

Lifelines

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER TIMOTHY J. BABINEAU, MD



Nearly a year and a half ago, we embarked on a journey to merge Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital into a single, nationally prominent academic medical center situated on two campuses. The vision from the

start has been to build on the strengths of these two great hospitals to improve the quality of care we deliver to our community and to raise the national profile of our new academic medical center.

One of the more notable milestones in this journey occurred in April, when the existing boards of trustees of both The Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital joined forces to create a common group of individuals responsible for governing the two hospitals. The new, common board is comprised of 23 members: 11 from each partner hospital's legacy board, and myself.

These dedicated individuals bring a wealth of expertise, talent and passion to his or her role. While each hospital retains a distinct corporate and financial structure, having the same 23 individuals serve as trustees for both hospitals advances our goal of strategically viewing our market and opportunities through a single lens.

This achievement is a testimony to the leadership of each respective board's chairs: Ed Feldstein as The Miriam Hospital board chair and Larry Aubin as the Rhode Island Hospital board chair. (Each continues to serve as his respective hospital's board chair.) As president and chief

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RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL CONTINUES 20 YEARS OF TRAUMA CARE EXCELLENCE



Rhode Island Hospital has earned reverification as a Level I trauma center and remains the only hospital in the state of Rhode Island and southeastern New England to earn this designation. Rhode Island Hospital has been certified as a Level I trauma center for 20 years.

In order to be designated a trauma center, a hospital must meet strict guidelines developed by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and pass a rigorous site review by the ACS's Committee on Trauma Verification Review. To maintain its Level I status (the highest possible designation), Rhode Island Hospital must demonstrate an ongoing quality assurance program, maintain a standard response for treatment of major trauma, and have a trauma surgeon and anesthesiologist available in the hospital 24 hours a day. Additionally, it must have a multidisciplinary

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Rhode Island and The Miriam Hospitals Recognized by Commission on Cancer

The Comprehensive Cancer Center at Rhode Island Hospital and The Leonard and Adele R. Decof Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Miriam Hospital have earned the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons. This award recognizes the significant commitment by medical staff, administration and staff to providing high-quality cancer care to their patients, as well as meeting and exceeding the standards set by the CoC.

"This national recognition places Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals among an elite group of cancer centers nationwide," says Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital. "Our goal is to provide state-of-the-art, comprehensive treatment that's close to home, allowing our patients to recover in their own community while continuing to live their lives. Patients don't have to travel great distances to receive the best care—world-class cancer care is available right here in their own backyard." Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals are among only 90 CoC-accredited cancer programs in the country

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PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT



Arun K. Singh, MD

During a career that has spanned nearly four decades, Rhode Island Hospital cardiothoracic surgeon Arun K. Singh, MD, has performed more than 12,000 open heart surgeries. One of the most rewarding parts of his work, he says, has been watching many of his pediatric patients grow up and have children of their own.

Singh, also a clinical professor of surgery at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, joined the staff at Rhode Island Hospital as a surgeon in 1975 and has since held several appointments, including director of cardiac surgery at the hospital's cardiac intensive care unit.

Singh, who performs all types of heart surgery, including complex aortic and reconstructive heart surgery, is gratified by the results he often sees in patients shortly after surgery. He says, "One moment, you see they were very sick, and the next moment you gave a life—a normal, functioning life."

Singh feels that merging Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals' open heart surgery programs is a strategic move that will result in better care for all heart patients as well as the next generation of cardiac patients. "We can focus our resources and bring it to another level," he says. "In these economic times, it's very important that we consolidate. Now we can take our resources and put them toward the advancement of new technology and manpower."

Singh says the hospitals' skilled, dedicated staff is their most powerful resource. "Heart surgery is teamwork," he says. "If you don't have good people, good personnel, your outcome is not going to be very good." He adds, "The biggest heroes are the patients who trust us, who put their lives in our hands. Our duty as a team is to fulfill the trust that is bestowed on us."



Peter Tilkemeier, MD

It may surprise you to learn that nuclear cardiologist Peter Tilkemeier, MD, who has spent nearly a quarter of a century in Rhode Island and at The Miriam Hospital, has also visited 49 of our nation's 50 states. "I'm missing Mississippi! We are going to have to plan a trip to get all 50!" says Tilkemeier. Avid travelers, Tilkemeier and his wife have journeyed in Africa, China and Europe; however, their favorite trip was closer to home: Glacier National Park in Montana.

Tilkemeier serves as interim director of the Division of Cardiology at Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals and is an associate professor of medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. An Illinois native, he attended Northwestern University for his undergraduate and medical degrees. An internship brought him to Connecticut where he met his wife, and the two came to Rhode Island in 1986 when Tilkemeier began his fellowship at The Miriam Hospital—where he has worked ever since, with the exception of one year of specialty training at Massachusetts General Hospital. Tilkemeier, a resident of Cumberland, says, "I enjoy Rhode Island very much. It's small, it's very New England, and it's easy to get to other places. I like the lifestyle here."

As a nuclear cardiologist, Tilkemeier's activities center on ensuring quality. Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee for the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, he says, "There are a lot of challenges to perform quality studies while reducing radiation exposure."

Tilkemeier says, "I enjoy medicine in Rhode Island and collaborating with my cardiology colleagues across the state. It's very rewarding to work with the cardiology staff at both Rhode Island and The Miriam campuses. The commitment to high level patient care and quality is unwavering, and I'm looking forward to continuing that dedication as we grow together."

Kwame Dapaah-Afriyie, MD, MBA, Named Physician of the Year



For his exceptional patient care, dedication to teamwork and commitment to The Miriam Hospital's values, Kwame Dapaah-Afriyie, MD, MBA, director of the Division of Hospitalist Medicine, has been named the Charles C. J. Carpenter, MD Outstanding Physician of the Year. Dapaah was presented with the award at the annual meeting of The Miriam's medical staff organization on June 21.

Dapaah, who is also a clinical associate professor at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, holds the distinction of being one of only two hospitalists in Rhode Island with senior fellow status from the Society of Hospitalist Medicine.

Dapaah's nominators say, "Over the last 10 years, his ability to integrate the day-to-day issues of managing a busy service with surges in sizes, the needs of his colleagues to have a manageable patient ratio, the safety and care of the patients, and the often overarching goals of The Miriam, [has] grown and matured a program that delivers high quality care, safe care, great teaching to the internal medicine residents, and a program that is the envy of many hospitalist colleagues across the country. He has become in many ways the face of care at The Miriam Hospital."

Dapaah attended medical school in Ghana and came to the United States to study neurology, beginning at The Miriam in 1993. After just a year, however, Dapaah realized that neurology was too focused for his interests, and went on to do his residency training in internal medicine. Following a year of practicing primary care in Connecticut, Dapaah returned to The Miriam in 1997, and has remained since then. He was named division director in 2005.

Dapaah says, "The Miriam is like a 'big village.' Most of us have worked here for several years. There is a great sense of collegiality, which is critical. If you hear good news about our program, it's because we work together as a system."

Fred J. Schiffman, MD, Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



The Rhode Island chapter of the American College of Physicians recently presented Fred J. Schiffman, MD, associate physician-in-chief and director of medical education at The Miriam Hospital, with one of the organization's highest honors: The 2011 Milton Hamolsky Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes excellence in the specialty of internal medicine and service to both the community and the state chapter of the American College of Physicians. Schiffman is the third physician from The Miriam to be recognized with this award since its inception in 1999.

"Dr. Schiffman is a gifted physician who continuously and tirelessly devotes his time to his fellow physicians, medical students, staff and—most of all—his patients and their families," says William Corwin, MD, senior vice president and chief medical officer at The Miriam. "The entire Miriam Hospital community congratulates him on this well-deserved honor."

A hematologist and oncologist by training, Schiffman is also medical director of The Leonard and Adele R. Decof Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Miriam. He has been praised for his compassion and commitment to his patients as well as medical residents, and peers have regularly cited him as "world class in his treatment of patients" and an "impeccable physician who promotes excellence in patient care."

Schiffman is vice chairman of medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and the inaugural Sigal Family Professor of Humanistic Medicine. The professorship, based at both The Miriam Hospital and Brown, supports a distinguished and compassionate physician providing medical treatment, with a special emphasis on teaching, research and training in humanistic medicine.

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executive officer, I can tell you that this strategic alignment is invaluable to our leadership team as we continue to work with our physician partners and employees to help shape our destiny.

There is—and will always be—a great deal of work to do, but we are making great progress. The future of health care, as well as the economic outlook on the local, state and federal levels, remains complex and ever changing, with many forces that will continue to impact us and our strategic direction. With that in mind, we remain more confident than ever that this merger is the right idea at the right time and that we are on the correct path. We each have been strong on our own, but together we will be even stronger. As always, I thank each and every one of you for all that you do on behalf of our patients and their families.

In the steadfast pursuit of excellence, I remain,
Sincerely yours,

Timothy J. Babineau, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital

Karen Rosene Montella, MD, Appointed Senior Vice President for Women’s Services and Clinical Integration



Karen Rosene Montella, MD, has been appointed senior vice president for women’s services and clinical integration for Lifespan. Rosene Montella, who is also a professor of medicine and OB/GYN at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, joined Lifespan in June, at which time she was also appointed vice chair for

quality and outcomes in the department of medicine. Rosene Montella, who most recently served as chief of medicine at Women & Infants Hospital, will also lead Lifespan’s new Women’s Medicine Collaborative, a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary center dedicated to meeting the unique health care needs of women at all stages of life.

Rosene Montella is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School. Following her internal medicine residency at the University of Washington Seattle, Rosene Montella became the only internist in North America to complete a two year fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine.

In Seattle, she served as co-director of the High Risk Pregnancy Clinic at the University of Washington and later founded the Center for Women’s Health at Virginia Mason Medical Center, where she also served as its medical director. She is the immediate past president of the International Society of Obstetric Medicine and serves as a peer reviewer to many internal medicine and OB/GYN journals.

As senior vice president for women’s services and clinical integration, Rosene Montella will guide Lifespan’s collaborative women’s health programming and clinical integration activities. Clinical integration will ensure that the patient centered experience, a crucial component of a robust and successful ambulatory care strategy, will be extended to the inpatient setting.

“The department of medicine is delighted to welcome Dr. Rosene Montella to her new role as vice chair of outcomes and quality for the department. We are in the process of evolving our departmental culture to be one in which high quality care in all of its manifestations is our paramount clinical mission,” says Lou Rice, MD, physician-in-chief for Rhode Island and The Miriam hospital. “Dr. Rosene Montella brings years of experience in developing and implementing quality improvement projects at Women & Infants Hospital and has the administrative experience to turn ideas into reality. I look forward to working with her in this new role.”

Stroke Center Strikes Gold

The Miriam Hospital was recently recognized by the American Heart Association (AHA) as a “Get With The Guidelines” Stroke Gold Plus Performance Achievement Award Hospital for its commitment and success in implementing excellent care for stroke patients, according to evidence-based guidelines.

To receive the award, The Miriam had to achieve 85 percent or higher adherence to the AHA’s stroke quality achievement indicators for two or more consecutive 12-month intervals, as well as achieve 75 percent or higher compliance with six of the AHA’s stroke quality measures, which are reporting initiatives to measure quality of care.

“The Miriam Hospital has been a leader in stroke care in Rhode Island for years, and this award recognizes our continuing commitment to treating our stroke patients quickly and effectively in order to save lives and improve outcomes,” says Arthur Sampson, executive director of The Miriam Hospital. “We are proud to be among the top hospitals in the country for stroke care and remain focused on providing the highest quality care and following nationally recommended guidelines.”

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team available at all times, including neurosurgical, orthopedic and many other subspecialists.

“As the only Level I trauma center in the area, we have the unique responsibility to treat patients with the most complex injuries,” says Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital. “Every year we treat thousands of patients suffering from traumatic injury, and this reverification recognizes our ability to provide first-rate care with highly skilled clinicians and state-of-the-art technology.”

Each year, approximately 10,000 trauma patients are treated at the Andrew F. Anderson Emergency Center at Rhode Island Hospital. Thirty percent of the adult admissions due to trauma are patient transfers from other hospitals, and 30 percent of the transfers are from facilities in southeastern Massachusetts.

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—and only three in the state—to receive this award as a result of surveys performed during 2010.

Established in 2004, the CoC Outstanding Achievement Award is granted to facilities that demonstrate a commendation level of compliance with seven standards that represent six areas of cancer program activity: cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, clinical management, research, community outreach and quality improvement.

The level of compliance with the seven standards is determined during an on-site evaluation by a physician surveyor. In addition, facilities must receive a compliance rating for the remaining 29 cancer program standards.

Congratulations to Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals for this well-deserved honor!

Community Rallies to Give More Than \$490,000 to Radiothon

If you tuned in and listened to the annual radiothon to benefit Hasbro Children’s Hospital on April 7 and 8, you would have heard patients and families sharing their inspiring stories of courage and compassion. They are among the thousands of children and families whose lives have been touched by Hasbro Children’s Hospital. Thanks to the hundreds of radio listeners who called in, more than \$490,000 was raised to support the exceptional pediatric care, family programs and groundbreaking research at the hospital. The radiothon is a valued partnership among Hasbro Children’s Hospital, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, and Citadel Broadcasting radio stations 92 PRO FM, Lite Rock 105, News Talk 630 WPRO & 99.7FM, and FUN 107.1. Since 2005, the event has raised nearly \$5 million.



“Whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world.”

—The Talmud

Weight Loss Surgery Can Improve Migraines

New research from The Miriam Hospital shows that bariatric surgery may provide an added benefit to severely obese patients besides weight loss: it can also help alleviate the excruciating pain of migraine headaches. The research was published in the March 29 issue of *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

Researchers say obese patients who had suffered painful and debilitating migraines before bariatric surgery reported improvements in headache frequency, severity and disability just six months after surgery. At that point, most patients had lost an average of 66.4 pounds.

“Obesity is thought to contribute to worsening of migraine, particularly for severely obese individuals, yet no study has examined whether weight loss can actually improve migraine headaches in these patients,” says lead author Dale Bond, PhD, a researcher with The Miriam Hospital’s Weight Control and Diabetes Research Center. “Our study provides evidence that weight loss may be an important part of a migraine treatment plan for obese patients.”

The Miriam study included 24 severely obese patients who suffered from migraines. Using standard migraine questionnaires, researchers assessed patients both before and six months after bariatric surgery. They found headache frequency was significantly reduced from 11.1 headache days before surgery to 6.7 days six months postoperatively; nearly half the patients reported at least a 50 percent reduction in frequency. The odds of experiencing this level of improvement were higher in participants who experienced greater weight losses, regardless of the type of bariatric surgery.

Study Finds Obese Adolescents Lack Vitamin D

A new study from Hasbro Children’s Hospital has found that most obese adolescents are lacking in vitamin D. The researchers call for increased surveillance of vitamin D levels in this population and for further studies to determine if normalizing vitamin D levels will help to lower the health risks associated with obesity. The study was published in the May edition of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

To read more about the study, visit lifespan.org.

Renovations Meet Open Heart Surgery Needs

Renovations are underway in Rhode Island Hospital’s Bridge Building to support a combined open-heart surgery program for Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals. The new cardiothoracic ICU on Bridge 5 is a 14-bed space that will enable improved efficiency and quality of patient care and the conservation of resources. The Miriam will retain a full suite of cardiac services on its campus and will continue its tradition of delivering high quality, patient-centered cardiac care to meet the needs of the community.

Eight internal medicine rooms in the new space are currently being upgraded to meet critical care requirements. Renovations include a new telemetry system, additional headwalls for ICU equipment, and enlarged doorways to facilitate bed traffic. Three rooms are scheduled for completion in June, with the remaining five to be completed in August. It is anticipated that the new program will become fully operational in October.

Look for more information about the renovation and expanded program in upcoming issues of *Lifelines* and on Lifespan Intranet.

CyberKnife Reaches 100th Patient Milestone



The Radiosurgery Center of Rhode Island, LLC (RCRI), recently treated its 100th patient with the CyberKnife Robotic Radiosurgery System. RCRI, a joint venture between Rhode Island Hospital and 21st Century Oncology, recognized this milestone less than two years after it became first in the state to offer the treatment.

CyberKnife is a noninvasive radiation therapy used to treat benign and malignant tumors, as well as certain other non-cancerous conditions, anywhere in the body. Using CyberKnife, surgeons can focus radiation on each tumor while avoiding surrounding healthy tissue. Image-guided software detects patient movement, including breathing, and adjusts the treatment accordingly. This level of precision allows for the treatment of hard-to-reach and inoperable tumors and for more accurate doses of radiation to be administered over a shorter period of time. Most patients return to their normal activities immediately after treatments. The center has noted a significant increase in the demand for CyberKnife technology, particularly in the treatment of tumors of the lung and spine.

Charles D. Mahoney, vice president of pharmacy and cancer services at Rhode Island, The Miriam and Bradley hospitals says, “This technology is considered to be the premier radiosurgery system available and offers patients and our physicians many unique advantages over more conventional therapies. What has been most rewarding is to witness firsthand the outstanding multidisciplinary team specially trained on the CyberKnife system working with our patients. We have an extremely talented and committed team comprised of radiation oncologists, medical physicists, radiation therapists, registered nurses, social workers, clinical nutritionists and patient navigators.”

CyberKnife is available in Rhode Island only at the Radiosurgery Center of Rhode Island, located on the Rhode Island Hospital campus. For more information, visit www.CyberKnifeRI.com.

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DISTINCTIONS

Rhode Island Hospital's surgical services team was awarded a certificate of achievement for rapid process improvement (RPI), a new universal protocol for surgery following wrong site surgeries in 2009. The team collaborated in this effort with the Center for Transforming Healthcare, an affiliate of the Joint Commission. RPI was developed at Rhode Island Hospital and is being piloted at six other hospitals.



Antonio Lassaletta, MD

Antonio Lassaletta, MD, a fellow in cardiothoracic surgery research at Rhode Island Hospital, has been awarded a research fellowship from the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education (TSFRE) to support his project, "Improving Myocardial Perfusion in a Diabetic Swine Model of Chronic Cardiac Ischemia." Lassaletta's fellowship is one of only two awarded in 2011 by TSFRE.

Paula Most, coordinator for the arts at Lifespan, was among 20 recognized as Distinguished Fellows by the Society for the Arts in Healthcare. Founded in 1991, the society is dedicated to advancing the arts as integral to health care. Distinguished Fellows are society members who have made outstanding contributions to the arts in the health care field.



Paula Most

Michael P. Carey, PhD, has been named director of the Centers for Behavioral and Preventive Medicine at The Miriam Hospital, effective August 1, 2011.

William Corwin, MD, chief medical officer at The Miriam Hospital, has been named one of seventeen inaugural members of the New England Comparative Effectiveness Public Advisory Council.



William Corwin, MD

Lois Booth Retires



Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals bid a fond farewell to Lois Booth, director of medical staff services, who retired in July.

Booth began her career at our hospitals 29 years ago as a surgeon's secretary in Rhode Island Hospital's orthopedics department, an area she still considers her "first home" and where she remembers meeting many of the hospital's current physicians when they were residents and fellows. "I was fortunate to be recognized and promoted," says Booth, who then

advanced through many positions before assuming her present role in 1990.

Jeffrey Rogg, MD, who has worked with Booth for the past seventeen years, credits Booth with making significant contributions to the quality of patient care and the well-being of the physician staff at the hospitals. Booth says she has observed medicine become more complex and technologically advanced over the course of her career. "Watching it all transform, you realize that health care is one growing area—constantly in motion and moving forward."

Booth has titled the next chapter of her life, "Fun and Frolic." She looks forward to having more time to pursue her many hobbies, including gardening and golf. "I play badly," she says. "I need to focus some time on it and see if there's hope." A long-time fan of the Rhode Island Philharmonic and supporter of the Philharmonic's Music School, she is considering volunteering for the organization. Booth, who played the clarinet as a young adult, says she may also begin piano lessons.

Of her career at the hospitals, Booth says, "I've spent pretty much the better part of my adult life here, and I consider it a privilege to have been affiliated with all the people along the way, and a pleasure to interact with everyone." When asked what farewell message she would like to leave her colleagues, Booth says, "In the words of Frank Sinatra, 'Thanks for the memories.'"

Go Team!



Larry Lucchino, (left) and Timothy J. Babineau, MD, with Wally the Green Monster, the official mascot for the Boston Red Sox.

The Boston Red Sox came to Hasbro Children's Hospital on June 13, as Governor Lincoln Chafee signed a bill creating Red Sox Foundation Rhode Island license plates. Larry Lucchino, Boston Red Sox president and Chief Executive Officer, and Providence Mayor Angel Taveras were among the luminaries who attended the June 13 ceremony.

"We owe our success at Hasbro Children's Hospital to our outstanding clinicians and staff, as well as to the overwhelming support we receive from the community," said Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and Chief Executive Officer of Rhode Island Hospital/Hasbro Children's Hospital and The Miriam Hospital. "We are so pleased to count the Red Sox Foundation and the state of Rhode Island among our many supporters."

With the legislation, the State of Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue license plates that bear the official Boston Red Sox logo. Twenty dollars from the purchase of each plate will go to the Red Sox Foundation, which in turn will make grants to a variety of Rhode Island-based charitable organizations on a rotating basis each year.

Notes from the Rabbi

Rabbi Janie Hodgetts



In Judaism, compassion is a quality that one is expected to have and act on with every person. One of the thirteen attributes of the Holy One mentioned in Torah and later in High Holy Days prayers is compassion, and as humans created in the image of God, we are expected to follow this model.

A famous story in the Talmud builds on the value of compassion. Once there was a gentile who came before Shammai (a first century sage) and said to him, "Convert me on the condition that you teach me the whole Torah while I stand on one foot." Shammai pushed him aside with the measuring stick he was holding. The same fellow went before Hillel (a rival sage and scholar), and Hillel converted him, saying, "That which is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow, this is the whole Torah and the rest is commentary. Go and learn it." Hillel's view is the one that predominates today.

In Judaism, compassion is viewed both as a value to guide behavior and as a feeling toward others. The Torah conveys that identification with others' suffering, particularly from one's own experience of suffering, is the basis of compassion. Rabbi Soloveitchik, the great Talmudic scholar and Jewish philosopher, explained that "without the experience of slavery, we would have remained unexposed to suffering," and attributes the root of Jewish morality to that experience.

Scholarship Applications
Now Being Accepted

Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the Kathleen C. Hittner, MD Educational Endowed Fund. The fund provides financial support to a Miriam Hospital staff member to attend a conference for professional development.

An application and guidelines can be found on the Lifespan Intranet, under the Administrative tab, by clicking on Human Resources. The documents are under The Miriam Hospital. Applications are due Friday, September 2. For more information, contact Joanne Wallace, senior HR representative, at 793-2812.

Gala Raises More Than \$440,000 for The Miriam Hospital Funds will help establish new Total Joint Center at The Miriam Hospital

Close to 500 hospital donors and friends turned out on May 14 for The Miriam Hospital's 2011 Gala, which raised \$440,571 for the hospital. The evening featured the artistry of Cirque-tastic acrobatic performers and was held at the Rhode Island Convention Center.

Funds raised from the gala will help establish a new center of excellence for joint replacement at The Miriam Hospital, which will offer comprehensive evaluation and treatment for patients with permanent and progressive damage to knees, hips or shoulders.

"The success of this gala is a testament to the tremendous generosity and commitment of our community and supporters," says Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital. "The funds raised are crucial to ensuring that our patients have access to a state-of-the-art, total joint replacement program that is poised to become the best in the region and ranked among world-class institutions."

"We are very appreciative of the wonderful support we continue to receive year after year from our sponsors, donors and staff," says Arthur J. Sampson, executive director of The Miriam Hospital. "The Miriam Hospital has consistently responded to community need over the years and our new total joint center will provide the most advanced health care for generations to come."

Amica was the evening's presenting sponsor. Event co-chairs were Marianne and Alan Litwin, and Sharon and Alan Gaines, MD, served as vice chairs. Robert DiMuccio and Alan Litwin co-chaired the corporate sponsorship committee and Peter Karczmar, MD, and Valerie Thomas, MD, chaired the medical sponsorship committee.



From L-R: Edward D. Feldstein, chair of The Miriam Hospital board of trustees; Jeffrey Brier, chair of The Miriam Hospital Foundation board of trustees; Marianne and Alan Litwin, event co-chairs; Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital; and Arthur J. Sampson, executive director of The Miriam Hospital.

Warren Avenue Clinics Mark First Anniversary

This summer, Hasbro Children's Hospital recognizes the first anniversary of its pediatric clinics at 900 Warren Avenue in East Providence. The clinics, which began opening their doors in August of 2010, are part of Hasbro Children's Hospital's ongoing efforts to provide patients and their families with the option of hospital-quality care at convenient community locations. Approximately 1,000 patients have been seen at the family-friendly clinics since the opening of the new location.

Whether patients and their families visit the hospital campus or one of the clinics, they benefit from a diverse team of expert caregivers and Hasbro Children's Hospital's shared commitment to place each child at the center of their circle of care.

Margaret Prendergast, RNC, assistant clinical manager of the clinics, says patients and their families love the free parking, easy highway access, and the interiors. "The small office setting with consistent staffing provides a personal touch. Patients and staff have grown to know each other by name, which assists in entrusting their child's care with all providers."

- The Pediatric Nephrology Clinic offers evaluation, testing and treatment for all forms of renal disease in children from birth through adolescence. Clinic physicians are also experts in the diagnosis and

treatment of children who are suspected of having hypertension. 401-444-5672.

- The Pediatric Gastroenterology, Nutrition and Liver Diseases Clinic provides care for children with a variety of gastrointestinal, hepatic and nutritional needs. 401-444-8306.
- The Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine Clinic provides evaluation, testing and treatment for many conditions, including asthma, cystic fibrosis, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, obstructive sleep apnea, interstitial lung disease, and congenital lung abnormalities. 401-444-6540.
- The Adolescent Healthcare Center offers state-of-the-art comprehensive care to patients ages 10 to 22 requiring treatment for eating disorders. The center provides a multidisciplinary approach inclusive of nutritional support. 401-444-5980.
- The Center for Sports Medicine offers leading-edge care for sports injuries, including acute and overuse sports injuries, back and spine injuries, concussions, dance injuries and osteoarthritis, as well as stress and throwing injuries and fractures. 401-519-1608.

For more information about any of the Warren Avenue pediatric clinics, call the clinic directly or visit www.hasbrochildrenshospital.org.



During a long-term stay on CO-OP 3 at Rhode Island Hospital, Jerry Moening created artwork in varied media with artist/instructor Sarah Barrow through the weekly Art on Rounds program. Moening exhibited his works Friday March 11 in the CO-OP 3 waiting area. It was the first exhibition of patient artwork created at the hospital.



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