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Celebrating the Official Launch of The Lake Forest Destination for Health: Our Legacy. Our Future.

On October 17, more than 200 people gathered on the construction site of the new Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital to celebrate the official kick-off of the fundraising campaign for the new hospital. All in attendance came together to pay tribute to Lake Forest Hospital’s storied history of exceptional, compassionate care and to share their enthusiasm for all that the new hospital will offer.

Vince and Pat Foglia: Titans of Community Involvement and Philanthropy

Vince and Pat Foglia have been involved with and supported Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and the Department of Dermatology for more than 15 years. In recent months, the Foglias have made a new transformational gift to support research in the Department of Dermatology and its bold vision for the future.
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The Cancer Institutes are a part of a new era for the Lurie Cancer Center, which is led with distinction by Leonidas C. Platanias, MD, PhD, the Jesse, Sara, Andrew, Abigail, Benjamin, and Elizabeth Lurie Professor of Oncology. Through 17 emerging cancer institutes and the introduction of innovative new programs, Dr. Platanias and the devoted physicians, scientists, and staff of the Lurie Cancer Center are working to establish Chicago as an international hub for cancer care.

“Breakthrough programs at the Lurie Cancer Center are bridging basic science and clinical care. These collaborative efforts will help Northwestern Medicine become a global leader in the delivery of personalized cancer treatment.”

—Eric G. Neilson, MD

Morton Schapiro, president of Northwestern University, recognized the Lurie Cancer Center’s many loyal supporters at the launch and emphasized the impact of the greater Northwestern Medicine community on their efforts. “When you have great faculty, staff, students, and sustaining philanthropic partners, you can create magic. It is amazing to talk to people with tears in their eyes who have benefited from incredible care at Northwestern. It’s about making the world a better place, and no place does that better than Northwestern,” said President Schapiro.

Philanthropic Partners in Action

At the launch, Northwestern University Trustee and benefactor Ann Lurie described her experience nearly 30 years ago when she and her husband, Robert, came to Northwestern for his cancer care. “At Northwestern, we were met with compassion, understanding, and superb care, and so we decided to join in the fight,” said Ms. Lurie. “I am proud to have watched the Lurie Cancer Center’s evolution—internationally renowned, yet always focused on the individual and family.”
David Weinberg and Charlene Lieber offered their own personal stories of connection to the Lurie Cancer Center. Mr. Weinberg is chairman and chief executive officer of Judd Enterprises, vice chair of Northwestern University’s Board of Trustees, and vice chair of the Northwestern Medicine Campaign Cabinet. He shared that, although his mother was diagnosed with cancer and eventually lost her battle, her life was significantly prolonged through her treatment at Northwestern. “Thousands of investigators and their discoveries led to my mother living 11 years past her diagnosis,” said Mr. Weinberg. “This is a team sport, and our role is to fund this great teamwork.”

Ms. Lieber is a co-founder of the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation (LSCRF), which has raised approximately $31 million in support of efforts to advance breast cancer-related research, education, and clinical care in partnership with Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Lurie Cancer Center. The Foundation has its origins in 17 determined individuals who lost their dear friend, Lynn Sage, to breast cancer at the age of 39. The members and supporters of LSCRF are raising awareness and funds to ensure access to breast healthcare for all women. “We hope that what we have done and funded will help,” said Ms. Lieber. “You, too, have a brave legacy and a brilliant future—congratulations on this important launch.”

The Future of Personalized Cancer Care

During the program, Dr. Platanias spoke about the history of the Lurie Cancer Center and gave a broad overview of its programs and services. In particular, he highlighted the new OncoSET program, which utilizes modern technology to treat cancer patients. “In the context of clinical research, Northwestern OncoSET will allow us to offer never-before-realized personalized cancer treatment,” said Dr. Platanias.

Mr. David Weinberg

Mr. Paul and Mrs. Joan Rubschlager (left) listen to Feinberg research study coordinator Mr. Jeremy Mathews speak about his poster Investment for Excellent Biorepository Laboratory at Northwestern.

The Lurie Cancer Center’s OncoSET program is driven by three integral steps: 1) Sequence by determining the genomic make-up of a tumor; 2) Evaluate and discuss this sequencing through a sophisticated new Molecular Tumor Board; and 3) Treat the patient in “pilot” tumor clinics with novel targeting agents.

Francis J. Giles, MB, MD, FRCPI, FRCPath, is chief of the Division of Medicine-Hematology/Oncology, professor of medicine-hematology/oncology, and deputy director of the Lurie Cancer Center. Dr. Giles spoke about the Northwestern Medicine Developmental Therapeutics Institute, which he leads. “Technology now allows us to pinpoint specifically what is different in a cancer cell,” said Dr. Giles. “By continuing to isolate cancer’s genetic code, we will be able to understand more and more why it does what it does, thereby identifying a target we can treat.”

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Extraordinary Philanthropic Partners

**The Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation**

The year 2015 was an especially momentous year for the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation (LSCRF), as the organization marked its 30th anniversary and continued to earn both regional and national recognition as a leading force in the fight against breast cancer. Founded in 1985 in memory of Lynn Sage, who courageously battled breast cancer for six years before she passed away at age 39, LSCRF is dedicated to advancing the understanding, prevention, early detection, and treatment of breast cancer in partnership with Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Lurie Cancer Center. Over the course of the past 30 years, LSCRF has raised approximately $31 million in support of innovative research projects, fellowships, patient care initiatives, survivorship programs, and community-based efforts that address important issues such as disparities in breast cancer care.

Recently, LSCRF made a $1.4 million pledge to fund the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation Breast Cancer OncoSET program, which will function as an extension of the Northwestern OncoSET (Sequence, Evaluate, Treat) program that was launched in early 2015. “The goal of the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation is to provide patients with access to the most contemporary, most promising methods of treating breast cancer,” said Julie Lampert, chair of LSCRF’s board of directors. “Through this new OncoSET program, we will be able to bring a precision medicine-based approach to breast cancer patients right here in Chicago, and we are tremendously optimistic about the ways in which this approach will help to advance breast cancer care and will help to save more lives.”

Significantly, the LSCRF OncoSET program will expand the number of new treatment options available to breast cancer patients, while also enhancing the Lurie Cancer Center’s clinical trial offerings and facilitating researchers’ efforts to identify additional genetic targets for future breast cancer medications.

“We are very excited about and appreciative of the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation’s generous gift,” said Dr. Platanias. “The members of LSCRF show such leadership and commitment, and their support of our vision for OncoSET will help to position the Lurie Cancer Center and Northwestern Medicine at the forefront of precision cancer care.”

**The Hospira Foundation**

Hospira Foundation recently announced a $5 million gift to establish the Hospira Foundation Professorship in Translational Cancer Biology at the Lurie Cancer Center. The professorship is the first of its kind at Northwestern. “This gift will help to expand the groundbreaking research conducted at the Lurie Cancer Center and accelerate the development of innovative new treatments,” said Dr. Neilson. “This extraordinary commitment will help ensure that Northwestern Medicine attracts and retains the nation’s top physicianscientists and allows them to make lasting impacts on medicine and society as a whole.”

In addition to creating the endowed professorship to exist in perpetuity, the gift will be used to support the research activities of the professor, including his or her laboratory and the training of graduate students and fellows. “This generous gift will allow us to recruit and fund the research of outstanding investigators working to translate cancer biology into new treatments for our patients,” said Dr. Platanias. “We are grateful to Hospira for supporting our efforts to establish the city of Chicago as a global leader in personalized cancer treatment.”

The Hospira Foundation was the philanthropic affiliate of Hospira, Inc., which was acquired by Pfizer Inc. in September 2015.

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Elizabeth M. McNally, MD, PhD, the Elizabeth J. Ward Professor of Genetic Medicine, professor of medicine-cardiology and biochemistry and molecular genetics, and director of the Center for Genetic Medicine, spoke about the future of personalized medicine. “Genome sequencing is exciting now because it can help in the development of personalized care to reduce treatment risk and guide one’s choice of therapy,” said Dr. McNally. “The future is promising, as it will ultimately inform the development of brand new therapies for cancer.”

Marcus E. Peter, PhD, professor of medicine and biochemistry and molecular genetics and program leader of the Translational Research in Solid Tumors program, spoke about the important cycle of translational research. Basic science unravels the mechanisms that drive cancer, and through animal studies and clinical trials those mechanisms are targeted. The best treatments are then taken to patients, and their therapy responses inform the basic scientists’ efforts to make further improvements.

During the panel discussion, Orin Bloch, MD, the Reza and Georgianna Khatib Professor of Neurological Surgery, spoke about the promise of immunotherapy. “It takes a panel like this to wrap our heads around cancer,” he said. “Nature is well ahead of us, but through technology and a rapidly growing body of research, we can now harness that power to fight [cancer] via the immune system.”

The evening closed with Dean Harrison, president and chief executive officer of Northwestern Memorial HealthCare, thanking everyone for joining in the celebration and acknowledging Ann Lurie’s inspirational leadership and encouragement. “We cannot settle for being good,” he said. “We have to be great.”
As longtime DuPage County residents, Jennifer and Matt Darnall care deeply about their neighbors, friends, and colleagues, their hometown of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and surrounding communities, and the needs and challenges that others, both near and far, experience in their daily lives. This loyalty and caring extend to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage and Delnor Hospitals where, over the years, the Darnalls have forged strong bonds through acts of service, leadership roles, and generous philanthropy. Having served as the Board Chair of the Central DuPage Health Foundation, Mr. Darnall is currently the legacy Cadence Health Foundation’s Board Chair Emeritus. Together, he and Mrs. Darnall have developed a unique perspective on the priorities, needs, and outstanding quality of Central DuPage Hospital and, more broadly, the entire West Region of the Northwestern Medicine health system. Demonstrating the depth of their support for the hospitals that mean so much to them—and to so many patients and families—the Darnalls recently made a significant gift that will create a new Pediatric Family Assistance Fund at Central DuPage and Delnor Hospitals.

“We are always grateful for the outstanding care and services that Central DuPage and Delnor provide to all of their patients. More than anything, we want to give back,” said Mr. Darnall. “We are especially aware of how much the hospitals’ pediatric specialists do and give every day, and how much they could benefit from support and additional resources.”

Echoing her husband’s sentiments, Mrs. Darnall remarked, “We also understand that parents and families of sick children are facing great emotional burdens, and we want to reach out to them to help lighten their load in any way we can. Creating this much-needed Pediatric Family Assistance Fund seemed to be the perfect way to express our support for everyone involved—the dedicated care providers, the remarkable families, and the brave young patients.”

The overarching mission of the new Pediatric Family Assistance Fund is to lend both financial and quality-of-life-related support to families with a child who is hospitalized or receiving treatment—or who has very recently completed treatment—at either Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital or Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital. Specifically, the fund will provide these families with crucial financial support to cover, in part, the costs of items such as food, clothing, gas, transportation, sibling daycare, and babysitting services, as well as opportunities to engage in activities that provide respite and comfort, foster family togetherness, and relieve some of the stress that so profoundly affects parents and families who are caring for a sick child.

The Pediatric Family Assistance Fund also could lend support to families when health insurance falls short in certain areas. For example, grants from the fund might assist families in purchasing medically necessary equipment for their child (for example, a wheelchair or a special bed) and might help to defray the costs of complex procedures that are not otherwise covered by insurance. Families in need of any type of funding may be identified in a number of ways, including by a physician and/or a nurse who is caring for an ill child, by a child life specialist, or by a social worker who is familiar with a specific family’s circumstances and needs. Every recommendation will be carefully reviewed by the members of a committee whose primary focus will be to assess whether or not a family meets specific, well-defined criteria for support from the Pediatric Family Assistance Fund. If a family does indeed qualify for assistance, the committee then will take steps to determine the amount of the grant that will be provided to the family.

“We hope that our gift will inspire others to lend their support to the Pediatric Family Assistance Fund so that, over time, we can create a dedicated ‘team’ of philanthropists who are working together to identify and fulfill the needs of the families whose children receive care at Central DuPage and Delnor,” said Mrs. Darnall. Mr. Darnall added, “Continued, expanded support of the fund also will help us to pay a meaningful and lasting tribute to the heroic work of all the care providers who touch those children’s and families’ lives.”

The significance of the Darnalls’ gift, as well as the scope and the anticipated contributions of the new Pediatric Family Assistance Fund, cannot be overstated, especially in view of the fact that, every year, the Northwestern Medicine West Region provides treatment to more than 40,000 children through outpatient, inpatient, and emergency department settings. While many of these children call the Chicagoland area home, significant numbers of them come from across the country, as families from near and far continue to seek the outstanding pediatric care provided at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage and Delnor Hospitals. Notably, the hospitals enjoy a highly effective partnership with Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago and, through this collaboration, both Central DuPage and Delnor Hospitals have earned distinction as sites for expert, compassionate care in fields ranging from neonatology to pediatric emergency medicine, from pediatric radiology to pediatric neuro-oncology, and more.

“By establishing this Pediatric Family Assistance Fund, the Darnalls are leading the way in making the journeys of families with sick children a little bit less trying and much more filled with support and understanding from many different people and sources,” said Jeffrey L. Loughead, MD, who serves as pediatric medical director and neonatologist site leader at Lurie Children’s at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage and Delnor Hospitals, as well as assistant professor of clinical pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. “The Darnalls are exhibiting, once again, the generosity of spirit—not to mention the unwavering loyalty—that makes them such inspiring people and such valued friends of all of us at Central DuPage and Delnor Hospitals. This remarkable gift will touch and benefit so many lives for years to come, and we are grateful to the Darnalls for seeing a need and meeting that need in such a caring way.”
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The couple’s gift will establish two endowments in perpetuity in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery—the Charles and Leslie Snorf Professorship and the Charles and Leslie Snorf Research and Education Fund—and will add $1 million in new scholarship funds to substantially boost the impact and reach of the Snorf Medical Student Scholarship Fund, which the Snorfs created in 1997.

To further intensify this generosity and the difference it will make, the Snorf Professorship was supported in part by alumni Patrick G. Ryan and Shirley W. Ryan through the Ryan Family Chair Challenge, which matches gifts made by other Northwestern supporters to establish new endowed professorships, or chairs, across a wide range of disciplines.

After graduating from medical school at Northwestern in 1958, Dr. Snorf continued on to pursue his residency training in orthopaedics.

“Going to Northwestern for medical school and residency was the most important and defining part of my development as a physician,” said Dr. Snorf. “The program and professors, as well as the residents in orthopaedics, were all outstanding—some of the top in the nation. I learned a lot.”

“Charlie and Leslie have been wonderfully supportive of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Feinberg, and their new gift is particularly poignant given Charlie’s history as a trainee here,” said Eric G. Neilson, MD, vice president for medical affairs and Lewis Landsberg Dean. “Their generosity, both now and over the years, validates our aspirations for a more promising future for human health, education, and research.”

The funds established in the Department of Orthopaedic surgery are hugely impactful to its research and teaching missions. Named and endowed professorships, like the Snorf Professorship, represent the highest honor a university can bestow upon its faculty. At Northwestern, these academic positions are reserved for the most distinguished and productive physicians and scientists. The new research and education fund will allow the department to bolster the rate of its scientific productivity and to continue to provide a state-of-the-art learning environment for its trainees.

“We appreciate the Snorfs’ tremendous foresight and generosity. They not only are allowing us to recruit and retain our field’s most innovative and sought-after faculty physicians and scientists, but they also are investing in the next generation of great orthopaedic surgeons by supporting our training environment,” said Terrance D. Peabody, MD, the Edwin Warner Ryerson Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

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—Mrs. Leslie Snorf
Supporting Bright Futures through Scholarships

The Snorfs have been loyal supporters of Northwestern for nearly 35 years—Dr. Snorf made his first gift to support the Medical School Annual Fund in 1981. In addition to their commitment to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, the Snorfs have been long dedicated to aiding the futures of students at Feinberg. In 1997, the Snorfs established the Snorf Medical Student Fund, which has supported 14 medical students since its inception.

“When people choose to take part in and support something philanthropically, they take ownership of whatever they are supporting,” said Mrs. Snorf. “In Charlie’s case as an alumnus, it keeps that wonderful positivism and association between him and the school so alive. It’s a very powerful decision.”

Currently, the Snorf Medical Student Fund supports two student scholars, Christopher Nash and Brittany Vieira, who are both third-year medical students.

“Since I was a kid, I have wanted to become a doctor,” wrote Mr. Nash in a thank you note to the Snorfs. “It is only with the help of numerous people, including both of you, that I am finally feeling like I am well on my way to achieving that goal.”

Dr. Snorf shares that supporting scholarships at the medical school is important to him because he is passionate about the education he received, and mindful of those who are unable to pursue their passions for financial reasons. “I can think of at least two or three people in my medical school class—though there were probably more—who had to quit before graduation because they couldn’t afford it,” he said.

“Northwestern truly made my entire career possible,” said Dr. Snorf. “It’s important to give something back to something that means a lot to you. If you have the resources, you might as well do it.”

From Chicago to Monterey

Dr. and Mrs. Snorf were born and raised in the Chicagoland area but didn’t meet until both were living in Monterey, California, in the late 1970s. “It was so fun finding out on our first date that we were both from the Chicago area,” said Mrs. Snorf. “To this day, that matters a lot to us.” The two were married in 1987. They have five children combined from their previous marriages and 13 grandchildren. Three of their children and families live very close to them in the Carmel, California, area, while the other two live further up the coast. “We love being able to attend the grandkids’ sporting events and getting to see them often,” said Dr. Snorf.

Dr. Snorf grew up in Wilmette, attending New Tier High School, Deerfield Academy, and Yale University, where he studied pre-medicine and participated in both football and track. Dr. Snorf’s father was a gastroenterologist and chief of medicine at Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Illinois. His father had a great influence on Dr. Snorf’s decision to go into the field of medicine. Prior to entering Northwestern as a medical student, Dr. Snorf took a half-year off to work at both the medical school and on the Evanston campus in the Department of Chemistry.

“Everybody loves Northwestern,” said Dr. Snorf of his family. In addition to his father’s faculty position, Dr. Snorf’s three siblings all went to Northwestern as undergraduate students. Four of the Snorfs’ grandchildren also have attended.

Dr. Snorf’s final year of residency training required a focus on pediatrics, so he chose to head west to one of Northwestern’s orthopaedics residency program partners at the time, Primary Children’s Hospital in Salt Lake City. On a visit to California, he encountered a job opportunity in Monterey and decided to try it for a year starting in 1963. He didn’t leave until his retirement in 1995.

Mrs. Snorf grew up in Arlington Heights and received her undergraduate degree in Spanish literature from Grinnell College in Iowa. After graduation she worked in retail briefly, and then transitioned into stock brokering until she retired in 1989. In retirement, she has focused on philanthropy, volunteering at and serving on the boards of several local non-profit organizations in the Snorfs’ community. Most recently, she was appointed chair of the development committee for the new, reimagined Sunset Center, a regional performing arts and community center.

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Cardiology at Northwestern, is pictured with Mrs. Daniel at the event.

Robert O. Bonow, MD, the Max and Lilly Goldberg Distinguished Professor of therapy for atrial fibrillation for the benefit of patients everywhere. Above, will leverage existing technologies and new paradigms that can change the face of atrial fibrillation research and care with your support,” said Clyde W. Yancy, MD, who is chief of the Division of Cardiology, vice dean for diversity and inclusion, and the Magerstadt Professor. “Our specialists are developing new approaches that will leverage existing technologies and new paradigms that can change the face of therapy for atrial fibrillation for the benefit of patients everywhere.” Above, Robert G. Bonow, MD, the Max and Lilly Goldberg Distinguished Professor of Cardiology at Northwestern, is pictured with Mrs. Daniel at the event.

Friends and members of the Northwestern Medicine community gathered on November 4 at the home of Madlyn and Carlyle Daniel to hear about breakthrough research led by faculty of the Atrial Fibrillation Program. This new program is a part of the Center for Cardiovascular Innovation at Northwestern Medicine. Attendees had the chance to hear from program director Rod S. Passman, MD, professor of medicine-cardiology and preventive medicine, as well as several other faculty leaders about the scope and challenges of atrial fibrillation (a-fib) and how they are endeavoring to provide new treatment options for patients. Through their own unique studies and collaborative efforts, members of the program are working to translate novel research that targets the molecular mechanisms that underlie a-fib into therapeutic interventions.

On September 30, nearly 100 Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine faculty, leadership, and supporters gathered to raise a glass to The Bernard Osher Foundation and its strong partnership with Northwestern University. Guests of honor included Bernard and Barbro Osher, founder and chair, respectively, of The Bernard Osher Foundation, as well as Mary Bitterman, the foundation’s president. Also in attendance were Osher Reentry Scholars and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute members. In 2014, the Osher Foundation named the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine at Northwestern. Committed to optimizing the wellness of each patient through empowerment, education, and patient-centered care, the Osher Center at Northwestern consciously blends the very best of conventional medicine with evidence-based complementary practices from around the world to deliver the highest quality, personalized healthcare. Pictured above (from left to right) are: Eric G. Neilson, MD, vice president for medical affairs and Lewis Landsberg Dean of the Feinberg School, Melinda R. Ring, MD, assistant professor of clinical medicine-general internal medicine and director of the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine at Northwestern; Mr. and Mrs. Osher; and Morton Schapiro, president of Northwestern University.

On September 26, Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage (CDH) and Delnor Hospitals, together with LivingWell Cancer Resource Center, jointly hosted their second annual gala to benefit oncology programs in the West Region of the Northwestern Medicine health system. The festive event, titled “A Homegrown Night. A Worthy Fight.” drew more than 470 guests to the Westin Hotel in Lombard, Illinois, and netted a remarkable $419,000. Gathering together to enjoy a beautiful farm-to-table-inspired meal, unique artisanal spirits, and whiskey tastings, guests expressed their shared commitment to conquering cancer and raising awareness of the many innovative cancer programs and services at CDH, Delnor, and LivingWell. Among the evening’s most memorable highlights was a video featuring the personal journey of a Northwestern Medicine cancer survivor and his family. Powerful and emotional, this video led directly to $130,000 in gifts from the “fund-a-need” paddle raise. Guests also participated in a premiere silent and live auction with enticing prizes, such as a Kentucky Bourbon Trail trip, a flight on a private jet to Kohler, Wisconsin, for a golfing trip, and a culinary adventure in California’s Napa Valley. Pictured above, Andrea Redmond, board member of LivingWell Cancer Resource Center and Northwestern Memorial Foundation, addresses event attendees.

On October 14, medical school faculty, staff, and supporters gathered at Galter Health Sciences Library to learn about exciting plans for its future. The program “Partnering for the Future: A Next Generation Health Sciences Library and Learning Center” featured presentations from Kristi Holmes, PhD, director of the Galter Library and associate professor of preventive medicine-health and biomedical informatics, and Eric W. Boberg, PhD, executive director for research and research assistant professor of medicine-general internal medicine and geriatrics. Dr. Holmes (above) highlighted the important role of data in biomedicine, as well as the increasingly critical role that data visualization plays in research and education. Dr. Boberg previewed plans for renovating the Galter Library and the role that the updated space will play in medical education as well as for collaboration and research. The medical school is in the midst of We Will. The Campaign for Northwestern Medicine and growing philanthropic support for the Galter Library is a priority. A specific campaign to fund the library’s renovation plan is underway. Donors can name designated spaces within the library, support endowed positions to aid in recruitment of new faculty, and provide programmatic resources.
More than 200 patients, doctors, medical trainees, and supporters of the Global Health Initiative (GHI) Fund at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine gathered on September 30 at The Peninsula Chicago to celebrate the impact of their generosity to the GHI over the past year. Founded over eight years ago by Robert J. Havey, MD, assistant professor of clinical medicine, the GHI Fund provides resources for global health research initiatives and education programs that benefit medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty members at the Feinberg School. Since last year’s event, the GHI has raised more than $900,000 in philanthropic funds through patient and faculty support, and since 2000, the GHI has raised more than $5.2 million in support of global health and primary care education. This year’s benefit dinner provided researchers, clinicians, and students the occasion to share their experiences and progress on crucial GHI initiatives. In recognition of the GHI Fund’s efforts to provide resources for global health research and education and in celebration of its eighth anniversary and benefit dinner, Alderman Harry Osterman introduced a resolution to the City Council, which declared September 30 as Global Health Day in Chicago. Dr. Havey (right) is pictured above with GHI supporters (from left to right) Judy and Joel Harris, and Mary Lou Linnen.

On November 3, about 40 Northwestern Memorial Hospital emeriti physicians and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine emeritus faculty came together to enjoy lunch and presentations by Northwestern Medicine leadership at Feinberg, gave the keynote presentation on the evolution of the medical center campus. Dr. Bobberg invited all in attendance to share stories of their years on campus and to reflect on its growth. The guests marveled at how the campus and the Streeterville neighborhood have changed over the years and relished comparing the present, past, and future. “From the Museum of Contemporary Art, which is on the site of an old armory that held a circus and polo matches, to the new Louis A. Simpson and Kimberly K. Querrey Biomedical Research Center, this vibrant center of patient care, teaching, and research in Chicago will undoubtedly continue to accomplish great things,” said Dr. Bobberg. Attendees are pictured above viewing a poster at the event. From left to right: Alvin G. Tesler, PhD, emeritus physician of cell and molecular biology; Mary Paula Baumann; Gerhard Baumann, MD; professor emeritus of medicine-endocrinology; and Boyd E. Metzger, MD, professor emeritus of medicine-endocrinology.

Save the Date for Upcoming Northwestern Medicine Events

**Cadence Health Auxiliary “Wild for Fashion”**
March 12, 2016 | 11:00 a.m.
Abbingdon Distinctive Banquets, 35002 IL 53, Glen Ellyn, IL
Info: Tara Carlson, 630-933-6989 or tara.carlson@cadencehealth.org
www.cadencehealth.org/about-cadence-health/foundation/auxiliary

**Richard A. Scott, MD, Lecture**
March 22, 2016 | 4:00 p.m.
Lurie Medical Research Center, Hughes Auditorium, 303 East Superior Street, Chicago, IL
Info: Rita Kisielius, 312-503-3459 or r-kisielius@northwestern.edu
www.cgm.northwestern.edu/education/scott-lecture/index.html

**Lewis Landsberg Research Day**
April 7, 2016 | 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Poster Session
1:00 p.m. Keynote Lecture | 4:15 p.m. Award Presentation
Keynote Lecture: “Understanding Heart Development, Disease, and Regeneration” with Eric Olson, PhD, professor and chair at UT Southwestern Medical Center. All events will take place on Northwestern University’s Chicago Campus.
Info: Melanie Kruchten, 312-503-2421 or melanie@northwestern.edu
www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/research/about/research_day/index.html

**Alumni Weekend 2016**
April 29-30, 2016
Northwestern University, Chicago Campus
Info: Babette Nyka, 312-503-0855 or babette.nyka@northwestern.edu
www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/alumni-weekend

**LivingWell Cancer Resource Center Annual Bridge Walk**
May 14, 2016 | 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Fabyan Forest Preserve, Geneva, IL
Info: Lori Hansen, 630-315-6805 or livingwellccr.org

**Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute Minds Matter Benefit Dinner**
May 20, 2016 | 6:00 p.m.
Loews Hotel Chicago, 455 North Park Drive, Chicago, IL
Info: Elizabeth Knollman, 312-503-1656 or elizabeth.knollman@northwestern.edu
www.braintumorinstitute.org

**Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University 23rd Annual Cancer Survivors’ Celebration Walk & 5K**
June 5, 2016 | 7:30 a.m. Registration | 8:30 a.m. Walk/5K Run
Grant Park, Chicago, IL
Info: Rodrigo Leanos, 312-926-7393 or rleanos@nm.org
www.cancer.northwestern.edu/walk

**Northwestern Medicine Annual Medinah Golf Invitational**
June 6, 2016 | 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Medinah Country Club, 6N001 Medinah Road, Medinah, IL
Info: Tara Carlson, 630-933-6989 or tara.carlson@cadencehealth.org
www.medinahcc.org

**Global Health Initiative Golf Outing**
June 20, 2016 | 12:00 p.m.
Evanston Golf Club, 4401 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076
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**The H Foundation’s 16th Annual Goombay Bash**
July 16, 2016 | 5:00 p.m.
Navy Pier, Grand Ballroom, 600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL
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**Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University 2016 Benefit “Translating Science to Cures”**
August 29, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. Cocktails | 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Four Seasons Chicago, Grand Ballroom, 120 East Delaware Place, Chicago, IL
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On the afternoon of October 17, more than 200 people gathered on the construction site of the new Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital to celebrate the official kick-off of the fundraising campaign for the new hospital: The Lake Forest Destination for Health: Our Legacy. Our Future. Hospital leadership, staff and volunteers, patients, benefactors, and community members came together to pay tribute to Lake Forest Hospital’s storied history of exceptional, compassionate care and to share their enthusiasm about all that the new hospital will offer to patients, care providers, and the surrounding community.

“Northwestern Medicine is building a global reputation in healthcare and medical research, and the new Lake Forest Hospital will be an extension of that, delivering outstanding care in a community setting,” said Jim Stirling, a longtime Lake Forest resident and co-chair of the Our Legacy. Our Future. campaign. “Bold aspirations have always been a part of our community, and we are well on our way to delivering a hospital that is unrivaled in every way.”

Debbie Saran, also a longtime Lake Forest resident, who serves alongside Mr. Stirling as campaign co-chair, voiced similar pride, enthusiasm, and optimism: “The building of this beautiful new facility will bring with it leading-edge technology as well as access to the exceptional clinical programs offered at Northwestern Medicine. As the premier healthcare provider in Chicago, Northwestern Medicine is in a unique position to bring world-class healthcare to the Lake Forest community—our own back yard.”

Through Our Legacy. Our Future, an ambitious $150 million campaign, Lake Forest Hospital’s 160-acre campus will feature a new, state-of-the-art hospital. The campaign’s overall goal of $150 million includes $75 million in capital and programmatic support for the new hospital, as well as endowment growth of $75 million for future programs and initiatives.
The new hospital will feature 114 private inpatient beds, 72 outpatient care spaces, eight operating rooms, and 499,605 square feet of new construction, while the surrounding enhanced campus will include more than 7,000 feet of walking and biking paths and 116 acres of open space. Thomas J. McAfee, president of Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, addressed the group who attended the campaign kick-off event. "It is a very exciting time in our hospital’s history as we celebrate our progress in this project that will further establish Lake Forest Hospital as a premier destination for health, wellness, and community engagement," said Mr. McAfee. "Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our vision for the new Lake Forest Hospital. Your dedication and commitment will help to create a truly exemplary hospital while deepening our connection with one of the top academic medical centers in the country at Northwestern Medicine."

Individually and collectively, the various speakers highlighted Lake Forest Hospital’s many achievements and contributions through the years and celebrated the fact that the Our Legacy. Our Future. campaign is enjoying remarkable early success. In fact, thanks to generous philanthropic support, the campaign already has raised more than half of the $75 million designated for capital and programmatic support.

"Lake Forest Hospital has always been a unique place, always compassionate, always advancing," said Hugh Falls, MD, a Lake Forest resident and an obstetrician who has delivered babies at Lake Forest Hospital since 1964. ‘Our hospital—your hospital—is, and will continue to be, home to the best and the brightest.’ Gathering inside a tent on the construction site, guests engaged in conversation and watched a video that combined flyover footage of the construction site with renderings of the new hospital. Through guided hard hat tours, guests were able to see and ask questions about various areas of the construction site.

Enjoying the camaraderie of the afternoon, John and Kathy Schreiber spoke about their decision to make a leadership gift in support of the new hospital. The Schreibers commented on their commitment to the Lake Forest community, to the Our Legacy. Our Future. campaign, and to the future of healthcare in Lake Forest. "This is more than a new building," said Mr. Schreiber. "It is about a new and exciting future that will benefit the community, our children and grandchildren, and all future generations in the years to come."

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With these words, Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, an internationally recognized gastroenterologist and the medical director of Northwestern Medicine’s Digestive Health Center, as well as the Clifford Joseph Barborka Professor of Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, thoughtfully conveys the patient-centered philosophy of care that guides his and his colleagues’ work on behalf of patients affected by a range of digestive diseases and conditions. Joining Dr. Hanauer in providing dynamic leadership within the Digestive Health Center are Scott A. Strong, MD, the center’s surgical director, chief of the Division of Surgery-Gastrointestinal and Oncologic Surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and the James R. Hines, MD, Professor of Surgery at the Feinberg School; and John Pandolfino, MD, chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Northwestern Memorial, and the Hans Popper Professor of Medicine at the Feinberg School. Throughout their careers, Drs. Hanauer, Strong, and Pandolfino have recognized the importance of providing the finest, most individualized care to every patient. Through their shared commitment and vision, “it’s all about you” has become the message and the mantra of Northwestern Medicine’s Digestive Health Center.

“At our Digestive Health Center, we combine exemplary patient care with leading-edge research and education. This multi-faceted approach to understanding, diagnosing, and treating digestive diseases—including inflammatory bowel disorders, esophageal and swallowing disorders, colorectal neoplasia and cancer, and more—truly sets Northwestern apart from other academic medical centers and peer institutions,” said Dr. Hanauer. “Also, through our team approach to patient care, we pool our knowledge and skills to most effectively serve our patients. We are able to achieve better care coordination and continuity and, as a result, better patient outcomes.”
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In his own words, Vince Foglia was “dyed in the wool of Chicago.” He was born and raised in the city, attended Austin High School, a Chicago Public School, and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1960 after serving in the Navy. His father owned a family butcher shop on the west side of the city.

“I had a nice childhood and an educational upbringing, both of which contributed to my personality and character. My silver spoon was parents who cared about me and my sister,” said Mr. Foglia at a recent interview in his office at Sage Products in Cary, Illinois. He started the company in 1971 after building up the Midwest region of the medical supply company where he worked after college. In summing up his philosophy on philanthropy and community involvement, he said: “I’m for helping.”

Partners for the Future of Dermatologic Research

Mr. Foglia and his wife, Pat, have been involved with and supported Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and the Department of Dermatology for more than 15 years. “I want to give back to the hospital industry in which I’ve worked my whole life,” he said.

In 2002, the couple established the Vincent W. Foglia Family Research Professorship in Dermatology at the medical school, which is currently held by Dennis P. West, PhD, a pharmacologist who also is a consultant with Sage Products.

In recent months, the Foglias made a new transformational gift to support research in the Department of Dermatology and its bold vision for the future.
Sage Products in the Community

Sage Products is a rapidly growing international business that serves the needs of healthcare professionals and their patients. The company’s mission is to solve real problems in healthcare through innovative products and services that deliver extraordinary outcomes. The “outcomes” Sage helps hospitals achieve are measured in the prevention of healthcare worker injury, patient skin breakdown, infections, and other healthcare complications that can negatively affect people’s lives.

Sage Products has many strong ties within the Chicagoland community it has called home for 45 years. A key company value is to “Keep it personal” in all aspects of the business, including within the community.

Following the example of giving set forth by the Foglias, company executives and employees actively participate in and provide financial support for many local non-profit agencies and community events. In fact, the employee giving campaign raises thousands of dollars annually for local charities.

Making the difference for people in the community has been a way of life at Sage from the beginning. That is why several organizations, including the Sage YMCA, the Family Health Partnership Sage Center for Care, the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association’s Sage Therapeutic Recreation Center, the Centegra Sage Cancer Center, and the Sage Learning Center at McHenry County College, all bear the Sage name.

“Through their tremendous generosity to the Department of Dermatology, the Foglias have helped our faculty to discover new therapies that improve the lives of so many individuals with life-altering skin disorders,” said Dr. Paller.

Discovery through research is at the heart of progress in understanding skin function and advancing that understanding toward new interventions. The Foglias’ recent gift will allow the medical school to recruit a physician-scientist dedicated to discovery that translates into value for patients with skin disease. This individual will join the faculty of the Northwestern Skin Disease Research Center, one of only six such centers in the United States recognized and funded by the National Institutes of Health.

“You cannot duplicate Dr. Amy Paller’s understanding, passion, and belief,” said Mr. Foglia when asked about his support of the Department of Dermatology at Northwestern. “She fuels my interest and involvement.” Amy S. Paller, MD, is the Walter J. Hamlin Professor of Dermatology and chair of the Department of Dermatology at Northwestern.

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