!



Herbert D. Aronow, MD is one of many providers who uses Pager Genius to connect with families.

A Different Kind of Homecoming

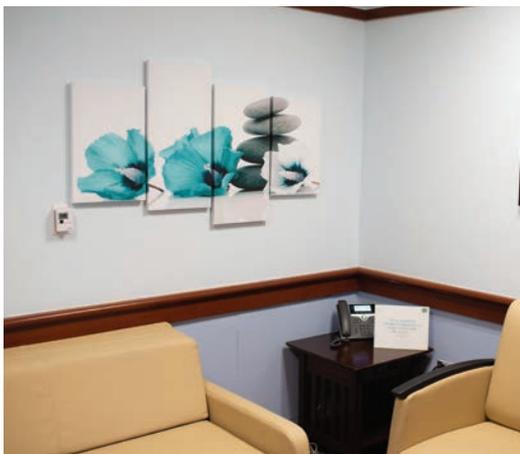
William Corwin, MD and his wife Anna spent their careers working in hospitals and caring for patients: Bill as a physician for 34 years before taking the position of Chief Medical Officer at The Miriam Hospital for 10 years, and Anna as a nurse at Rhode Island Hospital for 13 years. But it was a personal experience in spring 2018 that brought their perspective and appreciation for everyone that is part of a patient's care team to a new level. It was so meaningful, they were compelled to do something to say thank you.

One evening, Anna began having chest pain when she coughed. There was no indication that her health was as precarious as it was when the couple arrived at The Miriam's emergency department. Anna was quickly shepherded through triage and diagnosed with right upper lobe pneumonia and sepsis syndrome caused by her body's response to an infection in her lung. "If we hadn't gone to the hospital when we did, she would have died," says Bill.

The next two weeks in the intensive care unit were "touch-and-go" as Anna's body fought off the infection. Her care team managed to stabilize her breathing and blood pressure. "The ICU team did a spectacular job. I didn't doubt their medical decision-making for a moment," comments Bill, now retired, who specialized in pulmonology. Sitting by his wife's bedside for nearly 12 hours a day, wearing his husband hat and not his physician hat, Bill was struck by just how meticulous and impressive the nursing care and ancillary services were.



"As a doctor, you don't watch them hour by hour, minute by minute like I did while I was sitting by Anna's side," Bill recalls. "I saw everything. They are held to the highest possible standards. It's quite impressive." Anna doesn't remember the first week in the ICU but she does remember how wonderful the nurses and staff were when she woke up. "The professionalism of the unit is remarkable," she says.



ICU and CCU Patient and Staff Serenity Room

"Our experience was a very different one than our friends experienced at other hospitals and we believe it starts at the top," say Bill and Anna. Bill credits his colleagues, Maria Ducharme, DNP, Vice President for Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer, and the late Sandra Cheng, VP of Support Services, for creating the culture of customer care at The Miriam. To show their appreciation and to honor that special culture, the Corwins made a donation to renovate the respite room between the ICU and Coronary Care Unit (CCU). It will be used by families as well as staff.

"The room is peaceful and serene and provides an invaluable space for staff to decompress, recharge, and meet with families," says Judy Lynch, Clinical Manager of the ICU. "Being eye level on couches is a much more conducive environment for difficult conversations," she adds.

"We are so grateful for the care we received and hope our story inspires others," say Bill and Anna.

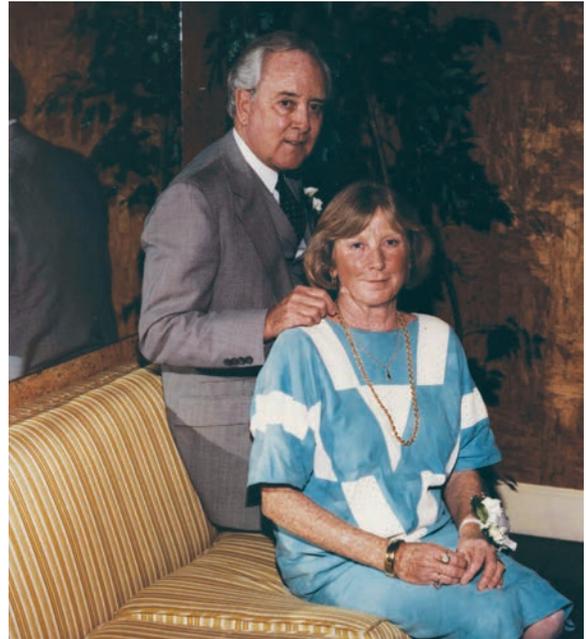
A Legacy Lives on at The Miriam

Generous. Impactful. Transformative. Lifesaving and life-changing. These are just a few of the ways we define the gift of philanthropy. Sheila Capasso, Director of Surgical Services for The Miriam Hospital, expresses all these ideas in response to a recent grant from the Routhier Foundation to purchase leading-edge anesthesiology equipment. But she has another description for the foundation's giving.

"I can't think of another way to say it other than that the kindness of the Routhier Foundation is overwhelming." The charitable organization, named for the late Edward J. and Virginia M. Routhier, has awarded more than \$650,000 in grants to The Miriam since 2005. "If you stretch your arms out in any direction at The Miriam Hospital, you'll likely touch a structure or furnishing or piece of equipment that, in part, is there thanks to the Routhier Foundation," says Arthur J. Sampson, hospital president. "Because of their ongoing generosity, The Miriam remains constantly at the vanguard of patient care."

The Foundation's recent award of \$100,000 will purchase a mobile anesthesiology unit and a Glidescope with a hand-held video monitor for difficult intubations. The new equipment will allow more thorough examination of hard-to-detect problems, such as pancreatic and bile duct cancers, while also allowing doctors to meet the increasing demand for surgical and procedural interventions. Endoscopies alone have doubled in the last two years, from 200 to 400 a month.

"A grant like this has an enormous impact," says Sheila. "It gives us extra capacity to treat people, especially those who are very sick and need intensive surgeries. It also gives us room in the budget for purchases we otherwise wouldn't be able to afford, which ultimately



The late Edward J. and Virginia M. Routhier

benefits even more patients." Health care was a keen interest of Edward and Virginia Routhier, who passed away in 1996 and 2000, respectively. Virginia headed the nursing staff at Rhode Island Hospital's Potter Building and Edward was the President and owner of The Cormack-Routhier Insurance Agency in Cranston. They retired to Florida but maintained close ties to Rhode Island, where the foundation was established in their memory. It supports selected health, education, and welfare organizations.

"Ed and Ginny Routhier were passionate about supporting great organizations such as The Miriam Hospital," says Dennis DiBenedetto, a member of the foundation's distribution committee. "All of us here at The Routhier Foundation strive to carry on their legacy." The Routhier Foundation is also a generous supporter of Rhode Island and Hasbro Children's hospitals.

Donors Help The Miriam Celebrate its Nurses



Lynn D'Angelo, DNP, Maria Ducharme, DNP, Suzanne Gilstein, Debbi Gilstein Jaffe, and presenter Elizabeth Angelo



Maria Ducharme, DNP and Arun K. Singh, MD



Paula Izeman (her grandmother was a charter member of the Women's Association), award recipient Kristen Trout, MSN, RN, and Ed Izeman

Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, would be proud to know that one week a year is dedicated to celebrating the vital roles nurses play in health care every day. National Nurses Week kicks off every May 6 with Nurses Day and ends May 12, Florence's birthday.

It is a week full of appreciation, education, and awards at The Miriam Hospital. Many of the events—the Alan and Suzanne Gilstein Nursing Symposium, the Henry Izeman, MD Nursing Leadership Award, the Jaffe Foundation Award for Nursing Excellence, and the Hurvitz Quality Improvement Award—are made possible by the generosity of donors. This year, Arthur and Joyce Hurvitz made a special \$250,000 gift to endow the Hurvitz Quality Improvement Award to ensure that we recognize the pursuit of continuous quality improvement efforts by our nurses in perpetuity.

A moving addition to this year's festivities was a book signing by Arun K. Singh, MD, the legendary Lifespan cardiac surgeon and author of *Your Heart, My Hands: An Immigrant's Remarkable Journey to Become One of America's Preeminent Cardiac Surgeons*. Three hundred copies of the book were graciously donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Galkin and 300 nurses and staff at the hospital were delighted to receive their personally signed copy from Dr. Singh.

“Our nursing teams not only provide expert medical care, they are also concerned about how our patients experience that care. Nurses Week is the perfect time to celebrate and recognize their vast contributions and positive impacts on our patients and The Miriam community,” says Maria Ducharme, DNP, Senior Vice President for Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer. “But it's our donors who make all the wonderful recognition opportunities possible and we thank them so much for that.”

A Message of Gratitude from the Chair of the Foundation Board of Trustees



Susan Kaplan

Susan H. Kaplan

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Extraordinary philanthropy has defined The Miriam since our hospital's earliest days. From helping to build a state-of-the-art facility for treatment, patient care, and research to bringing to life special programs such as nurse navigation and palliative care, the incredible generosity of our donors has impacted—and continues to impact—thousands of lives.

As a hospital and as a community, we are fortunate to have so many committed and caring partners who understand and value the difference their generosity makes possible. These individuals, businesses, organizations, and foundations give selflessly of their time, talent, and treasure with one simple goal: to benefit the greater good.

To all of you reading this issue of The Miriam Memo, and to everyone listed in our 2018 Honor Roll (visit miriamhospital.org/2018-Honor-Roll), thank you from the bottom of my heart. When I think about the collective impact your generosity has had on our hospital's ability to become the regional health care leader we are today, I am reminded of Sir Winston Churchill's famous quote— "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

On behalf of the entire Foundation Board of Trustees, thank you for your steadfast support and unwavering generosity. Our gratitude runs deep for all you have helped to make possible for The Miriam and for those who depend on us for their care.

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Amica Mutual Insurance Company supports a diverse range of causes, including health and human services, education, basic needs and community development, and arts and culture. The Amica Companies Foundation’s mission is to harness the power of enduring relationships to help individuals, families, and communities become economically independent and strong.

“Our funding story is about helping people when they need it most,” explains Bob DiMuccio, Chairman, President, and CEO of Amica. “That’s why Amica is proud to support The Miriam Hospital’s life-changing



Amica employees at the 2019 Gala and Auction

work that directly impacts the health and well-being of its patients.”

Mr. DiMuccio adds that, like Amica, The Miriam seeks to offer peace of mind to the people it serves, which can be traced back to its founding.

“The Miriam’s history of superior care for more than 90 years is a testament to its compassion for and commitment to patients,” he says, “A legacy that continues today.”

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