

MOMENTUM



DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2009

 West Virginia University
Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Christopher C. Colenda, MD, MPH, (right) a geriatric psychiatrist, assumed the position of West Virginia University Chancellor for Health Sciences on October 30, 2009. He is pictured here with Fred Butcher, PhD (left) who served as Interim Vice President for Health Sciences from May 2007 to October 2009.

Colenda was formerly the Jean and Thomas McMullin Dean of Medicine and Vice President for Clinical Affairs at Texas A&M Health Science Center. Previously, he held faculty and administrative appointments at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Wake Forest University School of Medicine and the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Colenda attended the United States Military Academy and earned a BA at Wittenburg University. He is a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia and the public health program at Johns Hopkins University.



Over the past year we have witnessed a steadily building pattern of achievement at the Health Sciences Center. We opened the doors of the expanded Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center – and took its expertise out on the road in Bonnie’s Bus. We began work on the state’s first Pediatric Research Center, allied with WVU Children’s Hospital. Our medical students topped the charts with an unbeatable 100 percent pass rate on their final licensing exams. The School of Nursing awarded the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree for the first time. The School of Medicine launched a histotechnology program. Dental faculty and students reached out to thousands of West Virginians, and our Pharmacy students achieved national acclaim for their work.

The momentum of the institution is strong, and it’s headed in the right direction. Our students are stepping out into the world prepared, motivated and eager to contribute to the health of the state and the nation. Our scientists are opening up new areas of research, and building new links across disciplines and schools. WVU Healthcare professionals are at work 24 hours a day, meeting the needs of people across the state.

None of this would be possible without the support provided by alumni and friends listed in this report. The past year has been a time of financial stress. But, like Mountaineers everywhere, we have endured, and even thrived, despite temporary adversity. Many of our donors have stepped up their giving to assure that student scholarships and other key support for our schools will continue. New friends have joined hands with those whose commitment to WVU is generations old.

As the new academic year began, the momentum achieved by the entire Health Sciences community paves the way for our new leader, Chancellor for Health Sciences Christopher Colenda, MD, MPH. He brings to us a wealth of experience, a sense of purpose and vision, and a strong commitment to the values that have shaped our institution. We’re confident the momentum we have achieved will be continued, and strengthened, on his watch. Please join me in welcoming him to our Health Sciences Center family.

Fred Butcher, PhD
Interim Vice President for Health Sciences
West Virginia University

ON THE COVER: (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT)

JOHN NOLTE, NURSING STUDENT, RECIPIENT OF THE CHARLES L. COTTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP; **JAMIE WHEELER**, (NOW) DDS; **ASHLEY HILDEBRAND**, MEDICAL STUDENT, RECIPIENT OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE DEAN’S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP & THE FAMILY MEDICINE FOUNDATION OF WV SCHOLARSHIP;

HSC STUDENTS: LISA ROLAND, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY; **LINDSAY ZATEZALO**, PHARMACY, BERNABEI INDEPENDENT PHARMACY SCHOLAR; **KAYLA CASTO**, NURSING; **JANIE LEARY**, PUBLIC HEALTH; **JOHN GANZ**, PRESIDENT OF 1ST YEAR MEDICAL SCHOOL CLASS; **KERRY SHANNON**, MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY, PEGGY JEAN WITT WILLIAMS SCHOLAR; **JONATHAN ZIMMERMAN**, DENTISTRY, JOHN L. LEWIS SCHOLAR; **MELANIE SMALL**, EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY; **CHRISTINA COMMITTEE**, PHYSICAL THERAPY; **JORDAN SIMMS**, PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT;

ASHLEY WILHELM, PHARMACY STUDENT; **STEPHEN SMALL**, PHARMACY PROFESSOR; **CANCER CENTER EXPANSION RIBBON CUTTING**



 West Virginia University
ROBERT C. BYRD HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

In 2010, West Virginia University will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Health Sciences Center. The first patient at the original University Hospital was admitted in August 1960. The School of Nursing admitted its first students in the fall. A fortunate group of third-year medical students, members of the Class of 1962, were the first to begin clinical rotations and complete their MD degrees here.

Over the past 50 years, the Health Sciences Center has educated thousands of students, treated tens of thousands of patients, contributed greatly to the advancement of health research and never lost sight of the ultimate mission: improving the health of West Virginians.

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West Virginia University's Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center benefits from the support of grateful patients, loyal alumni, benevolent friends, generous corporate and foundation partners and dedicated community organizations.

This is a report to those generous donors who made gifts of \$10,000 or more during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

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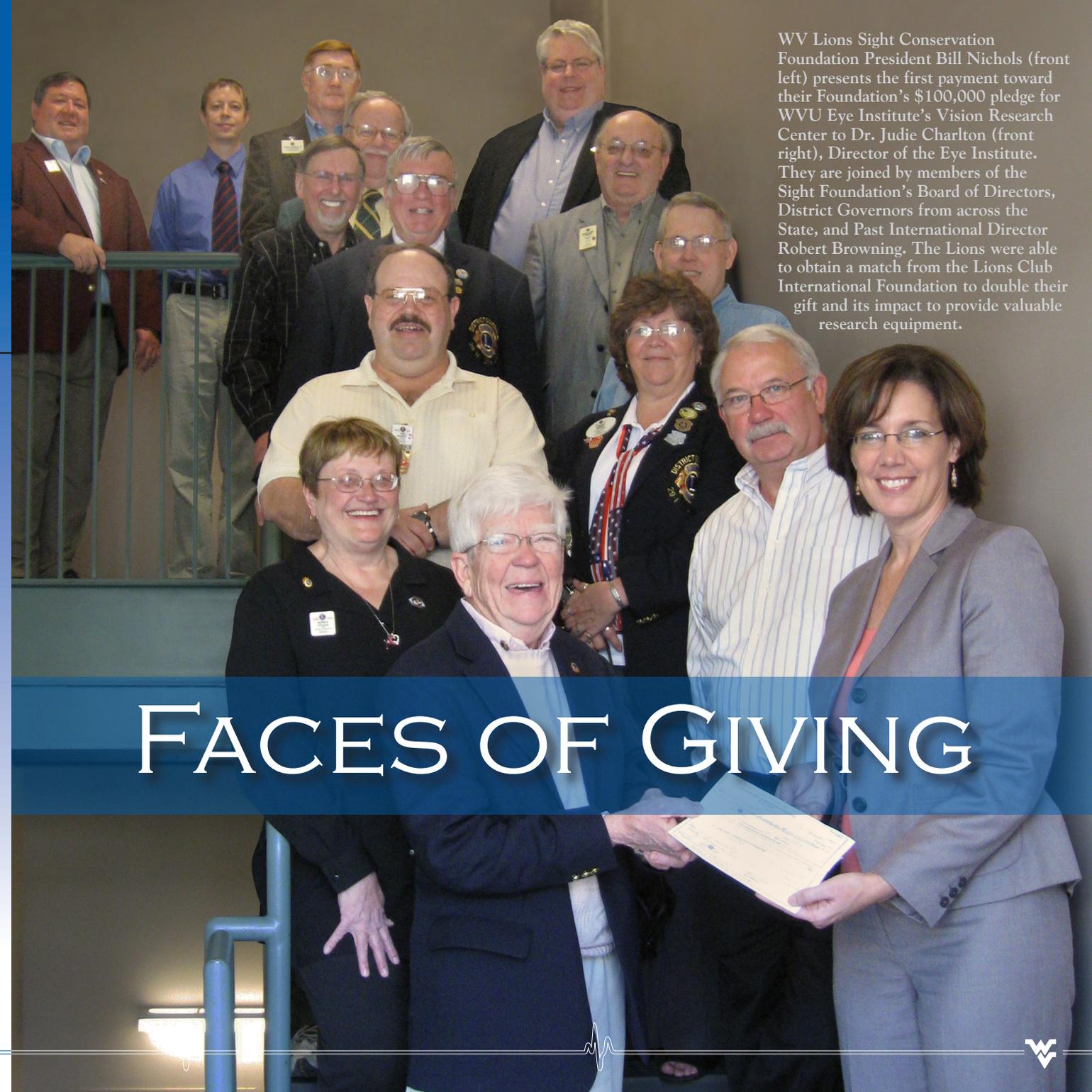
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WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation President Bill Nichols (front left) presents the first payment toward their Foundation's \$100,000 pledge for WVU Eye Institute's Vision Research Center to Dr. Judie Charlton (front right), Director of the Eye Institute. They are joined by members of the Sight Foundation's Board of Directors, District Governors from across the State, and Past International Director Robert Browning. The Lions were able to obtain a match from the Lions Club International Foundation to double their gift and its impact to provide valuable research equipment.



FACES OF GIVING

THE HEARTBEAT OF WVU HEALTH SCIENCES

Faculty, students and staff at the WVU Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center are busy 24 hours a day studying and teaching, researching, finding cures and treating patients both here and throughout the region.

Follow the heartbeat to see our team in action...



MRS. LAWSON HAMILTON, JR.

ADVANCES GLAUCOMA RESEARCH

The WVU Eye Institute’s progress in researching the leading cause of preventable blindness has received a new advocate and generous supporter in Mrs. Lawson Hamilton, Jr.

“This wonderful gift from Mrs. Hamilton will advance research in glaucoma. It is because of generous support such as this that we are able to make progress in preventing and treating blindness for West Virginians,” said Dr. Judie F. Charlton, glaucoma specialist, professor and Jane McDermott Shott Chair of Ophthalmology and director of the WVU Eye Institute. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the United States and the leading cause of preventable blindness.

After a personal battle with vision problems, Mrs. Hamilton came to the WVU Eye Institute for care. She was so pleased with her progress and the care she received, she wanted to make a gift in honor of her ophthalmologist, Dr. Judie Charlton. Her gift advances glaucoma research and the quality of care delivered to glaucoma patients.

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Dr. Judie F. Charlton

Dr. Charlton and the staff of the Eye Institute thanked Mrs. Hamilton for her generosity by naming a space in honor of her and in memory of her husband—The Jeanne G. & Lawson W. Hamilton Clinical Research Room.

OPPOSITE: (LEFT TO RIGHT)
DR. JUDIE CHARLTON,
MRS. JEANNE HAMILTON,
BARBARA HAMILTON FORD,
AND DR. FRED BUTCHER



4:09 AM

A young woman arrives at WVU’s Jon Michael Moore Trauma Center after an early morning collision near Grafton, West Virginia. Medical residents and faculty go to work and save a life.



“If he had been born one year earlier or in a hospital without a research program in neonatology, he might not be with us today.”



THE BARBACCIAS ARE STILL GRATEFUL

As an infant born with pulmonary hypertension, a rare and life threatening lung disorder, Nicholas Barbaccia fought hard for every breath. Today, Nick (above) is the picture of health. Both parents – Janet Williams, MD and John Barbaccia, MD – were WVU physicians at the time. “It is hard to believe that our Nicholas is now 12,” says Janet. “I remember his birth and the life-saving experience we had in the WVU Neonatal Intensive Care Unit like it was yesterday. If he had been born one year earlier or in a hospital without a research program in neonatology, he might not be with us today. We will be forever grateful.”

Since Nick’s birth, things have changed at WVU. Mark Polak, MD, Chief of Neonatology was part of Nick’s care team. Dr. Polak now oversees an expanded, 40-bed neonatal unit, where WVU physicians care for very sick infants from all over West Virginia and the region.

Today on-going contributions to the Nicholas Barbaccia Neonatal Research and Education Fund help to offset research costs for pulmonary-related neonatology fellowship projects and will eventually help create a neonatology fellowship training program.

NARSAVAGE FAMILY

ESTABLISHES A NURSING SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF BETTY MAREA SMITH

“My mother showed caring and compassion to everyone she met and devoted herself to the welfare of others.”



Dean Narsavage



(ABOVE) DEAN GEORGIA NARSAVAGE,
(RIGHT) BETTY MAREA SMITH

WVU School of Nursing Dean Georgia Narsavage, PhD, APRN, FAAN, and her family have endowed a nursing scholarship in honor and memory of her mother, Betty Marea Smith. Betty’s father was a Presbyterian minister; it was from him that she learned the joy of helping others, which led to her desire to become a nurse.

equipment available, and once said she did not just train to be a nurse, but to be a good person. She was most impressed with the surgical suites at the hospital, and after receiving her nursing diploma, she worked for a year as an operating room nurse under the renowned surgeon Dr. Eldridge L. Eliason.

The United States entered World War II while Betty was in high school. After graduation, she entered the School of Nursing at Presbyterian Hospital of Philadelphia (now part of the University of Pennsylvania Health System) so she could help with the war effort. Betty learned the most advanced techniques with the most modern

“My mother never forgot her nursing training and medical knowledge, and spent her life caring for sick family members, friends, and neighbors. She showed caring and compassion to everyone she met and devoted herself to the welfare of others,” said Dean Narsavage.



7:12 AM

Junior Nursing students begin their day with a pre-conference in preparation for their Pediatric clinical rotation on the sixth floor of Ruby Memorial Hospital.



MARION FRINGE LITTLE LEAGUE

SCORES BIG FOR WVU CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

"We are so proud of the Fringe Little League Baseball Association coaches for setting such a wonderful example."

FRINGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT THEIR CHECK FOR WVU CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO DIRECTOR CHERYL JONES.



For the second year in a row, the Fringe Little League Baseball Association has donated money to WVU Children's Hospital. In the fall of '08, the Fringe played its second annual coaches' softball tournament, raising \$6,000. The coaches also held a softball tournament for the Child Life Program at WVU Children's Hospital, raising \$5,000.

"We are so proud of the Fringe Little League Baseball Association coaches for setting such a wonderful

example. They are caring adults making an important effort on behalf of children who are admitted to the hospital," said Children's Hospital Director Cheryl Jones.

The money donated to the Child Life Program supports books, games and other items that make a hospital stay more comfortable for a child.

The Fringe Little League Association consists of several community Little League teams in Marion County.



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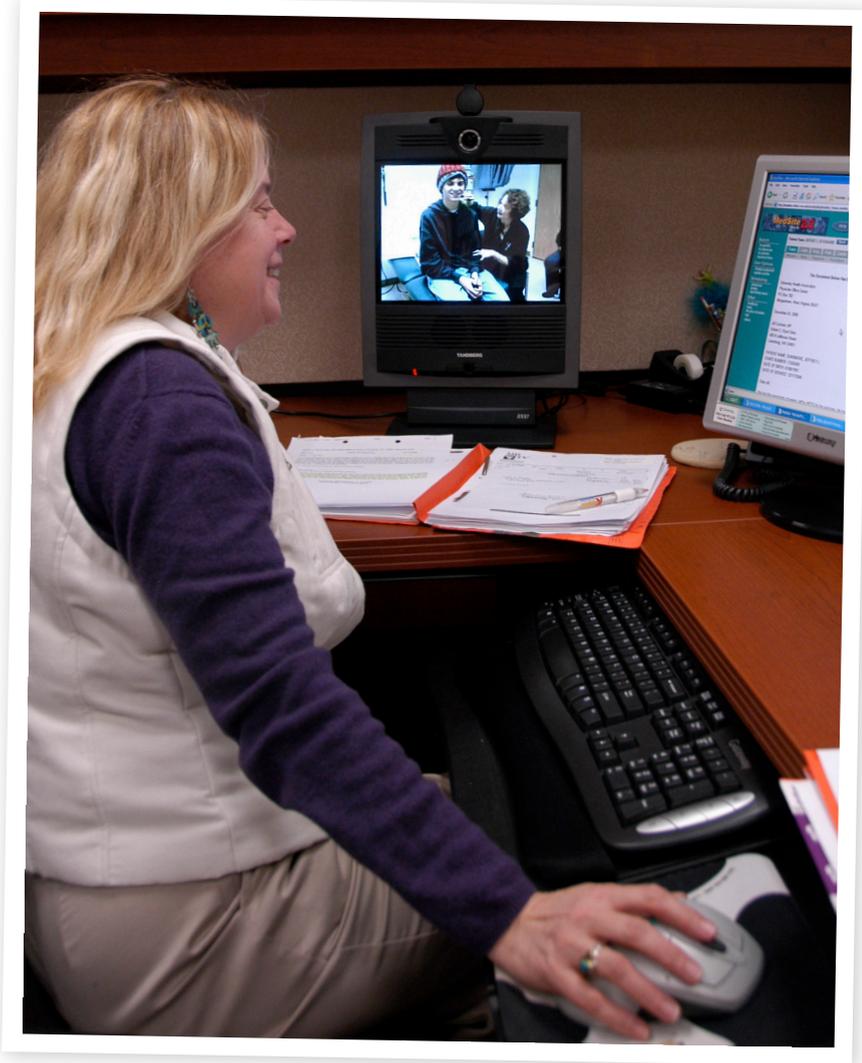
A patient enrolls in a clinical trial to test a promising new drug at the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center where patients have access to the latest treatments.

ART GABRIEL WAS INSPIRED BY PEDIATRIC TELEMEDICINE

Art Gabriel, co-founder of Gabriel Brothers, Inc. never got used to seeing "really sick kids" on his way to routine medical check-ups and decided to help make the work of Maggie Jaynes, MD, a little easier.

A pediatric neurologist, Dr. Jaynes has special expertise in attention deficit disorders and is co-director of WVU's Muscular Dystrophy Association clinic. Dr. Jaynes treats children with cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy and a host of other neurological problems. Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, she is also a pioneer in telemedicine, often conducting follow-up visits via video from Morgantown.

The second most rural state in America, West Virginia is ideal for specialists like Jaynes to provide follow-up care via high-resolution cameras and fiber optic cable. Today Mr. Gabriel's gift helps fund Dr. Jaynes' important work, including WVU telemedicine clinics throughout the state, which, in addition to pediatric neurology, include neurology, psychiatry, rheumatology, nephrology, endocrinology and dermatology.



MAGGIE JAYNES, MD PARTICIPATES IN TELEMEDICINE PATIENT CONSULTATION.



THE KILCOLLIN LEGACY CONTINUES AT WVU

Mark Camp Kilcollin, DDS left Charleston, WV to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After receiving his Bachelor's in Economics, he felt the mountain state calling him home.

Following in the footsteps of what were then two generations of dentists, he came to the WVU School of Dentistry. After completing his Doctorate of Dental Surgery, he decided to settle in the small, pristine town of Union, WV. He has lived and worked there since 1974, bringing quality dentistry to a growing clientele of satisfied patients.

Without many nearby colleagues to consult with in Union, Dr. Kilcollin has continued to rely on the faculty of WVU to discuss cases. He says, "I've appreciated, over the years, the easy flow of knowledge back and forth with faculty, not just for students, but ongoing for alumni like me after graduation."

Dr. Kilcollin's recent gift of \$10,000 to the School of Dentistry Information and Clinical Technology Fund is, in his words, a way "to honor the instructors and their contribution to dentistry and my life."

Dr. Kilcollin donates his time to the community as well, participating in the volunteer Mission of Mercy



DEBBIE, MARK, CAMP, KATIE & ABBY KILCOLLIN AT THE MAY 2009 SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY CONVOCATION CEREMONY.

Healthy Smiles initiative to provide dental care to underserved residents. He was recently joined in his efforts by his daughter Katie Kilcollin, DDS, an '09 dentistry alumna. "Some people just have the dentistry gene," he jokes.

And some people have the generosity gene as well. The School of Dentistry is grateful for Dr. Kilcollin's ongoing engagement with WVU.



8:41 AM

A breakthrough in stroke research is discovered in Dr. Jason Huber's pharmacy lab. Dr. Huber focuses on developing means for pharmaceuticals to penetrate the blood-brain barrier, creating new avenues for treatment of neurological disorders.

PANGILINAN FAMILY GIFT ESTABLISHES OUTREACH LEGACY IN MEMORY OF DR. RIZAL PANGILINAN

West Virginia University Eye Institute's (WVUEI) work involves not only caring for the thousands of patients who come to the Eye Institute each year, but also responding to the need for eye care in underserved communities.

As West Virginia's population is one of the oldest in the country, the risk for blindness in our state is significant. "It is the Eye Institute's responsibility to reach out and serve residents across our state," said Dr. Judie Charlton, WVUEI Director.

When the concept of outreach clinics was shared with long-time friend and supporter of the Eye Institute, Mrs. Nelly Pangilinan and her family, they were excited by the opportunity and wanted to support the effort. Their support is a tribute to the late Dr. Rizal Pangilinan, a long time ophthalmologist in Wheeling, WV.

"This is such a wonderful opportunity to continue the outreach Rizal conducted in southern West Virginia years ago," said Mrs. Pangilinan. "We would close Rizal's office here in Wheeling for a few days and travel down to the southern part of the state to provide free clinics to those most in need."



DR. RIZAL AND NELLY PANGILINAN

The first outreach clinic supported by the Pangilinan family gift was delivered in Gilbert, WV in early July 2009 by Dr. Judie Charlton with assistance from the WVUEI clinic manager Sue Campbell and Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program Director Becky Coakley. The first clinic provided vision screening to more than 40 individuals.

"The WVU Eye Institute, our patients, and the state are so thankful for the visionary leadership of this family to reach those people most in need of vision screening, diagnosis, and care," said Dr. Charlton.





WYNN HILL, MD (RIGHT) WITH THE LATE VIRGINIA STEWART

WETZEL WOMEN ON WELLNESS RETREAT HONORS VIRGINIA STEWART

“Born and raised in Wetzel County, West Virginia, Virginia Stewart was an active member of her community of Hundred and her church, Harmony Baptist Church in Burton. She had a very generous spirit, which I experienced first hand. Her obvious gift of hospitality was well-known throughout the area.

While in medical school at WVU in Morgantown, my friends and I frequently went to her home for refreshment of body and spirit. She never disappointed. She loved to talk with us about our current studies and shared from her vast experience and common sense some of the “old-timey” remedies for common maladies.

Although diagnosed with diabetes and later, heart failure, she never “suffered” from them. Instead, she set out to learn as much as she could about illnesses, their causes, treatments and prognoses. In other words, she educated herself and did what was in her control to improve the outcome - her own and those of her family.

It is in her honor and cherished memory that this gift is given.”

Mary Wynn Hill, MD

In honor and memory of Virginia Stewart, Mary Wynn Hill, MD supported the Wetzel County Women on Wellness retreat - an initiative of the Center of Excellence in Women’s Health.

Women on Wellness one day retreats are opportunities for women to learn fun ways to take responsibility for their health and get motivated in a supportive, inspiring environment. Through guest speakers, delicious meals and activities like yoga and massage, participants learn strategies for identifying and changing unconstructive feelings and thoughts that keep their health and life potential locked away. Participants complete the retreat with personalized wellness programs designed to work for their own needs.



9:02 AM

School of Nursing students start a clinical day at a WV rural health clinic, (one of 523 West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships/Area Health Education Center training sites staffed by Health Sciences students under the direction of faculty), where primary care services are provided as part of students’ educational programs.



NEWS & PROGRESS

The Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony marking the completion and the opening of the expanded Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center on April 16, 2009.



EXPANDED CANCER CENTER OPENS

Former patients had the honor of cutting the ribbon to open the expanded Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center (MBRCC) facility on April 16, 2009.

The MBRCC at West Virginia University has changed a lot since its doors opened in 1989. The Cancer Center's \$22 million expansion has more than doubled clinical space – now at about



THE RIBBON CUTTING WITH MBRCC STAFF AND PATIENTS

87,000 square feet – while increasing the number of treatment bays in the infusion center and tripling the area devoted to pharmacy.

The architectural design creates pods that enable multidisciplinary medical teams to carry out patient care.

New features include a children's waiting room, a wig boutique, large storage areas with blanket-warming capabilities and a patient library with internet access. Amenities in the new infusion center include added bays for blood draws, increased privacy, bariatric furniture for the comfort of larger patients, and picture windows with campus views for patients spending hours receiving infusions of chemotherapy. An unfinished atrium area also offers an additional 10,000 square feet for future expansion.

Patients and staff are excited about the comfort and care that is provided by the new facilities.

BERNARD OSHER FOUNDATION

SUPPORTS THE WVU OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE



VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS AT THE WVU OLLI

Since the fall of 2000, the Bernard Osher Foundation has been supporting educational programs targeting needs and interests of mature adults. These programs offer non-credit courses coordinated by local community volunteer experts and are a great way for people aged 50 years and up to maintain current knowledge without the stress and expense of typical college coursework.

For the third year in a row, the WVU Center on Aging in the Department of Community Medicine in the School of Medicine has received a \$100,000 grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation to enhance The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at West Virginia University.

The residents of Morgantown are very excited about the learning opportunities at the institute housed in the Mountaineer Mall. OLLI is now equipped with classrooms and a state-of-the-art

computer lab offering classes on digitizing artifacts, e-mail, open source software and computer basics.

Thanks to the support of the Bernard Osher Foundation, the WVU Center on Aging and the tireless effort of local volunteers and experts, this year boasts available classes covering an extensive range of subjects, from politics, cooking, physics and writing to computer and physical fitness.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WVU has exceeded its program goals to increase membership to 500 persons by 2010. They are now eligible for a \$1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

The OLLI program at WVU has the potential to make a great impact on the lives of many area adults.

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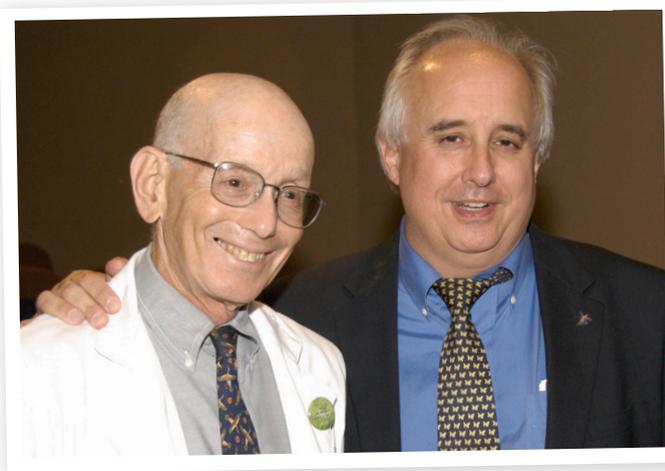
In Elkins, West Virginia, the family of a woman scheduled for several months of bone marrow treatment learns that a room is available for them in the Rosenbaum Family House next to Ruby Memorial Hospital for only \$15 per night.

WVU HOSPITALS AND THE WV EMINENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

WVU Hospitals committed \$2.5 million for the Stroke Center, matched by an additional \$2.5 million from the WV Eminent Scholars program (similar to the current WV Research Trust Fund) for expansion of the WVU Stroke Center. This \$5 million is being combined with funding from other already existing sources, such as the endowed Ludwig Gutmann Chair of Neurology, for the Stroke Center's treatment, research and outreach programs, to create a total of \$9 million for the Center's expansion.

"Stroke is a leading cause of death and disability in the state," Bruce McClymonds, President and CEO of WVU Hospitals, said. "This combined funding will help us to provide the latest treatment options and ensure a greater chance of survival and a better quality of life for our patients."

The WVU Stroke Center provides a multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach to stroke. An emergency response team is available 24 hours a day to evaluate and treat



LUDWIG GUTMANN, MD WITH JOHN BRICK, MD AT THE STROKE CENTER EXPANSION ANNOUNCEMENT.

stroke patients quickly to help minimize lasting damage. Treatment teams include experts in neurology, neurosurgery, interventional radiology, emergency medicine, neuroimaging, physical therapy and more who collaborate on care for and rehabilitation of patients.

WVU Stroke Center outreach efforts involve making West Virginians aware of the warning signs of stroke and working with providers and first responders throughout the state to ensure standards of care.

Dr. Brick says the new funding of the Stroke Center will help WVU recruit new faculty in various disciplines related to stroke, such as neurologists, basic scientists and clinical researchers. The funds will also help provide rehabilitation services for stroke, such as speech and physical therapy.



10:10 AM

In the new WVU Simulation Center, students from multiple disciplines are "treating" the ailments of animatronic simulation mannequins. The lifelike models can breathe, speak, blink and demonstrate a wide range of symptoms. They are key to educating students for clinical practice.

ALEXANDER B. OSBORN DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP

INAUGURAL RECIPIENT NAMED

Laura F. Gibson, PhD, Deputy Director of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, was named the first Alexander B. Osborn Distinguished Professor in Hematological Malignancies Research.

The Osborn professorship was made possible by a gift from the Alexander Bland Osborn Trust and a West Virginia Research Trust Fund state match to create a \$1.57 million investment in the hematological malignancies program as well as the professorship. Alexander Bland Osborn of Clarksburg created a trust in 1993, designating the Cancer Center as one of the beneficiaries. The Osborn Trust will also support Gibson's lab and equipment needs plus fellowships.

The National Cancer Institute recently awarded Gibson a five-year, \$1.47 million grant to study stem cells to learn better ways to treat acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common leukemia in children.

Gibson's lab studies ways to improve treatment strategies for childhood leukemia. Her research focuses on methods that make leukemic cells more sensitive to chemotherapy and that minimize the harmful effects of aggressive therapy.

"We are thrilled to have received these gifts that will enable our top-flight researchers to build on the important contributions we are making to cancer research nationally and internationally," said Scot Remick, MD, Director of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center.



DRS. RUPPERT, GIBSON, ABRAHAM AND REMICK (L-R)

THANK YOU, WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Research Trust Fund

The State of West Virginia created the West Virginia Research Trust Fund in 2008 with an initial appropriation of \$50 million to leverage public and private investments that will help to transform West Virginia's economy. Qualified gifts to WVU for endowed research paid before March 2013 can receive a dollar for dollar match up to \$35 million in state matching funds from this appropriation, doubling efforts that support research areas linked to economic development, healthcare and job growth.

The Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center is grateful to the State of West Virginia and initial private donors under this program.

GATES FOUNDATION

AWARDS WVU \$100,000

BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation

The West Virginia University School of Medicine has received a \$100,000 Grand Challenges Explorations grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant supports an innovative global health research project conducted by Heimo Riedel, PhD, a professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology and researcher at the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, titled "Molecular scissors to specifically disrupt a pathogen genome." Currently major weapons to fight infectious diseases are limited to vaccines and antibiotics. "If I'm right, we'll have a new modern alternative to attack infectious diseases," says Dr. Riedel.

Scientists like Dr. Riedel know bacteria and viruses are all DNA-based and can be sequenced just like healthy DNA. His project applies newly described zinc finger nucleases as molecular scissors to directly disrupt the genome of human papillomavirus, the cause of many cervical cancers. Once validated, this approach could also be applied to fight other infectious diseases including malaria, pneumonia and tuberculosis.

Riedel's project is one of 81 grants announced by the Gates Foundation, which rewards bold and original scientific thought.



11:34 AM

A woman from Beckley, WV prematurely delivers a 22 oz. baby girl. The baby is admitted immediately to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) where she will likely spend the first three months of her life.



MEMBERS OF THE
NEWCOMERS CLUB
PREPARE AN EVENING MEAL
FOR FAMILY HOUSE GUESTS.

(L-R) MARILYN SHULMAN,
KIM O'DONNELL,
SUSAN ABRAMS,
JANE TVETER,
KAREN LANE,
SALLY KIRKPATRICK &
SUE WOODRUFF

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND
CHURCHES ROUTINELY
VOLUNTEER TO PREPARE
MEALS FOR FAMILIES IN
THEIR TIME OF NEED.

Many cakes were shared on August 1, 2009 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of WVU's Rosenbaum Family House. In 1999, Rosenbaum Family House opened its doors to patients and families traveling to Morgantown to receive medical care at West Virginia University Hospitals.

Rosenbaum Family House was the dream born of tragedy for the family of Hilda Rosenbaum, who co-owned a clothing store in downtown Morgantown with her husband, Richard. Two of their three children, Nancy and Richard, were diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. In the 1950s, WVU Hospitals did not exist, so Hilda was forced to travel around the country in search of help. She spent many nights sleeping on cots in hospital rooms where she did not have the support of friends or social services.

THE ROSENBAUM FAMILY HOUSE SCULPTED IN CAKE

ROSENBAUM FAMILY HOUSE

URNS 10 YEARS OLD

Though she lost Nancy at age 6, Hilda fought for Richard's life and traveled with him to find the care he needed. She also fought to bring that care to Morgantown. To make sure those who traveled to Morgantown for care didn't have to go it alone like she did, Hilda's founding donation, combined with the gifts of individuals and businesses in the community, resulted in the creation of the Rosenbaum Family House.

Connected to Ruby Memorial Hospital, the Family House is available to adult patients' families and outpatients who live more than 50 miles from Morgantown. No family is turned away for inability to pay.

While here, each family is asked to pay \$15 per night. It costs approximately \$40 per night per room to operate the Family House. Donations from guests and others make up the difference. Guests are permitted to stay as long as their patient is undergoing treatment.

A total of 7,390 families over the last 10 years have found the facility to be truly a home away from home. Those families have come from all across West Virginia, several states and more than a dozen foreign countries.



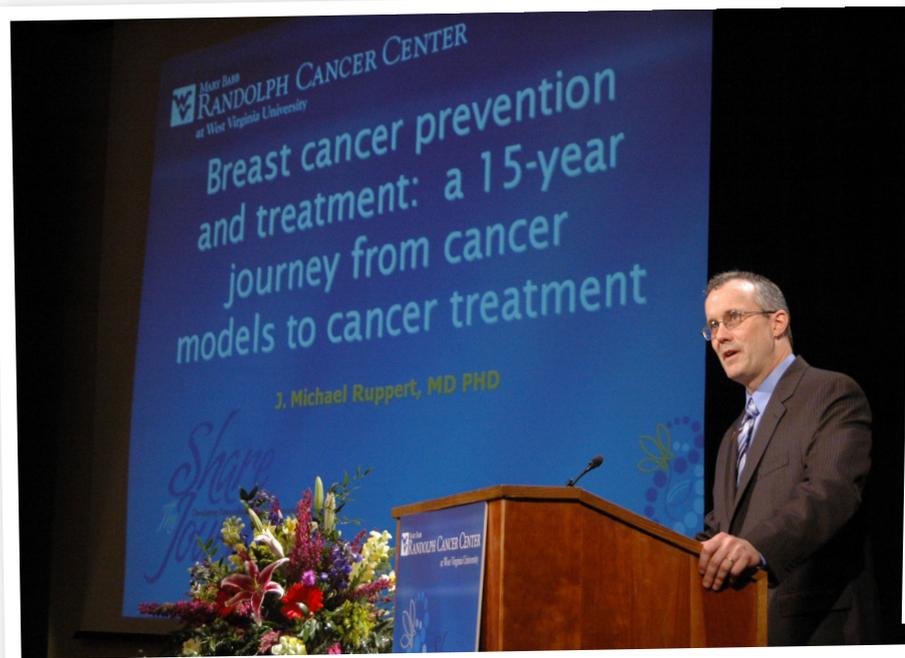
STATLER CHAIR INSTALLED

J. Michael Ruppert, MD, PhD, was installed as the first Jo and Ben Statler Eminent Scholar and Chair in Breast Cancer Research at West Virginia University's Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center on April 15, 2009.

The chair was made possible by a \$5 million gift to the Cancer Center from the Statlers in 2007. The gift was part of an overall gift of \$25 million from the Statlers to WVU that included underwriting for Bonnie's Bus, a mobile digital mammography unit.

A WVU graduate with a degree in chemistry, Dr. Ruppert earned his MD and PhD degrees from Johns Hopkins University, where he trained in the laboratory of Bert Vogelstein, a leader in the field of colorectal cancer genetics.

From 1993 to 2008, Ruppert was on the faculty in the Department of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. From 2000 to 2008, he was co-director of the Program in Cancer Cell Biology at the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center.



J. MICHAEL RUPPERT, MD DELIVERING HIS CHAIR-INSTALLATION LECTURE.

He has served as a professional consultant to federal, state and private funding agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, the Medical Research Council of Great Britain, the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, the Kentucky Lung Cancer Research Program and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

In 2008, Ruppert returned to his alma mater to become holder of the Statler Chair and co-leader of the Breast Cancer Research Program.



DR. ABRAHAM, JO AND BEN STATLER

JAME ABRAHAM, MD, FACP NAMED 1ST BONNIE WELLS WILSON EMINENT SCHOLAR & DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Jame Abraham, MD, chief of Hematology/Oncology at WVU and medical director of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, was named the first Bonnie Wells Wilson Eminent Scholar and Distinguished Professor in Breast Cancer Research.

The professorship was made possible by the \$5 million gift to the Cancer Center from Jo and Ben Statler in 2007 and was part of an overall of \$25 million from the Statlers to WVU.

Abraham, who leads WVU's Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program, is principal investigator for more than 10 clinical trials. His research is widely published in leading cancer journals, and he also has edited the Bethesda Handbook of Clinical Oncology, one of the best selling handbooks in oncology.



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WVU Dentistry faculty are training dentists from around the world to place implants. Implants are an excellent way to replace missing teeth; they can restore function and esthetics.

GRATEFUL PATIENT GIFTS SUPPORT THE SIMULATION CENTER



JOSHUA DOWER, MD, WITH ANGELINA, JESSICA & ELLIOTT MAYLE AND JAME ABRAHAM, MD



STUDENTS "TREAT" A SIMULATION INFANT.

Doctors, nurses and patients of all ages filled the lobby of Ruby Memorial Hospital last March. But this was no emergency. This was Doctor's Day, when patients get a chance to tell their doctors how special they are.

Over the last four years, patients have had the opportunity to send their comments of appreciation and honoring gifts to the WVU Grateful Patients & Families Fund in recognition

of their healthcare and in honor of their physicians or other health care providers. Each March, patients are invited to participate in a special ceremony where their caregivers are presented with certificates of appreciation that include patient comments. Our doctors enjoy this unique opportunity to interact with their patients in an informal setting and greatly appreciate the recognition and support.

Those grateful patients who provided monetary support in honor of their caregivers collectively gave over \$65,000 since the program's inception. These gifts are housed in the WVU Grateful Patients & Families Fund to provide support for patient care, research, and educational and operational needs of the WVU Health Sciences Center. This year, a large portion of these funds have been used to support the WVU Simulation Center.

The Simulation Center is one of the newest additions to WVU's excellent teaching facilities. Students learn dozens of important procedures from suturing to checking vital signs. Many of the simulation mannequins interact with students, seeming to breathe, speak, move and express their discomforts. These mannequins allow students to practice delicate operations like drawing blood without fear of hurting a live patient. Students who train on mannequins can learn faster and provide better patient care sooner.

Using Grateful Patient gifts from Doctor's Day to support the Simulation Center creates a feedback loop: great care means grateful patients, and grateful patients support great education.



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Bonnie's Bus travels in West Virginia, bringing digital mammography to women who live in counties where breast cancer death rates are high and access to screening mammography services may be limited.

STEVEN ZEITELS, MD DELIVERED LAURENCE S. & JEAN J. DELYNN LECTURE



DR. ZEITELS (LEFT) AND LAURENCE DELYNN—WHO WITH HIS WIFE JEAN ARE THE LECTURE SERIES BENEFACTORS



JEAN DELYNN (CENTER) WITH SCOT REMICK, MBRCC DIRECTOR (LEFT) AND DR. ZEITELS TALK WITH GUESTS FOLLOWING THE LECTURE.

Steven M. Zeitels, MD, the nationally and internationally renowned surgeon whose groundbreaking approach to treating vocal cord cancer has saved some of the most famous voices in the world, delivered the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center's 2009 Laurence and Jean DeLynn Lecture on June 5.

Zeitels developed a minimally invasive approach to treating patients with vocal cord cancer. He uses an angiolytic laser that targets the tumor's blood supply, kills the cancer cells and leaves normal tissue intact. Traditional treatment involves surgery or radiation, which normally damages the voice.

Zeitels spoke on "The Influence of Laryngology and Voice Management in Medicine, Surgery & Oncology."

Zeitels, known as voice doctor to the stars, has used the novel treatment on Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler, Cher and Julie Andrews to preserve the health of their vocal cords. All 23 patients in his five-year pilot study of early vocal cord cancer who were treated with the angiolytic laser are cancer-free without damage to their voices.

Zeitels is director of the Center for Laryngeal Surgery and Voice Rehabilitation at Massachusetts General Hospital and Eugene B. Casey Professor of Laryngeal Surgery at Harvard Medical School.

"We were extremely honored to welcome Dr. Zeitels to our campus," said Scot C. Remick, MD, director of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center at WVU. "It is a tremendous opportunity to have the creator of cutting-edge cancer treatments share his unique insights with our scientific and clinical community."

Zeitels' surgical innovations include more than 20 new laryngeal and pharyngeal procedures. He has also received three laryngoscope patents. A graduate of Boston University School of Medicine in 1982, he received the distinguished alumnus award in 2007.

For more than two decades, WVU has welcomed prominent and prestigious speakers such as Zeitels to lecture on campus thanks to the generosity of the DeLynns. The list also includes ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson, former White House Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan and Michael Phelps, MD, the inventor of PET scanning technology.

Jean and Laurence DeLynn established the DeLynn Lecture Series in 1992 with an endowed gift to the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center. The series provides educational and informational presentations in the area of cancer research, treatment, education, and prevention.



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Dental and dental hygiene faculty, staff and students volunteer to treat underserved communities throughout West Virginia as part of the Mission of Mercy Healthy Smiles initiative. More than 1000 patients are seen during each two-day session.



BELOW, A YOUNG PATIENT AT WVU CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ENJOYS SOME OF HIS GIFTS FROM SANTA ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.



SHOWN ABOVE, "MEDICAL PLAY" IS CHILD-DIRECTED PLAY USING PRETEND AND REAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES WITH THE SUPERVISION OF A CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST.

RITE AID'S 15 YEARS OF MIRACLES

A total of 125 Rite Aids and a WV Rite Aid Distribution Center contributed \$96,664 to WVU Children's Hospital in 2008.

For 15 years, Rite Aid associates have been helping hospitals in their local communities create miracles for children and families. Rite Aid has raised more than \$40 million in that time.

During the 2009 "15 Years of Miracles" Campaign, Rite Aid stores and distribution centers raised \$5.1 million nationwide. Every dollar raised by the passionate and dedicated associates impacts the lives of sick and injured children treated at Children's Miracle Network hospitals.



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A 45-year-old coal miner from Gilbert is diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy by Dr. Judie Charlton. She schedules an appointment with a diabetes educator to teach him about diabetes management.

MOUNTAIN LOGGERS EXCEED \$1 MILLION FOR WVU CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



MOUNTAIN LOGGERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE FEBRUARY GALA FOR THEIR CONTINUED DEDICATION, CARING AND COMMITMENT TO THE PATIENTS OF WVU CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

The Mountain Loggers Group, a non-profit organization of loggers, foresters, sawmills, and other forestry-related businesses in West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, has raised more than \$1 million since 1996 for WVU Children's Hospital with its Log-A-Load for Kids program. Nearly \$125,000 was raised last year alone.

The most successful fundraiser the group holds each year is the Ted Harriman Memorial Log-A-Load for Kids Auction, which is held at Newlon's International Truck Sales in Elkins, WV, in conjunction with the Mountain State Forest Festival. Other fundraisers include the Sandy Hauser Memorial Annual Four-Wheeler Elimination Dinner and the Andy Heiskell Memorial Log-A-Load for Kids Golf Tournament.

This past year, the Mountain Loggers Group embarked on a new fundraiser for WVU Children's Hospital, SAWLEX 2009 at Mylan Park in Morgantown. The event brought seminars, workshops, and demonstrations by logging professionals from around the country. The group held live and silent auctions to benefit WVU Children's Hospital.

The men and women who make up the Mountain Loggers Group are also involved in other events throughout the year at WVU Children's Hospital. They fulfill the Easter and Christmas wishes of mothers and children by delivering handmade baskets and stockings overflowing with gifts.

WVU Children's Hospital is grateful to have the Mountain Loggers Group as part of its team.

DOTTIE DOTSON SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S VISION



KIDS HAVE GREAT FUN AT THE CVRP SUMMER INSTITUTES.

“These children and teenagers each year look forward to their summer institute experience as it is sometimes their only chance to learn and socialize with others who have low vision or blindness.”

Becky Coakley, CVRP Director



It is said that working together can achieve amazing things. This statement is very true thanks to the generous efforts of Miss Dorothy “Dottie” Dotson and a friend.

This unique partnership resulted in the funding of the WVU Eye Institute’s Children’s Vision Rehabilitation Program’s (CVRP) two Summer Institutes held in Clarksburg and Parkersburg, WV this summer. The CVRP’s mission is to provide comprehensive vision rehabilitation services to blind and visually impaired school-aged children in West Virginia regardless of their ability to pay. “Dottie’s generosity has made a world of difference in these children’s lives,” notes Becky Coakley, CVRP Director. She adds, “these children and teenagers each year look forward to their summer institute experience as it is sometimes their only chance to learn and socialize with others who have low vision or blindness.”

Dottie Dotson and her friend’s combined giving of \$40,000 made it possible for over 35 WV children and teenagers with low vision or blindness to attend one of two summer camps offered by the WVU Eye Institute (WVUEI).

Each year two CVRP Summer Institutes are held in different locations in the state either for a week (younger kids day camp) or a four day (overnight camp for teenagers). These camps provide educational/recreational activities, social opportunities and independent living skills.



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A West Virginia University student is told his blood glucose is at a healthy level during a health fair administered by third-year Pharmacy students.



DAVID C. HARDESTY, JR., SUSAN B. HARDESTY, DR. DOROSHOW

James H. Doroshow, MD, director and senior investigator of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, gave the inaugural Hardesty Lecture at West Virginia University in April. The speech was part of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center's Celebration Week and Gala. Dr. Doroshow presented "The Role of Clinical Trials in Cancer Care."

At the National Cancer Institute, Doroshow works with outside scientists and clinicians, patient advocates and professional cancer organizations. In addition to his lab work, he leads more than 800 professional staff members who represent scientific specialties. He received his bachelor's and medical degrees from Harvard. After internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, he spent three years as a clinical associate in the NCI's Medicine Branch. He is board-certified in internal medicine and medical oncology.

INAUGURAL DAVID AND SUSAN HARDESTY CANCER LECTURE

The Hardesty Lecture was established in honor of another Harvard graduate – former WVU President David C. Hardesty, Jr., and his wife, Susan Brown Hardesty.

The series, which brings renowned cancer scientists and physicians to the WVU campus, is a tribute to the couple's service to their alma mater and their impact on the university's growth and development.

David Hardesty, WVU's 21st president, served from 1995 to 2007. A former WVU student body president and Rhodes Scholar, he established more than 25 student-centered programs during his tenure, all aimed at creating a culture of achievement and excellence among students. Hardesty, who continues to serve WVU as a professor of law, holds degrees from WVU, Oxford University and Harvard Law School.



SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Ruffolo, PhD
with Pharmacy student
Jessica Kreger

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A 14-year-old who has been diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, a progressive vision robbing disease, attends her appointment with the Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program Director, Becky Coakley, to be fitted with magnifiers and assistive vision devices.





RYAN BANE, OMCPA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT RECEIVES AWARD FROM TARA WHETSEL, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL PHARMACY.

OMCPA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS (L-R): MAREESA CUNNINGHAM, CINDY KINDER, CHELSEA REXROAD



OHIO-MARSHALL COUNTY PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

GIVES OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDENTS

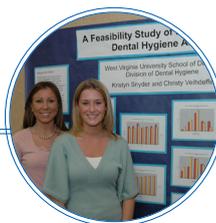
The Ohio-Marshall County Pharmacists Association (OMCPA) has been providing pharmacists in Ohio, Marshall and surrounding counties in the Northern Panhandle an opportunity since the 1950's to connect with each other and keep up to date on the latest advances through bi-monthly meetings and annual continuing education seminars.

Nearly 30 years ago, the OMCPA decided to begin using some of the revenue from its seminars to support

pharmacy students studying at WVU. This year, like so many before it, the OMCPA donated \$10,000 to its endowed scholarship fund plus, in the tough economy of late 2008, an additional \$2,000 to provide more scholarships.

According to Jason Turner, WVU graduate, acting president of the OMCPA and pharmacist at Moundsville Pharmacy in Moundsville, WV, the scholarship program lets students know "we have a network of pharmacists that care about them and with whom they can become active."

As a preceptor, Turner has seen many of the OMCPA scholars return to the Northern Panhandle for rotations at Moundsville Pharmacy and in nearby communities. The strong bond between WVU and the OMCPA and the support provided to students by the Ohio/Marshall County Pharmacists Association Endowed Scholarship is a great way to help ensure that the residents of the Northern Panhandle will always have access to exceptional pharmacists.



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Dental hygiene students present their capstone project posters in the Health Sciences Center Commons.

VALLEY HEALTH NURSING SCHOLARS

Undergraduate and graduate nursing students from Hampshire and Morgan counties in West Virginia now have the opportunity to apply for the Valley Health Nursing Scholarship at the WVU School of Nursing. Created through a donation of \$50,000 from Valley Health, a Winchester, Virginia-based healthcare system, the gift was presented to Governor Joe Manchin and Dean Georgia Narsavage last fall.

“The WVU School of Nursing, in existence since 1960, offers cutting-edge baccalaureate through masters to doctoral education in nursing. Our expert clinical faculty are engaged in teaching and research to improve the quality of life and promote the health of the citizens of our state, as well as in-service initiatives in the public schools and meeting the nursing workforce needs of West Virginia,” said Narsavage. “We are delighted to partner with Valley Health System to be able to offer scholarships so the best and brightest students from the Eastern Panhandle can enter the world as professional nurses.”



(LEFT TO RIGHT) CRAIG LEWIS, VH CFO; TODD WAY, VH VP; LAUREN ROOT, VH NURSE & WVU SON '08 GRADUATE; GOV. JOE MANCHIN; DEAN GEORGIA NARSAVAGE; MICHAEL HALSETH, VH PRES. & CEO; REESE JACKSON, VH COO; CHRISTINE MEREDITH, SCHOOL OF NURSING DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT; CHERYL DUMONT, PHD, VH DIR. OF NURSING RESEARCH

The first Valley Health Scholars were selected in January of this year. In addition to receiving the scholarship funds, each will have the opportunity to participate in a mentoring program at Valley Health.

MCMECHEN-HOCK FAMILY SUPPORTS DENTAL HYGIENE

“We wanted to do something more for the School of Dentistry’s Division of Dental Hygiene,” said Deborah McMechen Hock, Dental Hygiene Class of 1968. She asked to learn more about the needs of the program to discuss with her husband, Jim. Later, they made a generous gift that is enhancing the educational environment with new equipment and technology, and supporting scholarships.

Part of Jim and Deborah’s donation was used to purchase ten new ultrasonic units for students. “The previous units were purchased years ago and were so out-dated they could no longer be repaired,” said Amy Funk, Interim Director. “These units are used over and over by nearly 50 students every semester. They get worn out!”

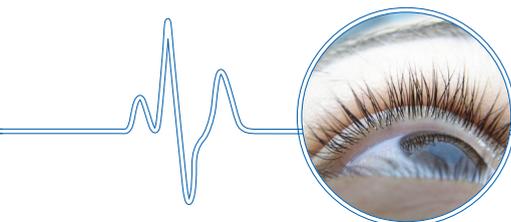
Jim and Deborah also wanted some of their donation to be used to upgrade the McMechen Dental Hygiene Conference Room into a “smart” conference/class room. A “smart room” contains state-of-the-art technology like a laptop computer, projector, screen, white board, and internet that faculty members and students utilize for meetings and classes. In addition, donations were provided by the Hocks to refinish the wood table, reupholster the chairs, and invest in a cooling unit for the space. The room is accessible



(LEFT TO RIGHT): DEBORAH MCMECHEN HOCK, MARGARET AND DAVID PUDERBAUGH, DDS, PROFESSOR, WVU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, AMY FUNK, MSDH, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF WVU DENTAL HYGIENE

by anyone in the Health Sciences Center, but Dental Hygiene is given first priority.

Finally, wishing to make a larger impact on the lives of students, Jim and Deborah directed part of their support to the cash portion of their previously established endowment, the McMechen-Hock Family Scholarship for Dental Hygiene. Tuition and fees for dental hygiene students are over \$6,000 annually with an additional material and instrument fee varying from \$600 to \$3,650 each year of the program. Jim and Deborah wanted their recipients to receive a larger scholarship for the 2009-10 academic year. We are grateful for their philanthropic spirit.



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Dr. Terry Schwartz cares for a 32-year-old patient who has fallen and sustained an eye injury. Her assistance preserves his sight.



ROBERT R. RUFFOLO PAYS IT FORWARD

Robert R. Ruffolo grew up in New York in a family with little means. As a youth, his dream was not to become a rich man, but merely to be able to support himself. He entered The Ohio State University on a swimming scholarship but quickly realized athletics were not going to be his ticket to self sustainability. His lifelong love of science and math and his family's history of pharmacists (going back three generations before him) led him to enter pharmacy school – a profession he thought would provide a reliable career. But with the cost of out-of-state tuition and without his swimming scholarship, the expense was overwhelming. Luckily, Dean Lloyd Parks had noticed his hard work, and on his own initiative acquired a tuition waiver for Ruffolo. With an American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) fellowship, and a position as a teaching assistant, his fees were waived. Overcoming challenges, Ruffolo received his BS in pharmacy and the highest honors ever given at OSU at that time. Then Popat N. Patil, PhD took Ruffolo into his grant-funded lab, allowing him to obtain his PhD in pharmacology in 1976.

Since those humble beginnings, Ruffolo's 31 year career in the pharmaceutical industry has included positions of increasing responsibility with Eli Lilly & Co., SmithKline Beecham (now GlaxoSmithKline), and Wyeth (now Pfizer). He retired after holding the titles of President of Research & Development and corporate Senior Vice President. One of the highlights of Dr. Ruffolo's career is the discovery and development of Coreg (carvedilol) for the treatment of congestive heart failure. This drug has saved millions of lives around the world and is now the standard of care for this devastating disease.

“People who didn't even know me went out of their way to support me. Giving back is the least I could do; it's what people did for me.”

Robert R. Ruffolo



Having experienced success he never expected, Ruffolo and his family decided to give back by setting up scholarship endowments at several of his favorite schools including WVU, the alma mater of some of his earliest friends and colleagues and where two of his children now attend the Medicine and Pharmacy schools.

Dr. Ruffolo is awed by the support given to him by strangers when he had no one else to help him.

(LEFT TO RIGHT):
ROBERT R. RUFFOLO PHD, WITH RUFFOLO
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS BRAD NEWELL,
CASSANDRA CLEVENGER, JESSICA KREGAR,
KATHLEEN MALONEY AND AMANDA THIRY

He says, “people who didn't even know me went out of their way to support me. Giving back is the least I could do; it's what people did for me.” The only stipulation he put on the Robert and Stephany Ruffolo School of Pharmacy Scholarship was that it be given to students with financial need.



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A volunteer harpist makes a visit to play for patients' families at the Rosenbaum Family House. Volunteers provide entertainment, support and much needed distraction from emotional and physical stress.

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

NEW CAREERS IN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

West Virginia University School of Nursing is among the first institutions in the nation to receive funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) through the New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program.

Grants provided through this competitive program are being used for scholarships to increase the number of students enrolled in WVU's accelerated baccalaureate nursing program. This groundbreaking national initiative, launched by RWJF and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), aims to help alleviate the nation's nursing shortage by dramatically expanding the pipeline of students in accelerated nursing programs.

Through the RWJF New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program, five scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each were distributed to entry-level nursing students in accelerated programs during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Grant funding was also used by the School of Nursing to help leverage new faculty resources and provide mentoring and leadership development resources to ensure successful program completion by scholarship recipients.

"This program aims to safeguard the health of the nation by helping to ease the nurse and nurse faculty shortage," said RWJF President Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD. "This new initiative also will advance our strategic goal of promoting leadership in the health professions."

The New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program offers the most efficient route to licensure as a registered nurse for adults who have already completed a baccalaureate or graduate degree in a discipline other than nursing.

The WVU School of Nursing's BS/BA to BSN program allows students who have previously earned a baccalaureate degree in another field to earn a BSN degree in 18 months. On the Morgantown campus, more than 50 students are enrolled in the accelerated

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RWJF President Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD

BS/BA to BSN program. The program began in 2001 with eight students. Since then, 83 students have graduated.

Data from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration show that nurses entering the profession at the baccalaureate level are four times more likely than other nurses to pursue a graduate degree in nursing, which is the required credential to teach. By bringing more nurses into the profession, the new scholarship program also helps to address the nation's nurse faculty shortage.



SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS
(LEFT TO RIGHT)
SHANA BARR,
ROBERT CAMPBELL,
SARAH HENSON,
BENJAMIN HUGGINS



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Physician faculty from the WVU Heart Institute perform an emergency bypass.





SELECTED SCHOLARS

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

“Scholarships gave me the opportunity and encouragement to stay in the state after training.”

*Ashley Hildebrand
4th Year Medical Student*

ASHLEY HILDEBRAND Dean’s Annual Scholarship

After a childhood spent bandaging up her friends in her home town of Huntington, WV, Ashley Hildebrand’s childhood dream is coming true. In May 2010, she’ll be graduating from the WVU School of Medicine with the intention of practicing in rural WV after her residency.

Ashley is a recipient of the School of Medicine Dean’s Annual Scholarship and a scholarship from the Family Medicine Foundation of WV.



DANA TIBERIO A. Edward & Jean O’Hara Scholarship

“I grew up in Weirton, WV. After attending West Virginia Wesleyan College, I chose to go to medical school at West Virginia University because I have dreamed about being a physician since I was three years old. While studying at the WVU School of Medicine, I have decided that I want to go into Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. I want to go into this field because I love the children. They make you realize that the everyday frustrations we all go through really don’t matter in the long run. Living a happy and healthy life is what matters and I want to be a part of what helps these kids be able to do that.

“I am a recipient of the A. Edward and Jean O’Hara Scholarship and receive a tuition waiver each spring semester. I am very grateful for these scholarships because they are helping me achieve my lifelong goal of becoming a physician.”



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At 28 weeks, a woman from Poca, WV goes into premature labor and is rushed to the Maternal Infant Care Center at WVU Children’s Hospital. Doctors are able to control labor, and she will spend the next 12 weeks on total bed rest.

RITE AID PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIPS



“We value our relationship with the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy and it shows through the support our alumni and company provide to the School.”

*Michele Belsey,
Rite Aid, VP of College &
Professional Relations*

RITE AID SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND RITE AID OFFICIALS (LEFT TO RIGHT): (FRONT) MIKE BELLER OF RITE AID, DAWN BURR, VANESSA LAW, KASEY FIELDS, YING YIN CHEN, JANELLE DURANY AND DONNA HAZEL OF RITE AID; (MIDDLE) KENNEY HAMRICK, MARC PHILLIPS, DAVID EPLIN, SHAUN HUSEMAN; (BACK) BROOKS SPOLARICH, DEREK RHODES, JUSTIN WILLIAMS AND PAUL BECILLA OF RITE AID

Rite Aid is a dominant force in community pharmacies with 104 locations in WV. As such, it recognizes the importance of the WVU School of Pharmacy in educating the region’s pharmacists.

Rite Aid has been engaged with WVU for more than 25 years to provide opportunities for students to learn more about their industry. Rite Aid employees attend career days, interview days and other School of Pharmacy events; they have an endowed fund at WVU and also give annual funding for scholarships; they provide faculty support and have a community pharmacy resident at WVU; they provide support for student pharmacy organizations and the alumni association; plus, they engage directly with students, allowing them to shadow professionals who share

their interests and provide financial support for students to attend conferences, like the American Pharmacists Association conference.

Support for students to attend conferences gives them a chance to meet with other young pharmacists throughout the area and learn about programs and policies in other states that could be brought home to benefit the citizens of this region. WVU faculty and students are grateful for Rite Aid’s ongoing engagement with education. These efforts represent Rite Aid’s commitment to the people of this region and to their own employees, many of whom are themselves WVU alumni.

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ALBERICO
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RPH PHARMACY
SCHOLARSHIP
Ashley Lewis

CLARE & PAMELA
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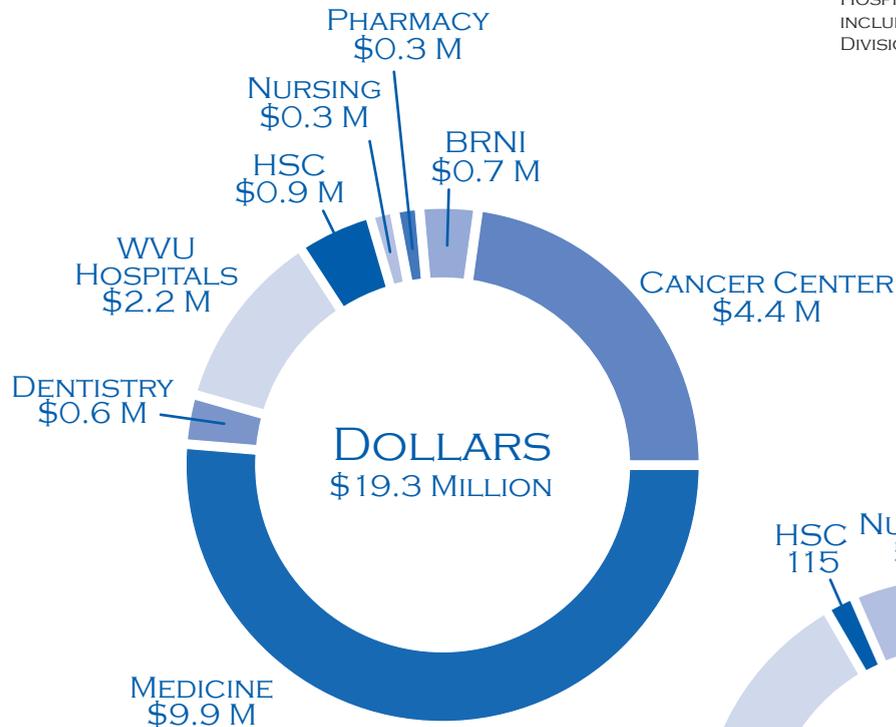
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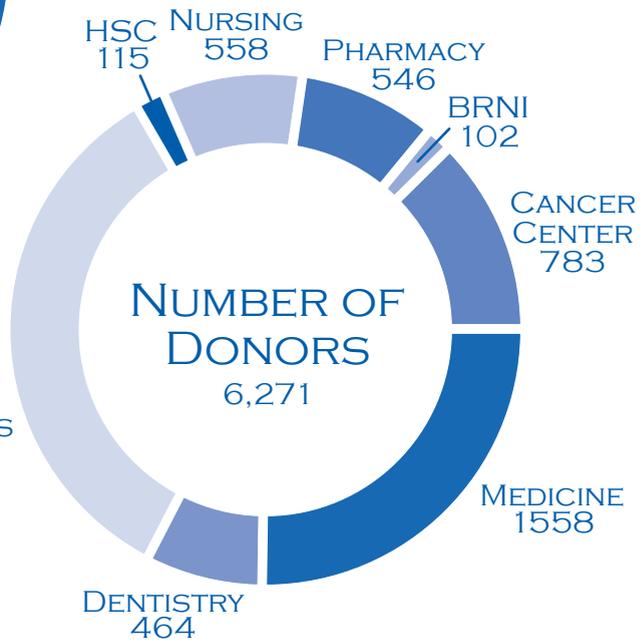
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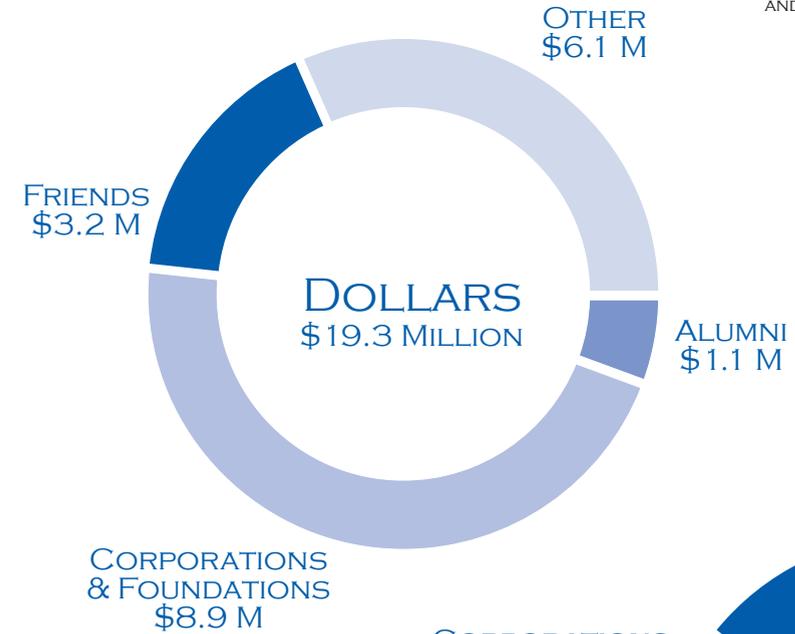


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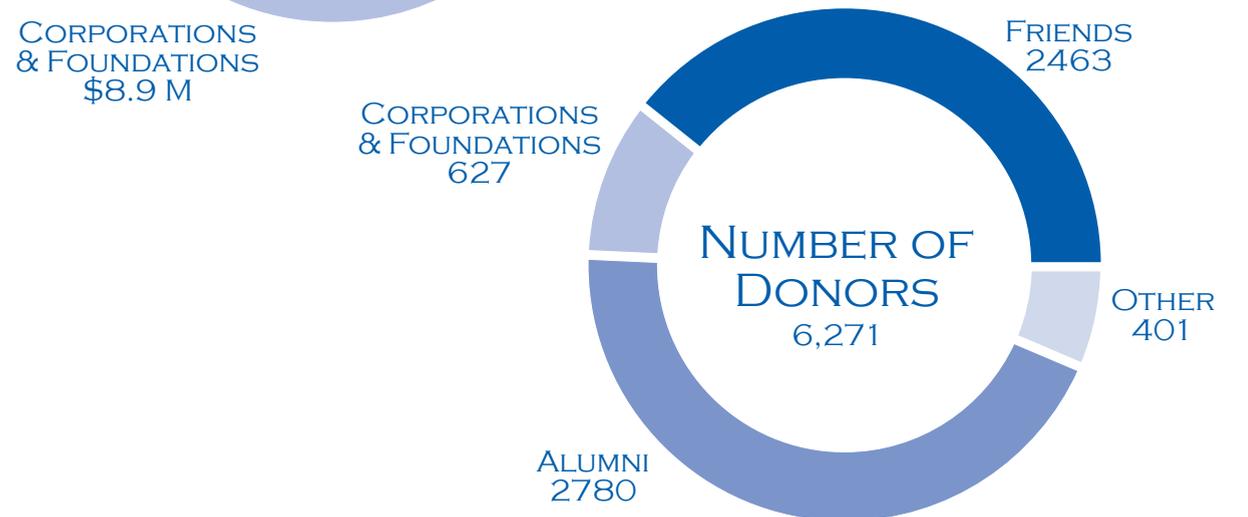


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