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Thursdays 12:05 p.m.  
Rhode Island Hospital Chapel of Hope

**Muslim Prayer Service**  
Fridays 1:15 p.m.  
Rhode Island Hospital Chapel of Hope

## Spiritual Care Week

During Spiritual Care Week (November 13-19), the Spiritual Care Department at Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital recognized this year's theme, "Voices Shared," which encourages us to find our unity in the midst of our diversity. Employees were invited to visit the spiritual care display case in the APC Building; meet the chaplains and pick up prayers and information at the spiritual care table in the cafeteria lobby on Wednesday; attend a brief multi-faith service and Blessing of the Hands ceremony on Friday at noon in the Chapel of Hope; and participate in Blessing of the Hands ceremonies offered on medical units on Friday.

## GENEROSITY

# More than 1,000 Participants Support The Walk for Hasbro Children's Hospital

Morning sun broke through the clouds above Roger Williams Park in Providence on September 24, as more than 1,000 walkers, supporters and volunteers from across southern New England participated in The Walk for Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Patients, families, hospital staff, local businesses and the public teamed up to raise money to enhance existing programs or purchase critically needed medical equipment for the hospital's young patients. Donations are still being accepted online at [www.thewalk4hch.org](http://www.thewalk4hch.org).



lies that we have been able to help over the years. Events like this will help us to continue to improve the lives of everyone who walks through our doors."

"The Walk for Hasbro Children's Hospital is a chance not only to help children in the future but also to see the great strides we've already made," says Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital. "It's an inspiring feeling to be able to walk around and see the faces of patients and fami-

The Walk, presented by Mega Logistics, Inc., was kicked off by emcee Patrick Little from WPRI-TV and Fox Providence, followed by a welcome from Providence Mayor Angel Taveras. The festivities included food, dancing and family activities, including The Green Apple Kids Band, caricature artists and face painters. Bwana Iguana Reptile Adventure showed exotic animals, and Pepsi provided refreshments. Event sponsor Hasbro, Inc., hosted a tent filled with games for kids, and hundreds of Team Hasbro walkers and volunteers took part.

Radio stations 92 PRO-FM, Lite Rock 105 and WPRO-AM 630 were at Roger Williams Park with games and giveaways for walkers. Live music and entertainment were playing along the walk route, as well as refueling stations sponsored by OfficeMax. Cox Media was also a sponsor for the event.

## The Miriam People Dinner Thanks Special Donors, Looks to the Future

On September 14, more than 160 friends and supporters of The Miriam Hospital gathered at the Providence Marriott for the 39th annual Miriam People Dinner—an event to recognize and thank annual fund and major gift donors to the hospital.

The keynote speaker was Timothy P. Flanigan, MD, director of the division of infectious diseases at The Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital, whose speech was titled "Thirty Years into the HIV and AIDS Epidemics: The Miriam's Contribution." Flanigan is also professor of medicine and Dean's Professor of Medical Sciences at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

The Miriam People Dinner 2011 co-chairs were Robert and Renamarie DiMuccio. Each guest received *The Miriam Hospital: A Gift to the City* by Brian Jones, the newly published book chronicling the rich history of the hospital.

Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, shared with guests exciting updates about the new Total Joint Center at The Miriam Hospital; the expanded and upgraded Leonard and Adele R. Decof Family Comprehensive Cancer Center; and a new location for The Miriam's dialysis center, thanks to a gift from Fred and Carol Levinger in honor of Charles "Bud" Kahn, MD.

Edward D. Feldstein, chair of The Miriam Hospital board of trustees, emphasized in his remarks that "although our cardiac surgery program is moving to the Rhode Island Hos-



L-R: Edward Feldstein; Jeffrey G. Brier, chair of The Miriam Foundation Board of Trustees; Renamarie and Robert DiMuccio; Timothy J. Babineau, MD; and Timothy P. Flanigan, MD.

pital campus, all other cardiac services remain at The Miriam. In fact, we're investing heavily in cardiology and will be building a new preparation and recovery unit for patients undergoing outpatient cardiac procedures. The Miriam will continue to have a wide spectrum of cardiac services from interventional and nuclear cardiology to our Women's Cardiac Center and our Center for Cardiac Fitness."

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CHIEF  
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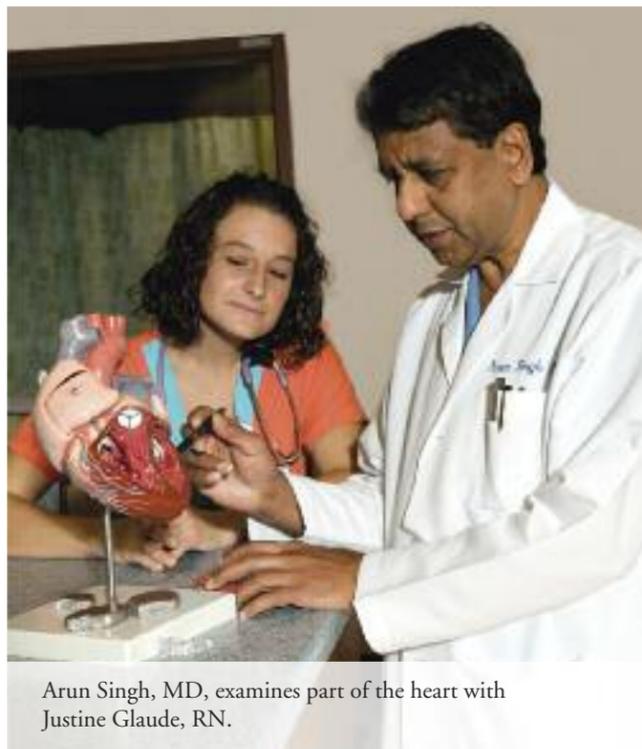


Nearly a year ago, we began the important work of consolidating two key programs at our hospitals: open heart surgery at Rhode Island Hospital and total joint replacement at The Miriam. Our reasons were manifold: to create the highest quality program in the region that would be respected on the national level; to provide the patients we serve with the latest, most leading-edge technology available; to optimize the experience of our patients during their stay; to use our scarce resources in the most efficient manner possible and, finally; to continue to fulfill our collective promise of a steadfast pursuit of excellence. I invite you to read more about each of these programs in this issue's cover stories.

The opening of these two programs demonstrates the power of collaboration and marks an important milestone on our journey of creating a world-class academic medical center on two campuses. In combining these programs, we have drawn upon the knowledge, expertise, input, passion and insights from caregivers at both locations. Hundreds of hours have been logged in the past 12 months to help ensure that these programs will deliver the best that each campus has to offer and benefit the patients of our community and our region for years to come.

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## Joining Minds, Healing Hearts



Arun Singh, MD, examines part of the heart with Justine Glaude, RN.

## Cardiovascular Surgery Programs Consolidate

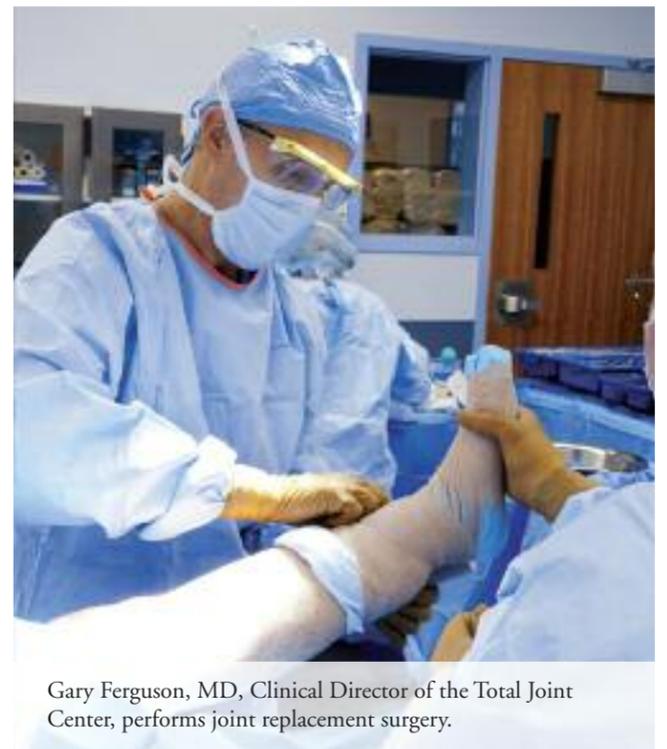
Cardiac care providers at Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital have joined together to offer cardiac surgery in a new, consolidated program, which officially opened on October 16 and is expected to be one of the highest-volume programs in New England.

This is the first essential element in the creation of a Cardiovascular Institute that will span both hospital campuses. In updated, efficient space in Rhode Island Hospital's Bridge Building, patients will benefit from the combined expertise of nationally recognized surgeons, physicians, and exceptional staff from both Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals. Nursing staff will include The Miriam Hospital's Magnet nurses as well as Rhode Island Hospital's cardiovascular surgery nurses, who were recently recognized with a Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence, given to just four percent of the country's critical care units.

To further the goals of the open heart surgery program and the Cardiovascular Institute, The Miriam will continue to offer comprehensive and robust diagnostic and interventional cardiology services. Plans for the upcoming year include the complete replacement of one of The Miriam's cardiac catheterization labs to accommodate the latest medical technology, and a new 18-bed patient evaluation and recovery area adjacent to the lab.

Frank Sellke, MD, FACS, Lifespan's chief of the division of cardiothoracic surgery, says, "I think concentrating our efforts is great for the program, and the future is bright. This will allow us to expand our services and improve our overall quality of care."

## Introducing the Total Joint Center



Gary Ferguson, MD, Clinical Director of the Total Joint Center, performs joint replacement surgery.

## New Center of Excellence Opened at The Miriam Hospital

On November 14, The Miriam Hospital officially opened the newest center of excellence: the Total Joint Center. The center is dedicated to providing state-of-the-art specialized procedures, rehabilitation and care in treating diseases of, or injuries to, the hips, knees or shoulders.

The Total Joint Center is part of the new Orthopedics Institute that will span both The Miriam and Rhode Island hospitals. Rhode Island Hospital will continue to offer a wide range of outstanding orthopedic services; however, the opening of the center at The Miriam recognizes the growing need to focus centers of excellence at a single campus in order to deliver the highest quality of care and the best patient experience.

The center provides individualized care to restore each patient to normal function with the ability to move freely and without pain throughout life. With the most advanced technology, the surgeons can perform the full surgical spectrum from minimally invasive to the most complex reconstructive surgeries. Spacious, private patient rooms, with the latest clinical technology located at the bedside for optimal care, offer a comfortable, relaxing setting—with complimentary wifi, telephone, and television. The center's Magnet accredited nurses, rehabilitation experts and health care professionals tailor care to each patient's needs.

"The Total Joint Center is a multidisciplinary program which strives to meet all our patients' needs when undergoing joint replacement surgery. This includes active involvement of the patient as well as multiple professional groups on staff at The Miriam Hospital," says John Froehlich, MD, MBA, director of the center. "This highly integrated approach leads to optimal patient outcomes provided in a safe and welcoming environment."

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PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT



Susan J. Duffy, MD

Susan J. Duffy, MD, describes her mission as twofold: to provide staff in the department of emergency medicine with what they need to deliver first-rate patient care, and to help keep Hasbro Children's Hospital on the cutting edge of medicine.

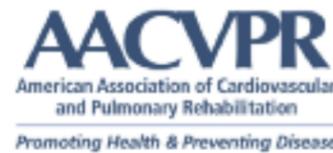
"Pediatric care is unique—a different paradigm than adult care," she says, citing careful observation as a critical skill. "You take the pieces of the puzzle, sort them out, ask the right questions, and create diagnostic possibilities." Compassion is also key. "For us, it's

just another day at work, but for parents, an ER visit is usually a very significant event, and we try to never lose sight of that." Annually, an average of 52,000 patients of diverse backgrounds, ages and developmental stages, come to the department. Duffy commends her staff for not only providing the "safety net" of urgent care, but encouraging ongoing care by linking up patients with primary care providers.

Duffy, a staunch advocate for child and family safety, helped develop a program at the hospital that supports the recognition and diagnosis of child abuse, and founded another program that advocates for victims of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. She also worked with research leaders in pediatric emergency medicine and the hospital to become involved in PECARN, the country's first federally funded multi-institutional pediatric emergency medicine research network and, together with engineers at the University of Notre Dame, she is developing a handheld spectrometer that "dates" bruises. Duffy says, "Research is how you move medicine forward."

Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program Recertified

The Miriam Hospital pulmonary rehabilitation program has been awarded recertification from the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). Certified AACVPR programs are recognized as leaders in the field of cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation because they offer the most advanced practices available.



The Miriam's 12-week program is designed to help patients who experience decreased mobility and exercise tolerance as a result of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or a restrictive lung disorder. The program begins with an evaluation of the patient's exercise tolerance, muscle strength, range of motion and gait. Respiratory therapists evaluate a patient's need for supplemental oxygen and proper use of inhalers, and determine if a patient requires monitoring of breath sounds. Once this first stage is complete, the care team identifies short-term and long-term goals for each patient.

The pulmonary program often consists of progressive aerobic and strength training exercises, combined with education on energy conservation, pursed lip and diaphragmatic breathing, cardiopulmonary disease processes, and proper nutrition and weight management. Program outcomes show improvement in quality of life and the ability to perform activities of daily living.

Hasbro Children's Hospital Unveils the First "GetWellNetwork" System in New England



Hasbro Children's Hospital unveiled its new GetWellNetwork system made possible by a \$1.5 million gift from Hasbro, Inc. Pictured (l-r) are: Barbara Goldner; Brian Goldner, president and chief executive officer of Hasbro, Inc.; Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Rhode Island Hospital and its Hasbro Children's Hospital; Robert B. Klein, MD, pediatrician-in-chief of Hasbro Children's Hospital and Thomas F. Tracy, MD, pediatric surgeon-in-chief of Hasbro Children's Hospital

On September 29, Hasbro Children's Hospital officially rolled out its newest tool to improve the patient experience for hospitalized children, a revolutionary technology platform called GetWellNetwork. The system is the first of its kind to be implemented in New England, and was made possible by a \$1.5 million gift from the hospital's namesake, Hasbro, Inc.

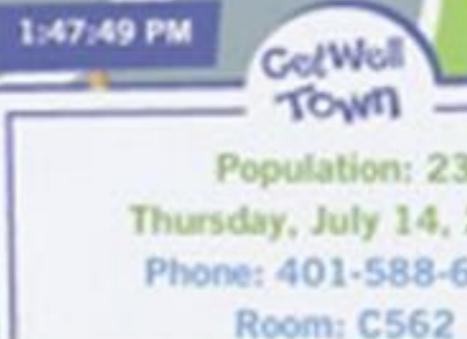
Following a brief speaking program in the lower lobby of the hospital, demonstrations on the fifth floor were led by hospital leadership, including Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Rhode Island Hospital and its Hasbro Children's Hospital; Robert Klein, MD, pediatrician-in-chief of Hasbro Children's Hospital, and Brian Goldner, president and chief executive officer of Hasbro, Inc.

The GetWellNetwork, now installed on all inpatient units at Hasbro, allows patients and families to engage with their caregivers to access educational information, hospital services and Internet resources on a 22-inch touch-screen television. It also has an entertainment component that children can enjoy throughout their stay. Information is tailored to each patient and offered in both Spanish and English.

"Hasbro, Inc. and Hasbro Children's Hospital have a shared mission to improve the lives of children and families. As the world moves toward a more digital era, GetWellNetwork will be an important tool in furthering our mutual mission," says Goldner. "By bringing GetWell Town to the hospital, we hope to provide young patients with a readily available resource to keep them better connected, happier and more comfortable during what can be a time of great uncertainty."



Hasbro Children's Hospital patient Noah Travis, 11, demonstrates the new GetWellNetwork system capabilities to Brian Goldner, president and chief executive officer of Hasbro, Inc.



## DISTINCTIONS

Thomas H. Chun,  
MD, MPH

Under the direction of **Thomas H. Chun, MD, MPH**, Hasbro Children's Hospital will become one of only 18 pediatric emergency departments in the country to participate in the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN). PECARN is the nation's first federally funded pediatric research network focused on the prevention and management of acute illnesses and injuries in children. Chun is a pediatric emergency medicine physician and researcher and an associate professor of emergency medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

**Mitchell M. Levy, MD**, has been appointed chief of the division of critical care, pulmonary and sleep medicine in the department of medicine at Rhode Island Hospital. In this role, Levy is responsible for managing clinical services, education and research activities, and administration of the division. Levy, who has served as interim chief since 2009, is also a professor of medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.



Mitchell M. Levy, MD



Sharon Hansen, RN

**Sharon Hansen, RN**, of The Hallett Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology, was named Diabetes Educator of the Year by the Rhode Island Certified Diabetes Outpatient Educator (CDOE) organization. The CDOE organization strives to encourage and empower CDOEs in Rhode Island. Candidates are nominated for this award by their peers.



Brian J. Zink, MD

**Brian J. Zink, MD**, has been named the inaugural recipient of the Frances Weeden Gibson-Edward A. Iannuccilli, MD, Professorship in Emergency Medicine. Zink serves as the chief of the department of emergency medicine at Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

**Peter J. Snyder, PhD**, vice president of research for Lifespan, received one of 10 Ig Nobel Prize awards for his finding that an acute urge to void the bladder can have the same impact on impairing cognitive function as small amounts of alcohol or sleep deprivation. Snyder received the award along with his co-authors and colleagues from the University of Melbourne and Yale Medical School. The Ig Nobel Prizes "honor achievements that first make people laugh and then make them think. The prizes are intended to celebrate the unusual, honor the imaginative—and spur people's interest in science, medicine, and technology."



Peter J. Snyder, PhD



Fred Schiffman, MD

Congratulations to **Fred Schiffman, MD**, medical director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals, for receiving the first-ever 2011 Human Dignity Award from Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island.

## Men's Cancer Wellness Group

For men diagnosed with prostate, bladder, testicular, penile or kidney cancers, The Miriam Hospital now offers the Men's Cancer Wellness Group. During this forum, which is held the third Monday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Fain 3, men can learn about treatment options as well as coping strategies for everyday life. Facilitated by Kathy Higginbotham, LICSW, the wellness group provides a comfortable setting for discussion, education and support through the treatment and recovery process. Join us for the following speakers:

- December 19** Holiday party
- January 16** Gail Yates: relaxation, yoga, mind and body healing
- February 20** Peter Tilkemeier, MD: cardiac rehabilitation updates
- March 19** Tim Kinsella, MD: radiation oncology updates
- April 16** Joe Renzulli, MD: urology updates
- May 21** Mary Flynn, PhD: nutrition

For spouses/partners of patients diagnosed with these cancers, The Miriam also offers partners of the men's group. Partners runs concurrently with the wellness group and provides the opportunity for spouses/partners to get information, share experiences and find support systems. Session topics include care giving, intimacy, quality of life and management of side effects. Spouses/partners do not need to have a loved one attending the wellness group in order to attend the partners group.

For more information, please call 793-2078. Men's wellness is sponsored by the American Cancer Society in conjunction with the Men's Health Center and The Leonard and Adele R. Decof Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Miriam Hospital.



## Women's Wellness Workshop a Success!

On September 24, more than 220 women attended the annual Women's Wellness Workshop at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick. Keynote speaker Jane E. Brody, MS, personal health columnist for the *New York Times*, gave a memorable presentation on how women can boost their "health IQ," and the professionals from Dancin' Feelin' showed everyone how dancing can improve your health. The day's workshops also were well received and the health screenings were well attended. Nearly 70 women chose to have cholesterol and blood glucose screenings, 63 women received blood pressure screenings and 50 women had their fall risk assessed. Thank you to the 40 volunteers and 80 exhibitors and vendors who helped make this day possible!

## Notes from the Rabbi



Rabbi Janie Hodgetts

In Hebrew, the term "hakarat hatov" literally translates to "recognizing the good," but is used more loosely to refer to a key value in Judaism: gratitude. The very first words we are to speak in the morning are modeh ani, "I am grateful." By beginning the day with thanks, we bring attention to the gifts in our lives that we tend to take for granted. In Judaism, there are numerous specific blessings to help one attune to, and express appreciation for, all kinds of things from having bread, wine, fruit, to lighting candles, seeing a rainbow, meeting a wise person, to simply arriving somewhere at a particular moment. The Talmud says that one should say one hundred blessings a day. For most people this isn't realistic, but we always have the opportunity to recognize the good in our lives, in others and in ourselves.

Hakarat hatov encourages us to develop an attitude of gratitude, which is especially relevant during the holidays. You can express your appreciation to people you care about, acknowledge the good in yourself, and make a habit of saying "thank you" for everything you receive, both big and small.

*Continued from front cover...Message from the President and Chief Executive Officer*

In order to successfully achieve our shared vision, it is vital for us to anticipate the needs of our community, the changing and ever-tumultuous health care landscape, and the economic realities of our time. We must continue to be proactive, looking for every opportunity to take what is best on both campuses and create something even better. These two new centers of excellence, I believe, will deliver on that promise. Our patients demand it, and they deserve it.

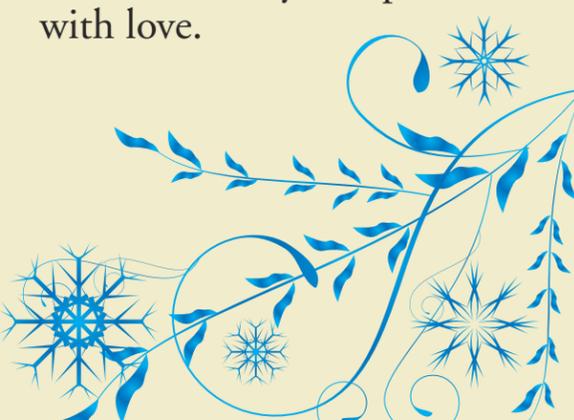
Change is never easy, even when it's absolutely necessary, which is why I extend my gratitude to all those who have helped make these exciting programs a reality, and to everyone at both hospitals for their cooperation, forbearance, and spirit of collaboration. Our patients and their families depend not only on the skills we possess to heal their bodies, but the caring that heals both hearts and minds (and the occasional knee).

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

*When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed. —Maya Angelou*

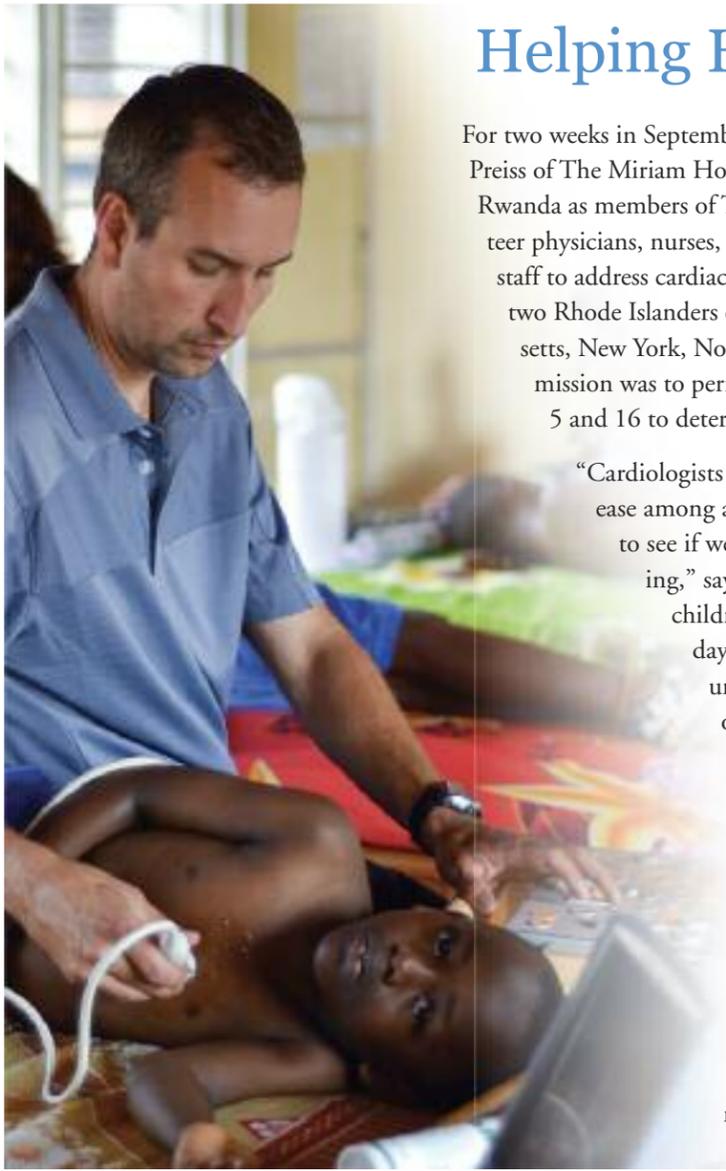
This holiday, may your home be full with those you hold dear and your spirit full with love.



**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”**

**—Margaret Mead**

## Helping Hearts in Rwanda



For two weeks in September, cardiac sonographers Marc Couturier and Stephen Preiss of The Miriam Hospital traveled throughout the Gasabo District of Rwanda as members of Team Heart, a nonprofit organization that sends volunteer physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists and other clinical and nonclinical staff to address cardiac needs in Rwanda. Couturier and Preiss were the only two Rhode Islanders of the 14 selected; other members hail from Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina and Washington state. Team Heart's mission was to perform echocardiograms on children between the ages of 5 and 16 to determine the prevalence of rheumatic heart disease.

“Cardiologists there are finding many cases of rheumatic heart disease among adolescents between the ages of 18 and 20. So we went to see if we could identify it in kids and prevent it from progressing,” says Couturier. The group scanned approximately 2,700 children from 10 different schools, visiting one school per day. “The schools ranged from private to public and urban to rural. Many places didn't have electricity or plumbing,” he says.

To the team's surprise, they did not find many children with the disease. “While this is great for the kids, we know it's out there. It's hard to say why it isn't showing until the late teens and early 20s, but there are three cardiologists still interpreting the data. It may be that the disease just progresses very quickly, or that we just happened not to see many kids with it.”

Of the whole experience, Couturier says “It was amazing. I would definitely do it again. The kids really appreciated us being there.”



*Rwanda photos taken by Josh Goldberg.*

## Kohl's and Injury Prevention Center Make Kids Safer at “Seat Check Saturday”

On September 24, certified child passenger safety technicians from Rhode Island Hospital's Injury Prevention Center and other agencies inspected 101 car seats in the Smithfield Kohl's parking lot and educated parents and caregivers on how to properly install car and booster seats in their cars. The free event, sponsored by Kohl's Cares - Kids on the Go, was part of National Seat Check Saturday.

More than three out of four child safety seats are improperly installed, according to research by the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration. A properly installed child safety seat lowers the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers in passenger cars.

At the event, representatives from Kohl's also presented a check for more than \$189,000 to Rhode Island Hospital to support continuation of the car seat check program next year.





## Keeping Cardiac Rehab Patients on Track

Researchers from The Miriam Hospital have found that patients who have completed cardiac rehabilitation and who receive telephone counseling that supports exercise are more likely to adhere to an exercise program. Results of the study, funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, are published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

Traditionally, patients who complete Phase II cardiac rehabilitation have low rates of maintaining exercise after program completion. If patients who have completed cardiac rehabilitation do not maintain regular exercise, they are at risk for repeated cardiac events and hospitalizations. Researchers at The Miriam Hospital developed a randomized controlled trial to determine the efficacy of a home-based intervention to support exercise maintenance. Patients who completed cardiac rehabilitation were randomly chosen to receive phone interventions with exercise counseling (maintenance counseling group) or to receive only telephone support (contact control group) that did not focus on exercise. Data was collected over a period of five years and included 130 patients.

They found that patients who received telephone counseling support related to exercise were more likely to exercise than patients who received only general support calls. Patients in the exercise counseling group also were more likely to be motivated to exercise and many exercised above recommended 150 minutes/week, and reported better physical functioning at 12 months than the control group.



## Rhode Island Hospital Study Identifies Fish Oil's Impact on Cognition and Brain Structure

Researchers at Rhode Island Hospital's Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders Center have found positive associations between fish oil supplements and cognitive functioning as well as differences in brain structure between users and non-users of fish oil supplements. The findings suggest possible benefits of fish oil supplements on brain health and aging. The results were reported at the recent International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease, in Paris, France.

The study was led by Lori Daiello, PharmD, a research scientist at the Rhode Island Hospital Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders Center. Daiello's team included researchers from Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, and the Brown University Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior.

Read more about the study at [www.rhodeislandhospital.org](http://www.rhodeislandhospital.org).

## Annual Meeting Inspires



Rhode Island Hospital's annual meeting, held September 20 in the hospital's George Auditorium, attracted many distinguished guests, including Lincoln Chafee, governor of Rhode Island; Angel Taveras, mayor of Providence; and George Vecchione, president and chief executive officer of Lifespan.

The theme of the evening was the advancement of Providence's knowledge district and Rhode Island Hospital's essential role in driving Rhode Island's new knowledge-based economy. Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, and Larry Aubin, chairman of the Rhode Island Hospital Board of Trustees, spoke of the highlights and achievements of the past year, the opportunities and challenges of the year ahead, and the contributions of all who work tirelessly in support of the hospital and its patients.

Following the meeting, a reception was held in the cafeteria, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.



## Excellence in Breast Imaging

The first hospital in the state to offer digital mammography, Rhode Island Hospital continues to be on the leading edge by providing state-of-the-art breast imaging services at the Anne C. Pappas Center for Breast Imaging. Board-certified radiologists with expertise in breast imaging provide a wide range of services, including breast ultrasound, breast MRI, needle wire localization, galactography and mammography.

The Pappas Center is equipped with an all-digital center for annual mammogram screenings. Because the facility is dedicated to screenings, more patients can be screened per day with shorter wait times. The center is open five days a week with convenient early morning and early evening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The digital images are viewed on high-resolution monitors, enabling radiologists to see the breast tissue and any abnormalities more clearly.

The Pappas Center is the first facility in the state to have earned designation as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence from the American College of Radiology, reflecting the center's commitment to providing the highest levels of care and its dedication to improving women's health.