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Dear Donors and Friends,

You’re only 50 once and you need to celebrate!

Memorial Medical Center Foundation was incorporated on August 11, 1964, as the Memorial Hospital of Long Beach Foundation. So this year we are commemorating our 50th year of service to donors and their support of excellent health care in our community.

Since our inception, we have assisted donors and their advisors on the best methods to include philanthropy in their financial planning. For many it has been an outright gift of cash, securities (stocks, bonds and mutual funds) or real estate during their lifetime. While from others, we have received a bequest from their Will or Living Trust. Our Board of Directors and staff take seriously the responsibility of stewarding all gifts, grants and bequests for Long Beach Memorial, Miller Children’s Hospital Long Beach and Community Hospital Long Beach.

Our purpose, then and now, is to support our not-for-profit hospitals. Your generosity allows us to fund clinical and translational research, capital equipment, education for our residents, physicians and nurses, and patient programs. Today, we are fortunate to have more than 145 endowments, which provide sustainable support for these areas.

Sir Isaac Newton is quoted as saying that “we stand on the shoulders of giants.” As we borrow this phrase, we can see how some philanthropic giants impacted the growth and development of our medical campus: Houssels Forum, Van Dyke Theater, Miller Children’s, Todd Cancer Pavilion, the Munzer Award and Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Center, to name just a few.

In this issue, you can read about some of the amazing research and technological advances in the innovative MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute. And how the Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation acknowledged the importance of family support during illness with its $1 million grant for the Todd Cancer Institute. The grant established an endowment providing sustainable funding for psychosocial support that, without philanthropy, would not be available to patients and their families.

You can also read about the Laulhere family, who in memory of their daughter Cherese Mari, has funded capital equipment at the Pediatric Imaging Center named in her honor and more recently has contributed to name the Birth Care Center.

With more than 800 in attendance, the 2014 Dancing for our Stars gala kicked off American Heart Month, with proceeds benefitting our MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute. Held in the newly redesigned Pacific Ballroom, five dancing couples and one singing phenom (by day a cardiac surgeon), competed for the title of champion.

You will hear more throughout the year as we commemorate our 50th anniversary. Perhaps you, too, can contemplate how you can join the celebration by making a philanthropic commitment to support your area of interest at our not-for-profit hospitals. The Foundation staff looks forward to the opportunity to work with you in designing, implementing and managing your philanthropic legacy.

Thank you for your continued support of quality health care for all who seek treatment at our hospitals.

James F. Normandin
President
Memorial Medical Center Foundation

PS Feel free to contact me to discuss how you can create your own legacy: jnormandin@memorialcare.org or 562.933.1667.
Innovation and Excellence Remain at the Heart of MHVI

by Greg Hardesty


World-class physicians such as Myrvyn Ellstad, MD, John Messenger, MD, and Daniel Bethencourt, MD, as well as a team of other talented doctors, nurses and medical professionals at the MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute (MHVI) at Long Beach Memorial (LBM), have created a decades long tradition of cutting-edge cardiac care.

Today, under the leadership of Medical Director Gregory Thomas, MD, MPH, this tradition of clinical care excellence and innovation continues. From headline-grabbing research into the heart disease of ancient Egyptians, to targeted gene therapy likened to a scene out of “Star Wars,” to broad-based educational and outreach efforts concerning heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women older than 25, the team is committed to remaining ahead of the innovation curve.

With an emphasis on research to ensure unparalleled patient care and the best possible clinical outcomes, the MHVI care team of nearly 500 physicians, nurses and staff uses the most modern techniques, evidence-based practices, medications and ideas to treat adults and children with all forms of cardiovascular diseases.

“We have positioned ourselves to be the leader in cardiovascular services in southwest Los Angeles County and northern Orange County through the recruitment of world-class talent, investment in state-of-the art equipment, and our commitment to comprehensive cardiac programs,” Dr. Thomas said.
A Balance of Talent and Technology

Leading MHVI into the future are renowned physicians such as Shaun Setty, MD, who, in June 2011, became the Institute’s first cardiovascular surgeon to specialize solely in pediatric and adult congenital heart surgery.

Other current marquee cardiologists are Rex Winters, MD, an innovator in vascular and interventional cardiology, Serge Tobias, MD, a specialist in pacemaker and implantable defibrillator lead extraction, and Fernando Mendoza, MD, a leader in adult echocardiography. “Breakthrough technology has kept pace with top-level talent at MHVI,” said Dr. Thomas.

In 2010, with philanthropic support through the Memorial Medical Center Foundation, LBM obtained its second da Vinci® Si Surgical System, enhancing MHVI’s status as a major referral center for minimally invasive procedures, including port-access aortic valve replacement, coronary artery bypass surgery, mitral valve repair, and the treatment of atrial fibrillation, or heart “flutter.”

Such minimally invasive cardiac procedures, for which MHVI has become renowned, result in fewer infections and less pain, as well as shorter hospital stays and less time in the intensive care unit, according to Dr. Thomas.

In January 2012, LBM installed a 320-slice computed tomography scanner, which enables doctors to see images of the entire heart in just one heartbeat, and allows them to track blood flow while keeping radiology exposure to a minimum.

MHVI recently unveiled its brand-new hybrid suite. As reported in the August 2013 Mercury, the $5.2-million Hybrid Imaging/Interventional/Surgical Suite allows cardiac surgeons, interventional cardiologists and vascular surgeons to simultaneously work together to offer the patient the best option for treatment. “The hybrid suite lets our physicians provide a new standard of care for our patients,” said Dr. Thomas. “MHVI is poised to offer a new generation of diagnostic and treatment modalities that will take the prevention and treatment of coronary artery disease to an even more advanced level. We’re the best positioned heart care facility in the region to bring cutting-edge advances to patients,” he added.

From Mummies to Heart “Pagers,” Research Remains Crucial

“MHVI team members remain at the pinnacle of research, enhancing patient care outcomes and attracting patient referrals,” Dr. Thomas said.

In addition to working on a new hybrid stress test for patients who may only be able to perform limited exercise, and early clinical trials looking into new ways to lower LDL (the “bad cholesterol”), the following three areas of research exemplify MHVI’s commitment to staying ahead of the curve in heart care.

Lessons From Ancient Egypt

Dr. Thomas is the lead investigator in a study of Egyptian mummies that is providing a window into atherosclerosis, or blockages of the arteries. Over the last few years, his 20-person, multidisciplinary international research team, which includes fellow MemorialCare physicians David Michalik, DO, and James...
Sutherland, MD, has discovered that ancient Egyptians had atherosclerosis and heart disease as far back as 1550 B.C. – a finding that has led to advances in concepts for preventing heart disease.

Using scanning devices, the team found that one princess, estimated to have died in her 40s, had blockages in two coronary arteries, raising questions about how large a role modern lifestyle risk factors, such as smoking, play in atherosclerosis. “We tend to blame people for bringing atherosclerosis on themselves,” said Dr. Thomas. “But that’s not necessarily true. This research shows that it’s an ancient disease, and that it may be a universal disease.”

**A "New Era" in Cardiac Treatment**

“I think you’re having a heart attack.” These terrifying words, uttered by an urgent care clinic physician in early 2013, came as a shock to Sally Krawczyk, 58. Sally ended up in the LBM Emergency Department after experiencing shortness of breath.

Since August of that year, Sally has been participating in a Phase 2 clinical study involving targeted genetic therapy for people with poor heart muscle function. The study involves injecting patients with viral particles to restore levels of an enzyme that, when depleted, is known to play a key role in the progression of heart failure.

“It’s like ‘Star Wars,’” Dr. Thomas said of the targeted gene therapy. “This represents a new era in cardiac treatment in that it involves changing people’s genes.”
The AngelMed Guardian ALERTS device monitors the heart rhythm and, by vibrating and setting off a series of beeps and flashes, lets the patient know, before the onset of any symptoms, whether he or she is experiencing a cardiac event. The patient then calls his or her doctor or 911, depending on the severity of the warning. The device has been licensed to St. Jude Medical Inc. to be incorporated into existing devices and is poised to be commercialized worldwide, according to Dr. Thomas. “This thing works,” he said.

Kim West, MSN, ACNP-BC, CSC, CCRN, PHN, an MHVI critical care nurse, said the AngelMed Guardian has saved the lives of four patients in the study. For Inez, former CEO of Cabinets Unlimited, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery at LBM, the AngelMed device is like having a nurse with him 24/7. The device has alerted him twice in four-plus years, prompting Inez’s doctor to adjust his medication.

“It’s comforting,” Inez said. “I know if something goes terribly wrong, it will wake me up… the care team has, in my opinion, taken care of me like I was royalty. If it wasn’t for them, I wouldn’t be here.”

A Heart for Educating Women

Lilly Rocha was putting in 60-plus hours a week, traveling as senior director of an events management firm, when, in September 2008, she suffered a heart attack. Shockingly, Lilly was only 37 years old at the time.

Every year, six times more women die of cardiovascular disease than breast cancer. Fortunately, Lilly didn’t become part of that statistic. After being treated at LBM, she is lucky to have no permanent heart muscle damage or blocked arteries.

Today, Lilly’s a leading proponent of educating women about the importance of heart health through her work as a volunteer for Heels for Hearts, a fundraising group benefiting the LBM Center for Women’s Cardiac Health & Research. Lilly is also active in educating the Latino community about healthy eating and exercise habits, and undergoing cholesterol screenings and other routine medical tests. “There are too many women who have heart disease and don’t know it,” Lilly said.

Although there is a history of heart disease in her family, Lilly always took care of herself. The thought of having a heart attack at her relatively youthful age never crossed her mind – until she had one.

Today, Lilly watches her work hours as a self-employed professional events manager, practices yoga and aromatherapy, and is more cognizant of engaging in a lifestyle that reduces the risk of developing heart problems. “My message to all women is, ‘Listen to your body,’” Lilly said.
Lilly Rocha understands what it takes to prevent more women from having heart attacks: awareness, education and prevention. Providing an effective level of outreach to the women of the greater Long Beach area takes time and money – volunteers and donors, backing a team of medical professionals. That’s why Lilly stays involved with Heels for Hearts, the fundraising group that supports the Long Beach Memorial Center for Women’s Cardiac Health & Research.

The Heart of the Matter

by Carol A. Beckerman

This past Fall, patients and colleagues turned out to wish John Messenger, MD, good health and happiness upon his retirement after more than 40 years of dedicated service to his patients. During his tenure at the MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute, he constantly set the bar ever higher through his research, and education of the next generation of cardiologists about pacemakers and pacemaker lead extraction. Dr. Messenger was honored when the MMCF Board of Directors created the John C. Messenger, MD, MHI Education and Research Fund, and many who attended the event pledged their support toward building this fund.

In addition, this year’s Dancing for Our Stars gala raised more than $500,000 in support of patient programs, medical education and research at MHI.

The MHI has a long history of innovation and excellence, and the professional team of nearly 500 medical professionals has no intention of slowing the pace of advancement. The team’s partnership with the community to support their ambitious endeavors is crucial. According to Medical Director Gregory Thomas, MD, MPH, philanthropic dollars fund not only unique patient programs, such as the Center for Women, research and education, but also fund creativity. “Having philanthropic support allows us to attract top talent to our team. It is through this teamwork that we innovate, changing the practice of medicine for the better and saving lives as a result.”

Jim Normandin, president of the Memorial Medical Center Foundation, concurs, “Since hospital budgets have limitations, we rely on philanthropy to maintain the technological edge that we have been known for, for the past 50 years. I hope our donors will be as generous in supporting our efforts today as they have been in the past.”

For further information about supporting any of the MHI patient programs, research or education, please contact Michele Roeder Latimer at 562.933.1671 or mroeder@memorialcare.org.
What Do You Say?

by Carol A. Beckerman

What do you say to your 5-year-old when you’ve just been diagnosed with cancer? How do you tell him or her you won’t be able to cuddle for a while? How do you not frighten a child when your hair starts falling out?

While 20,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year – and that is heartbreaking – approximately 2.8 million children are affected by a family member’s cancer.

Supporting the Children

The Todd Cancer Institute (TCI) at Long Beach Memorial knows that cancer affects the family – not just the patient. And children are the hardest hit. The psychosocial program at TCI provides services that go far beyond the normal circle of care, so patients and families not only survive this disease, but also thrive as individuals and families.

Insurance doesn’t cover “that extra measure of care,” so the Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation stepped in. This Foundation supports many local children’s causes, but when the Board of Directors prepared its last strategic plan, it studied reports about the impact of a family’s situation on children. “We felt we needed to broaden our focus to reach more children,” said Walt Florie, Foundation president. “The TCI program really does focus on the family and all the issues they face because of the cancer diagnosis.”

In late 2013, the Miller Foundation pledged $1 million to the Todd Cancer Institute. This grant will fund an endowment to support the psychosocial program, including two staff positions – an oncology coach and a licensed clinical social worker. Now more patients and their families will have the support they need, when they need it.

Learning the Right Language

At age 33, Janelle Linares was diagnosed with breast cancer. Gretchen Stipec, MD, called to let her know just one day after Janelle underwent her very first mammogram, followed by an ultrasound and biopsy. Holly Adams, MSW, LCSW, an oncology social worker, was also on that call. Janelle recalled, “I never felt I was alone, even later when I learned that my first round of treatment – chemotherapy followed by a lumpectomy – hadn’t stopped my cancer. When I was given a choice to repeat the same process or undergo a mastectomy, I went to Holly for support. I asked her for a mentor from the Women Guiding Women program who had already faced this decision. And then I asked her, ‘How do I talk to my son (he was only 5)?’”

Mariusz Wirga, MD, is the medical director of the TCI psychosocial program. “We have programs for children and adolescents, as well as a class on family communication. We teach parents ‘healthy semantics,’ which the teenagers pick up quickly. In addition, we teach parents how to deal with the emotions that arise – fear, anger, guilt, worry and resentment.” Dr. Wirga appreciates the support from the Miller Foundation and what it will mean to so many families.

Finding the Support

Leslie Smith was religious about her annual mammograms. Then in November 2010, the images revealed an unusual cluster on her right breast and some calcifications along the ducts. Neither had been there the previous year. A subsequent ultrasound showed nothing unusual. A needle biopsy confirmed the presence of calcifications, but nothing else. Angela Sie, MD, and Brooke Caldwell, MD, insisted that Leslie see a surgeon immediately.

Carey Cullinane, MD, ordered an MRI, which indicated two suspicious areas in Leslie’s right breast, and one in her left. Three biopsies revealed only calcifications. A full surgical biopsy in February indicated an invasive cancer had grown beyond the duct. A 1-centimeter tumor was removed. It was slow growing and caught early: Stage I. While Dr. Cullinane was confident the entire tumor had been removed, a mastectomy was recommended. Leslie opted for a double.

Leslie’s 3rd and 5th grade daughters did not know about their mother’s diagnosis and the pending surgery. Leslie consulted with Erin Sommerville, a mind body oncology coach at TCI. “Not everyone is capable of reaching out and asking for help. Leslie is one of the brave ones,” said Erin.

With Erin’s guidance, Leslie was able to find a new balance in her life. “I was thrilled to be working with Erin, such a knowledgeable and empowering coach who reinforced my belief that it was possible for me to live a long, healthy and joyous life after a diagnosis of cancer. This healthy frame of mind kept home life normal for my girls and my husband. Because I wasn’t afraid, neither were they.”

Both Janelle and Leslie remain healthy. Their children are supportive, not frightened. And the families in this community affected by cancer can continue to count on these important programs, thanks, in large part, to the Miller Foundation.
Left to right, from the bottom up: Walt Florie, president, Miller Foundation, with a photo of Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller; James Linares; Jenna Smith; Janelle Linares; Blaire Smith; Enrique Linares; Leslie Smith; Hidy Adams, MSW, LCSW; Erin Sommerville; Randal Snyder, MHA; Mahysz Warga, MD; and Melissa Sadakoff, MSW, LCSW.
Margaret and Ron Malouf performed their unique moves and were crowned the 2014 Champions.

Cardiothoracic surgeon Dan Bethencourt, MD, rocked to the Rolling Stones.

Carl Ann and Don Wylie danced to the Temptations’ “Too Proud to Beg.”

Naomi Rainey performed a heartfelt tribute in honor of her late son and husband.

Nancy Piazza and partner Geoffrey Nighswonger danced the West Coast Swing.

Up on their feet showing their appreciation, the crowd loved the energetic competition.

The audience enthusiastically supported their favorite performers.
And the Beat Goes On...
by Michele Roeder Latimer

Usually they twirl the night away, but this year the Dancing for Our Stars contestants brought more than just their dancing shoes. The 2014 gala, benefiting the MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute at Long Beach Memorial, broke the mold and once again held true to its reputation of being the hottest ticket in town.

The audience of 800-plus included many familiar faces, such as Dave and Su Erickson, presenting sponsors from FreeConferenceCall.com for the third consecutive year. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception in the expansive lobby of the Long Beach Arena’s Pacific Ballroom, while listening to standards and sampling butler-passed hors d’oeuvres. Guests were greeted with their choice of WALT Wines, as they entered the elegant ballroom on the red carpet. The excitement was contagious.

It was a night to expect the unexpected. The competition opened with Nancy Piazza and Geoffrey Nighswonger dancing the West Coast Swing to Frank Sinatra’s “Fly Me to the Moon.” Nancy’s moves were beautiful and looked effortless as she sparkled in red. She extended out over her partner, much like Rose on the bow of the Titanic, leaving the audience “hanging” at the end of the performance.

Carl Ann and Don Wylie certainly weren’t “…Too Proud to Beg” when they danced to the Temptations. They kicked off the number with Carl Ann’s moves and Don’s live performance of the song’s opening. This couple’s talent wasn’t limited to their dance capabilities or the flash of Carl Ann’s hot pink dress.

Should an Argentine be expected to perform a flawless tango? Contestant Jorge Kamburis had just two and a half weeks to practice with partner Jimmi Goyne to perfect their routine. The two took to the stage with the blaze of Jimmi’s red boa against their all black attire, lending dramatic detail to the dance’s intensity.

Margaret Malouf looked “smokin’ hot!” – as judge Jeanna Mingram put it – and the crowd finally got to see “The Malouf” for themselves. Husband Ron has unique dance moves, which has taken Margaret several years to learn, but she clearly mastered them for a performance to Ron’s favorite song, “Blurred Lines.”

Naomi Rainey’s routine was touching and heartfelt. Having lost her son to heart disease, Naomi danced to the song “Unforgettable” for him and her late husband, because “that’s what they are.” For levity, Naomi stepped it up with a freestyle solo before finishing in her partner’s arms.

The final performance was by world-renowned (and Memorial’s own) cardiac surgeon, Daniel Bethencourt, MD, who played the harmonica and sang the Rolling Stones’ “Miss You.” The judges agreed that if his cardiac surgery gig doesn’t work out, they’re confident he’s got a good backup plan.

In the end, “The Malouf” brought in the votes and high marks to crown Ron and Margaret as the 2014 Champions, with a “Performance for Our Stars” by Dr. Bethencourt earning Runner-Up. It was a record breaking evening – in the number of attendees and FUNds raised – netting about $500,000, all for the benefit of the MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute.
Her friends describe her as “sweet, loyal and generous.” Cherese Mari Laulhere was beloved, not only by her family, but also by her childhood friends. As a UCLA student, Cherese enrolled in the Semester at Sea program for a 100-day voyage around the world. Lessons were aboard ship, with various port excursions available. Sadly, in March 1996, Cherese died on a bus in India.

Cherese was born at Long Beach Memorial and, in a way, she remains a part of the medical campus. Walk through Miller Children’s Hospital Long Beach, and you will see the Cherese Mari Laulhere Pediatric Imaging Center and the Cherese Mari Laulhere Birth Care Center. Helping children and making a difference in their lives inspired Cherese. Now, her family keeps her memory alive by creating her legacy. “We want her name, as well as her hopes and dreams, to live on,” said her parents, Chris and Larry Laulhere.

The Next Generation
Judy Valadez grew up next door. “Cherese was 2 1/2 years older and was like my older sister. I looked up to her and wanted to be just like her. As we grew up, I treasured our friendship. She was smart, funny, modest and beautiful – inside and out.”

Anne-Marie Pedersen also called Cherese her best friend. The two girls met in kindergarten and continued through school together. “She was the person I trusted most. When we were ready to go to high school, I was thinking of going to Poly, but Cherese was going to Wilson, so I changed my mind. When I went away to college, we spoke every week. I couldn’t have found a more kind, generous and loyal friend.”

Now Judy and Anne-Marie have families of their own. Yet they still think of their best friend, especially since both women recently delivered babies in the Center that bears Cherese’s name. “Being in that place reminded me of her. And thinking about Cherese helped me go through the pain of labor. It is the second best thing – to have her spirit there,” said Anne-Marie.

“I had dreams about Cherese before going [to the Center],” said Judy. “A plaque hangs in the hallway that I think is very important. I like the fact that parents can learn about Cherese; it creates a connection. This is a place where new life is starting, and Cherese is a part of each of those lives.”

“The new private rooms in the Center make such a huge difference,” said Anne-Marie. “I could catch my breath and focus on my baby. I think Cherese would like it.”

For more information about Cherese: www.cherese.org.
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From Charity of Choice events, such as the Wally Joyner and Friends Golf Tournament, to Team Spirit Breast & Ovarian Cancer 10K Walk, it is all about community involvement.

Cooking for Kids
Many look forward to this yummy event where community celebrities team up with patients from the Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Center (JJCCC) to show off their culinary expertise. This past Fall, the event raised more than $85,000 in support of the Adolescence and Young Adult program at the JJCCC. Shown are chef winners Erin and Henry Walker with sous chef JJCCC patient Sydney Waldrop. Team Sydney won the title of Ultimate Chef against six other teams by raising the most money, winning the most votes on Facebook and at the event for their fabulous appetizer.

Wally Joyner and Friends Golf Tournament
The annual event netted more than $110,000 this past November, while golfers enjoyed the beautiful Pelican Hill Golf Course in Newport Coast. The beneficiary of these fundraising efforts was the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Miller Children’s Hospital Long Beach. Joining Wally were several celebrity athletes, including Chuck Finley, Dale Murphy, Jim Abbott, Bobby Grich, Cole Hamels and Mark Langston.

Team Spirit
The 14th annual Team Spirit Breast & Ovarian Cancer 10K Walk added a 5K course, as well as 5 and 10K runs. The emcee was Adrienne Slaughter, who lost her leg to bone cancer at the age of 14. With only a 1 percent chance of survival, she went on to play tennis, model, rock climb and snow ski with one leg. Then, 3 1/2 years ago, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Today, Adrienne is cancer-free and enjoys life to its fullest. The 2013 event raised $220,000 in support of Women Guiding Women, a peer mentoring program for newly diagnosed gynecological and breast cancer patients. Individuals and teams, such as the Belmont Heights Curves group shown here, made this event a success.

iWalk . . . 4 Kids
This year’s event was held at the Queen Mary Events Park and grossed more than $50,000 for MCHLB. Miller Children’s mascot, Millie, is surrounded by a group of iWalk participants.

Young Professionals Association
This group, in support of Miller Children’s Hospital Long Beach, hosted their biannual Open House in November at the Long Beach Yacht Club as they kicked off their 2014 fundraising efforts. Pictured left to right: Jason Negro, St. John Bosco National Coach of the Year, CIF, State and National Champion along with Jessie Christensen, director of Football Operations; Scott Jones, MCHLB Advisory Board member and YPA co-founder; Divya Joshi, MD, chief medical officer MCHLB. They are holding the Kohl’s department store’s specialty items whose sales support the Kohl’s Cares for Kids program at MCHLB.
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