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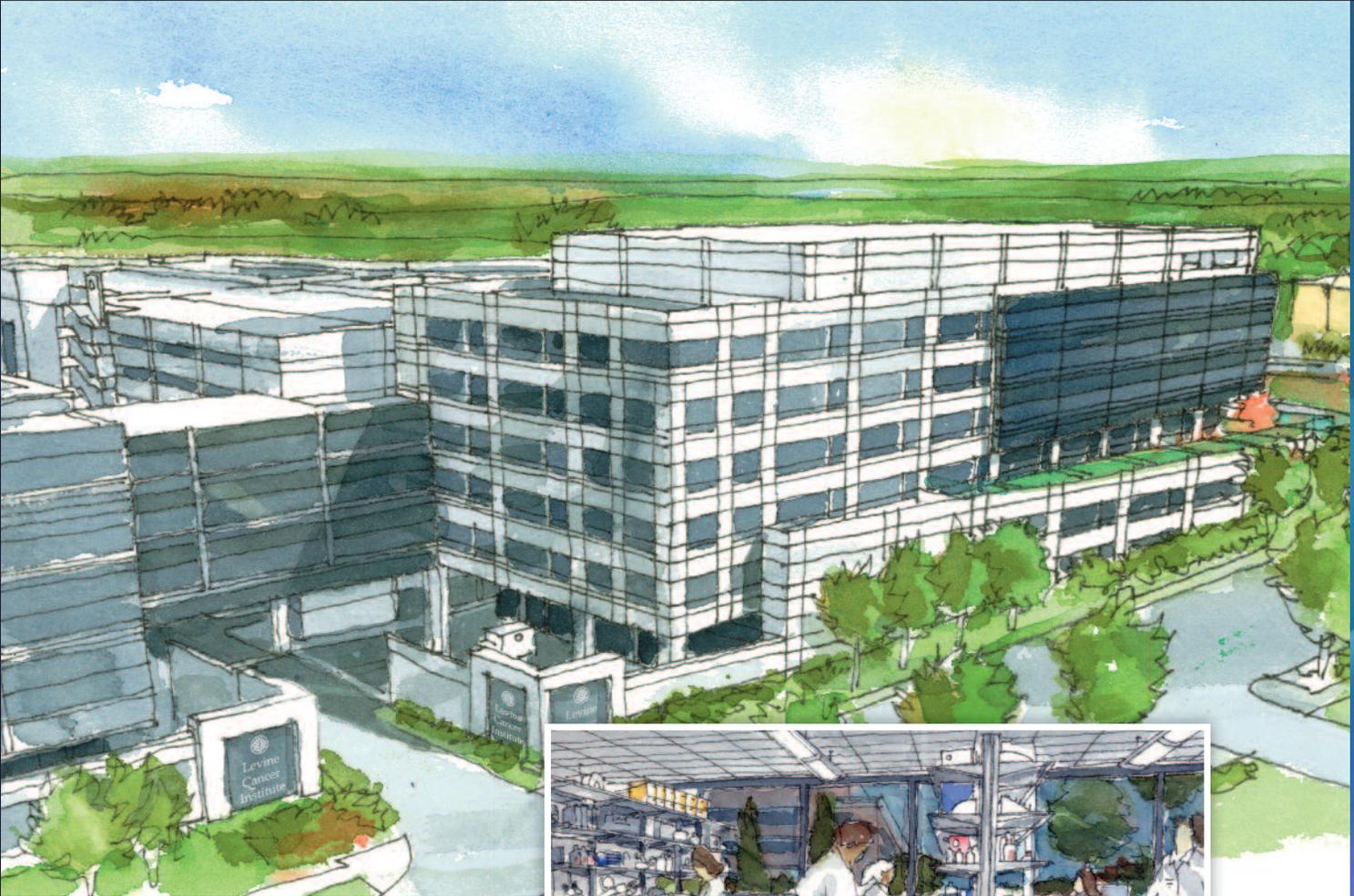
The Leon Levine Foundation Makes Unprecedented Gift to Support Expansion at Levine Cancer Institute

In April, Carolinas HealthCare System announced a \$25 million commitment from The Leon Levine Foundation to support the significant expansion of Levine Cancer Institute, including \$20 million for infrastructure and \$5 million in programmatic funding. The grant from The Leon Levine Foundation marks its largest to date, as well as the largest single gift in the history of Carolinas HealthCare System.

In 2010, The Leon Levine Foundation committed \$20 million to establish Levine Cancer Institute, bringing a transformative approach to the delivery of cancer care in the Carolinas. The Institute's unique access model delivers innovative treatments at facilities both within the Charlotte metropolitan area and beyond, thereby eliminating barriers to world class care for patients in less populated regions. Levine Cancer Institute has expanded to 25 sites within the Carolinas HealthCare System footprint and now treats 15,000 newly diagnosed cancer patients a year, putting it on par with some of the most distinguished cancer centers in the nation.

Inspired by the phenomenal growth Levine Cancer Institute has experienced since opening its doors in 2012, The Leon Levine Foundation stepped forward to help advance the \$150 million expansion project that Carolinas HealthCare System announced in early March. The Leon Levine Foundation funding will support the construction of a seven-floor 250,000 square-foot advanced outpatient center adjacent to the Institute's research and administration headquarters. This will expand hematologic, thoracic, and gastrointestinal oncology programs available in the region. The new facility will also enhance translational research capacity in several specialties and will provide space for continued growth of survivorship programs, integrative oncology, and rehabilitation.





As the need for comprehensive cancer care in the region continues to grow, the expansions supported by The Leon Levine Foundation will help ensure that patients have access to the best care available,

regardless of where they live. "I am extremely grateful to Sandra and Leon Levine for their visionary support of the resources we need to provide broader and deeper treatment options for patients across the region," said Derek Raghavan, MD, PhD, President of Levine Cancer Institute. "They are truly helping us to transform cancer care."



"Almost every week Sandra and I are approached by someone who has been positively impacted by Levine Cancer Institute. It's a facility which helps so many and is a real gem for Charlotte's medical community."

– Leon Levine

Keep Pounding: A Record Year in Fundraising for Cancer Care

Continuing a long-standing tradition of support for Carolinas HealthCare System's cancer programs, the Carolina Panthers teamed up with more than 1,100 cancer advocates, survivors, volunteers, and donors on May 14 during the 6th Annual Keep Pounding 5K Stadium Run, raising \$100,000 in net proceeds to benefit adult and pediatric cancer research and support programs at Levine Cancer Institute and Levine Children's Hospital.



Special thanks to our top fundraisers: Team Teresa, who raised \$10,000 in memory of Dr. Teresa Flippo-Morton, and Tracy Gallimore, who has single-handedly raised over \$30,000 for the Keep Pounding initiative since 2011. We also thank our Field Goal Sponsor, Rodgers Builders, media sponsor, WCCB Charlotte, and key sponsors, Boingo Graphics, Carroll Financial, E*Trade, and SPX Flow.



24 Hours of Booty Pledges \$1.5 Million to Carolinas HealthCare System

On May 19, 24 Hours of Booty announced a new \$1.5 million commitment to Carolinas HealthCare System's Levine Cancer Institute and Levine Children's Hospital. With this gift, 24 Hours of Booty will have donated more than \$3.5 million cumulatively to both facilities to support adult and pediatric cancer survivorship and wellness programs.

The new commitment will assist in the expansion of the Institute's world-class oncology rehabilitation program that is soon to be a major component of its growth plans. 24 Hours of Booty funding will also continue to sustain existing survivorship and integrative oncology programs such as healing arts, yoga, and acupuncture.

In addition, a portion of the \$1.5 million gift will establish a more comprehensive pediatric cancer survivorship program at Levine Children's Hospital.

"Seeing firsthand the results of our support over the years and the impact we are making right in the backyard of our event is empowering," said Spencer Lueders, founder of 24 Hours of Booty.

Young cancer patient Emmaline and her dad, Matthew Tringali, dedicated fundraiser for 24 Hours of Booty, steal the show during the press event.



(L-R): Drs. Chasse Bailey-Dorton and Vishwa Raj; Gene Woods, President and CEO, Carolinas HealthCare System; Spencer Lueders, founder, 24 Hours of Booty; Peter Levinson, 24 Hours of Booty Board Chair; Sandy Mazoway and Bill Anderson, 24 Hours of Booty board members; and Dr. Javier Oesterheld.

Olsen Family Raises Over \$1 Million for CHS Programs

Carolina Panthers All-Pro tight end Greg Olsen and his wife Kara embody all things great about Charlotte and they continue to demonstrate their commitment to the community they call "home."

In 2013, the couple established the HEARTest Yard fund with Carolinas HealthCare Foundation after their son T.J. was born with a life-threatening heart defect. The fund, which serves families with hypoplastic left heart syndrome who are treated at Levine Children's Hospital, has received more than \$1 million in contributions to date through the fundraising efforts of the Greg Olsen Foundation.

From hosting annual charity golf tournaments, concerts, and 5Ks to selling Super Bowl shirts and serving on the Levine Children's Gala committee, Greg and Kara have generated national publicity for the congenital heart program at Levine Children's.

Greg Olsen takes the stage at the HEARTest Yard + Showmars 5K benefiting Levine Children's Hospital.



The HEARTest Yard Fund

Through a partnership between the Greg Olsen Foundation and Carolinas HealthCare Foundation, the HEARTest Yard Fund offers a range of services to congenital heart patients, including in-home private nursing care, physical therapy and speech therapy, at no charge to families. The program ultimately aims to help prevent children's complications from congenital heart disease and improve their long-term health.

Interested in donating to the fund? Visit givecarolinas.org/halveaheart.



Showmars Gives from the Heart

Our friends at Showmars continue to open their hearts for children across the Carolinas through charitable volunteer work, donations, and events. In 2012, Showmars pledged \$300,000, in honor of their 30th Anniversary, to the Partnership for Pediatric Hearts, a fundraising platform created to support the Congenital Heart Program at Levine Children's Hospital.

Most recently Showmars partnered with Greg Olsen to host the HEARTest Yard + Showmars 5K. The event raised funds to benefit the hospital's pediatric cardiology and heart surgery programs.

With roots in the nationally known Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute, the Congenital Heart Center has brought world-class talent, expertise, and technology to Levine Children's Hospital. The support of partners like Showmars ensures that this program will continue to rank among the top in its field.

Greg Olsen and his family were honored to partner with Showmars in support of Levine Children's Hospital.



Carolinas HealthCare Foundation Welcomes Gene Woods

In May, Carolinas HealthCare Foundation welcomed Gene Woods, the new President and CEO of Carolinas HealthCare System. Mr. Woods spent time with the leadership team to learn more about the Foundation and shared his interest in meeting Foundation donors and participating in key fundraising activities. He was formally welcomed on May 25 at a reception hosted by the Foundation at Bonterra restaurant, recognizing him, and honoring outgoing President and CEO Michael Tarwater.

\$1 Million Grant to Support Orthopaedic Surgery Program at CMC

In May, Carolinas HealthCare Foundation announced a \$1 million grant from the Wyss Charitable Endowment to enhance trauma research and education programs conducted by Carolinas Medical Center's Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. The gift will support the teaching, research, and general educational activities overseen by Stephen Sims, M.D., a board-certified orthopaedic trauma surgeon and faculty member at Carolinas Medical Center.

The Wyss Charitable Endowment was founded by Swiss entrepreneur and businessman Hansjörg Wyss, whose philanthropy has helped researchers and surgeons across the country to develop and apply ground-breaking new technologies to help patients recover from musculoskeletal injuries.

"On behalf of Carolinas HealthCare System, I am honored to receive such generous support to help advance our program," said Dr. Sims, whose surgical faculty colleagues, residents, and fellows provide advanced care for musculoskeletal injuries, severe open fractures, and healing complications.



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Hansjörg Wyss

FUNDRAISING IN ACTION

Play Anything Day Sets New Fundraising Record

On May 12, The Maney, Roy, and LauRen Morning Show on WNKS KISS 95.1 hosted the 5th Annual Play Anything Day fundraiser for Levine Children's Hospital. The morning show team hit the airwaves at 6 am, taking requests in exchange for a donation to the hospital and vowing to stay on the air until they raised \$51,000.

Listeners heard everything from Sam Smith to Aerosmith; and from Maroon 5 to the Jackson 5. They also heard inspirational words from caregivers, patients, and families about the world class care they receive at Levine Children's Hospital.

"This is our favorite time of the year when we get to throw the format out the window!" said Maney from Kiss Mornings. "We play any song our listeners want to hear for a donation to the Kiss Kids."



In just a little over 12 hours, the KISS 95.1 team exceeded their goal and raised \$52,000, a new record for this event.

Niki Voncannon Finds Inner Strength with Help of Levine Cancer Institute

In May 2010, Niki Voncannon's journey with Levine Cancer Institute began with a helicopter ride to the emergency room after her leg gave way beneath her, broken, as she was walking down a flight of stairs. "I don't remember much about the surgery or week that followed, except for Dr. Patt, my oncologist—he has a way of making you feel that everything is going to be ok," Niki recalls. Her diagnosis was Ewing's Sarcoma, a cancer that originates in the bones or soft tissue.

Niki's medical team at Levine Cancer Institute went to great lengths to ensure she was comfortable during treatment. Niki calls one of her nurses, Tori, a "forever" friend for always making her feel special—often greeting her with a smile and comforting hug. Dr. Michael Livingston allowed Niki to receive treatment close to home in an outpatient clinic. Dr. Patt, Niki's primary surgical oncologist, kept her focused on her course of treatment and encouraged her with stories of survival. She found special comfort in his story of a college football player who bravely faced his cancer diagnosis and returned to the field during his senior year at Boston College.

As Niki knows all too well, a cancer diagnosis can be devastating to a patient and her family. She counts herself as fortunate to have an amazing circle of support—from family, friends, and community, to the doctors and nurses at Levine Cancer Institute who made all the difference in her journey.

Niki



*Niki pictured with her daughters
Olivia (left) and Victoria (right).*

Supporting Cancer Care

There are many ways to support cancer care at Levine Cancer Institute. Your donations will go to the areas of greatest need, providing for cutting-edge treatment, clinical research, and patient support programs at Levine Cancer Institute. To learn more and contribute, visit: GiveCarolinas.org/Cancer.

Levine Children's Gala

Raises Record \$490,000

On April 2, more than 450 guests attended the annual Levine Children's Gala at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, raising over \$490,000 to benefit Levine Children's Hospital. The gala was made possible by the generous support of many community sponsors, most notably, presenting sponsor PNC Bank.

The gala – hailed as the “not-to-miss” event of the year – was well-attended by representatives from Carolinas HealthCare System, as well as national and local celebrities, athletes, philanthropists, and corporate supporters, including major gala sponsors UTC Aerospace, Sonic Automotive/Speedway Children's Charities, US Trust, McKinsey, and MetLife.

Guests enjoyed a silent auction and reception with a surprise performance by the Bacon Brothers, featuring Golden Globe winner Kevin Bacon. Dancers from Charlotte's Jamie Masters School of Dance performed and concluded with a solo by 15-year-old Caroline Farley, a Levine Children's Hospital patient. She shared her hospital experience with guests in a brief interview with Levine Children's facility executive Callie Dobbins.

Gala committee member Nikki Fleming, whose daughter spent the first five months of her life in the neonatal intensive care nursery at Levine Children's, delivered the invocation leading into an upscale barbecue dinner. The Bacon Brothers returned to the stage during dinner to donate a signed guitar for the live charity auction. Kevin Bacon then introduced Sandra Levine, who announced a \$100,000 challenge grant from The Leon Levine Foundation.

After dinner, guests viewed a national news story about a baby who was born weighing just 10 ounces and spent the first months of her life at Levine Children's. Her primary neonatologist, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Drew Herman discussed her miraculous care, and his heartfelt words inspired guests to give generously to help fund the needs of Levine Children's neonatal intensive care nurseries.

Well-known local auctioneer Ernest Perry then kicked off a live auction, which was followed by a special live performance by national recording artist ZZ Ward.





Thank you

The success of the 2nd Annual Levine Children's Gala was driven in large part by a dedicated Gala Committee, including: Candy and Darren Bing, Amy and Alfred Dawson, Nikki and Densel Fleming, Sherrard and John Georgius, Stephanie and Dave Gitlin, Mandy and Todd Houser, Emily and Tyler Johnson, Kara and Greg Olsen, Ana and Manuel Rey, Tiffany and Scott Smith, Ann and Michael Tarwater, and Amy and Martin Welton.

Levine Children's Gala



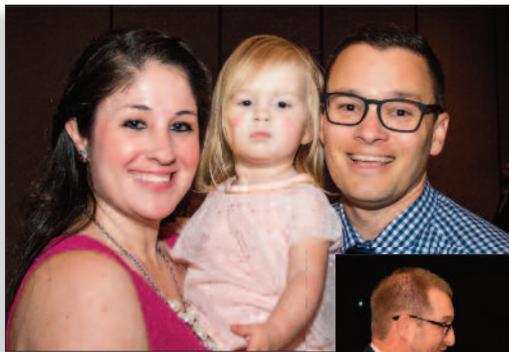
Kickin' It Carolinas Unites Breast Cancer Advocates

In May, the Carolinas' Kickin' It Challenge – Unite in the Fight fundraiser brought together a dedicated group of over 1,000 community supporters, cancer survivors, and youth athletes in the fight against breast cancer. This annual weekend-long event featured a club-level youth soccer tournament hosted by the Discoveries Soccer Club at Manchester Meadows soccer complex in Rock Hill, SC. The weekend kicked off with a party at the Dairy Barn in Fort Mill, SC, where guests enjoyed food, music, and a silent auction. Between the party and soccer tournament, the Kickin' It Challenge raised more than \$60,000, a portion of which benefits the Carolinas Breast Cancer Fund and will be designated to provide a nutritionist program and patient special needs funding to women in York County, SC.



(L-R): Co-founders of the Kickin' It Challenge, Shana Shivel and Dr. Sarah Morris.

Friends and Neighbors Open Their “Hearts for Rehab”



Touching the hearts of many at Hearts for Rehab.

In April, over 170 guests gathered to support Carolinas HealthCare System's Carolinas Rehabilitation and its Adaptive Sports and Adventures Program. The annual “Hearts for Rehab” fundraiser featured a cocktail reception, silent auction, charity dinner, and notable guest speakers who delivered sentimental testimonies about how Carolinas Rehabilitation positively

impacted their lives. The former patients' stories, including emcee Caroline Vandergriff, Time Warner Cable Reporter, showcased heartfelt gratitude for the dedication of therapists and support staff at Carolinas Rehabilitation. The money raised from this event will help fund cutting-edge equipment, adaptive sports programs, special needs funds, and novel research and educational programs.



Special thank you to Allergan, Cerner, and Time Warner Cable along with many other sponsors for helping make this the most successful year to date.

Cycle to the Sea – Myrtle Beach: A Ride to Remember

April 2016 brought Carolinas Rehabilitation's Adaptive Sports & Adventures Program's (ASAP) 17th anniversary of the annual Cycle to the Sea fundraiser. During this unique event, riders from across the country cycled a 180-mile journey from Monroe, NC to North Myrtle Beach, SC. The event raised \$65,000 for ASAP, which provides high quality, adaptive sports and recreation opportunities to youth and adults with physical disabilities and helps participants develop skills that enhance their active lifestyles. Special thanks to event sponsors Waypoint IT Experts, Hanger Clinic, and Robbins Auto Parts. Additional thanks go to our most successful fundraising team, Team Freak, which raised over \$32,000!



Cycle to the Sea's 35 riders gave their all for many youth and adults who benefit from the Adaptive Sports and Adventures Program at Carolinas Rehabilitation.

Carolinas 4 A Cure: A Year in Fundraising for Bladder Cancer

On April 30, close to 100 bladder cancer patients, survivors, families, physicians, and advocates attended the inaugural Carolinas 4 A Cure Bladder Cancer Walk. Proceeds from the newly-established event will support the Carolinas Bladder Cancer Fund, which advances bladder cancer research, treatment, and related patient services at Levine Cancer Institute.

Carolinas 4 A Cure grew out of fundraising spearheaded by Charlotte Catholic High School students Matthew and Mitchell Salvino, along with local foundation, 5MPower. Now in its third year, their "Cougars 4 A Cure" fundraiser has generated more than \$70,000 for the Carolinas Bladder Cancer Fund, largely through fundraising efforts championed by the Salvino brothers (pictured), and the Charlotte Catholic High School basketball program.

Pictured (L-R): Mitchell, Mike, and Matthew Salvino have taken a stance to help fight bladder cancer, a disease that affects more than 74,000 in the U.S. each year.



5th Annual LJCC Kids Triathlon Achieves Record Year

On June 5, more than 185 participants gathered at the Sandra & Leon Levine Jewish Community Center for the 5th Annual LJCC Kids Triathlon, presented by the Charlotte Knights. Prior to the event, participants raise funds through bake sales, neighborhood friends and family, yard sales and more! The event raised over \$90,000 for pediatric rehabilitation services at Levine Children's Hospital and the Adaptive Sports and Adventures Program (ASAP) at Carolinas Rehabilitation – a program that helps adults and children with physical disabilities to develop skills that lead to an active lifestyle.

The fundraising total included a \$20,000 grant from The Leon Levine Foundation, which the Kids Tri received after meeting (and exceeding) a challenge goal of raising \$70,000.

Former Carolina Panthers wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad attended the event and cheered on participants, which included many ASAP athletes and children of all ages and athletic abilities.



Brendan and Jason Rizzo after completing the Kids Triathlon.

A special thanks to lead sponsors: The Charlotte Knights, Parent Financial, Precor, UTC Aerospace Systems, and Mann Travels. Other generous supporters include Hanger Clinic, Skechers, UCS, SunTrust On Up, Bayada, Luxury Charlotte Homes – The Eli Magids Group, Valvoline, Brownlee Jewelers, and SouthPark Baseball.



PROFILE

Two Events Go PINK for Breast Cancer

The DeAngelo Williams Foundation and the Charlotte Knights came together on May 14 to show their support for women's breast health. The day started with 53 Strong For Sandra, an outreach event that provides mammography screenings and follow-up care, thanks to a generous gift of \$10,000 from the DeAngelo Williams Foundation. At the event, Charlotte Radiology, in partnership with Levine Cancer Institute, offered its diagnostic medical services to 53 women, free of charge. The program is designed to serve under/uninsured women from the greater Charlotte area.

That evening, the Charlotte Knights hosted their annual Pink Knights baseball game. Pink baseballs and jerseys worn by the Knights were auctioned off during the game, with proceeds benefiting the Carolinas Breast Cancer Fund. The game and auction raised over \$20,000 to support breast cancer programs and services at Levine Cancer Institute.

The Charlotte Knights presented Carolinas HealthCare Foundation and Levine Cancer Institute with a check for over \$20,000 during the Pink Knights baseball game.



Bosom Buddies for Breast Cancer

For Bosom Buddies President, Cyndi Thilo, breast cancer advocacy is a cause that hits close to home. She has turned her family's experience with the disease into a passionate dedication to breast cancer awareness and patient support. For over eight years, the Bosom Buddies organization—comprised of a group of tennis players at racquet clubs throughout the Charlotte area—has raised several hundred thousand dollars to support the Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Fund at Levine Cancer Institute, including \$70,000 raised through this year's tennis clinic alone. The popular pro-led tennis event was held over the course of three days in 2016 at Weddington Swim and Raquet Club, the Levine Jewish Community Center, Charlotte Indoor Tennis, and the Russell Tennis Center in Charlotte.

Funds raised by the Bosom Buddies are used to advance patient support services, breast cancer outreach, clinical research, and palliative care programs that Levine Cancer Institute provides to patients. Notably, funds raised by the Bosom Buddies in prior years helped to establish the "Bosom Buddies Image Boutique" at Levine Cancer Institute's main campus.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Tune in to WCNC from 6:00 am – 11:00 pm to view inspiring stories of hope from patients, families, and caregivers at Levine Children's Hospital. Proceeds from this 17-hour telethon, sponsored by Morris-Jenkins, will support children right here in the Carolinas. givehereforkidshere.org

Saturday, September Stiletto Sprint

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | SOUTHPARK MALL

A good pair of heels can save a life! Join hundreds of sprinters for the 6th Annual Stiletto Sprint, benefiting the Carolinas Ovarian Cancer Fund at Levine Cancer Institute. Proceeds remain local to support cutting edge research, patient support programs, and community awareness initiatives.

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August 29 – October 9 Walmart's CMN Campaign

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AUGUST 29 – OCTOBER 9 | BALLANTYNE CORPORATE PARK

Each time you visit a Walmart or Sam's Club store located in the greater-Charlotte region, your donation or purchase of a Miracle Balloon will make miracles for patients at Levine Children's Hospital.

Saturday, October

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21st Annual Hopebuilders 5K

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 | FRONT OF LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

A signature fundraiser for Levine Children's Hospital, Hopebuilders is a family-centered event presented by Babson Capital. [Register today at hopebuilders5k.org.](http://hopebuilders5k.org)



Saturday, October 15

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1st Annual Neuro Walk and Roll

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 | SOUTHPARK MALL

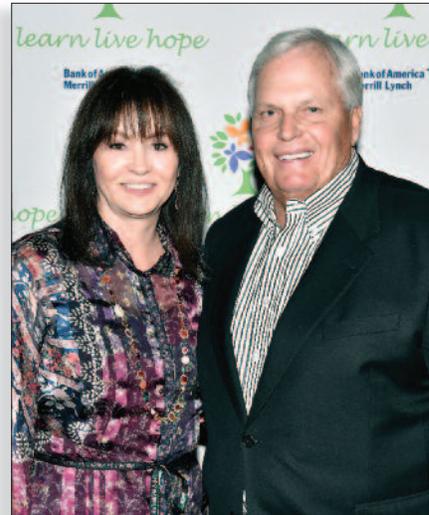
Join us for an evening of music, light, and hope benefiting Carolinas HealthCare System's Neurosciences Institute. givecarolinas.org/neurowalk



Hendrick's Learn Live Hope Raises Hope, and Millions

Building upon the fundraising success of years past, this year's Learn Live Hope gala, hosted by Linda and Rick Hendrick, and Lynn and Marshall Carlson raised over \$1 million. Levine Children's Hospital was honored to be among a select group of charitable organizations benefiting from the annual celebration.

The gala started with a cocktail reception at Bootleggers Bar, followed by a seated dinner at The Fillmore and guest performance by accomplished singer Danny Gokey—a former American Idol contestant. During the event guests were inspired by Maddyn's story of survival (see her Story of Hope on p.19), which her parents credit to the team of caregivers at Levine Children's Hospital.



Linda and Rick
Hendrick

Special thanks to the Hendrick family for over a decade of support, and to SunEnergy1's executive Kenny Habul for his family's generous contribution to Levine Children's Hospital during the Learn Live Hope auction.

Running Miles Against Melanoma



Hundreds of supporters eagerly await the start of Miles Against Melanoma.

On April 30, nearly 700 supporters gathered at Omega Sports in the Arboretum Shopping Center for the 5th Annual Miles Against Melanoma 5k Run/Walk. The NC Chapter of Miles Against Melanoma was founded in 2012 by Heather Joyner in memory of her sister, Amy Jo Ross Robinson, who was 30 years old when she lost her fight with this deadly form of skin cancer. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, participants, and supporters, the 5K raised \$40,000 to benefit the Carolinas Melanoma & Immunotherapy Fund, which supports patient needs, melanoma prevention, and research programs at Levine Cancer Institute.

Martin Truex Jr. and Sherry Pollex: Winning the Race Against Cancer

Martin Truex Jr. and longtime girlfriend Sherry Pollex are grateful to be winning the race against cancer. When Sherry was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2014, it hit close to home for the couple, who have dedicated their philanthropic efforts to fighting pediatric cancer at Levine Children's Hospital.

Much of their support is provided through the Martin Truex Jr. Foundation's annual charity event, Catwalk for a Cause, which includes participation from Levine Children's Hospital patients. The event has provided significant support for patient and family special needs and to enhance research programs within Levine Children's Hospital's Torrence E. Hemby Jr. Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and BMT Center. In 2015, the Martin Truex Jr. Foundation also committed \$300,000 to help hire a new nurse practitioner for the Center.

In addition, in response to Sherry's yearlong journey battling cancer, the Martin Truex Jr. Foundation expanded its mission to include raising awareness and funds for ovarian cancer research. In September 2015, the Foundation sponsored the annual Stiletto Sprint, which benefits ovarian cancer research, patients programs, education, and awareness at Levine Cancer Institute.



Martin and Sherry walk the catwalk with "Levine Children's Hospital models" at their annual Catwalk for a Cause fundraiser.



Save Your Skin Golf Classic

On June 6, a sell-out crowd gathered at Carmel Country Club to celebrate the 11th Annual Save Your Skin Melanoma Awareness Golf Classic, which has been presented by Bank of America Merrill Lynch since the tournament's inception. The event raised over \$72,000 to support melanoma prevention and research programs at Levine Cancer Institute.

Physicians from Levine Cancer Institute, supporters, and survivors all gathered for the tournament, which included a silent auction and reception. During the reception, participants heard from Martin Kreshon, Sr., M.D., a key figure in the creation of the tournament, which honors the life of his late wife, Jerri. A former patient of Carolinas HealthCare System, Jerri lost her battle with melanoma in 2005.

Maddyn

Life changes in the blink of an eye: One day, the Ussery family had three healthy triplets; the next day one of their precious six-year-olds, Maddyn, faced a life-threatening virus that was attacking her heart. Maddyn had been in good health, visiting the pediatrician only for the occasional fever or cold. Unfortunately for Maddyn and her family, it was a common cold that attacked her heart and quickly turned into a grave situation.

With the care and dedication of the skilled medical team at Levine Children's Hospital, Maddyn proved she was a true fighter – surviving two heart surgeries, a stroke, and a brain surgery in just a matter of weeks. Physical and occupational therapists at Levine Children's Hospital helped Maddyn regain her motor skills and learn to walk again. Now on the road to recovery, every step Maddyn takes feels like a miracle to her family.

Maddyn's recovery has been remarkable to her family, as well as to her medical team. After 75 days at Levine Children's Hospital, Maddyn finally returned home in April.

Pictured: After 75 days in the hospital, Maddyn and her new giraffe friend (named Henry) left Levine Children's Hospital with a smile!



*(L-R): Josh Fretz,
Dr. Martin Kreshon, Sr.,
Kathy Carver and
Ryan Smith.*

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Sarcoma Stomp Results in Record Year for Levine Cancer Institute

Over 1,000 participants gathered at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte on April 30 for the Annual Sarcoma Stomp Run/Walk. The chief fundraiser for The Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma Research, the event featured both a 5K run and a 3K walk. Established in honor of Paula Takacs, who lost her life to liposarcoma in April 2014, the Sarcoma Stomp raised a record \$170,000 in 2016. The money raised will fund two novel sarcoma clinical trials and other sarcoma research projects at Levine Cancer Institute in Charlotte.



Special thanks to Babson Capital Management and a student-led fundraising group from Charlotte Latin—the Hawks for Hope—for their extraordinary support of the Sarcoma Stomp.

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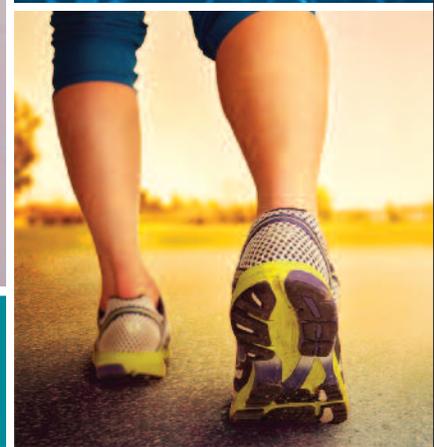
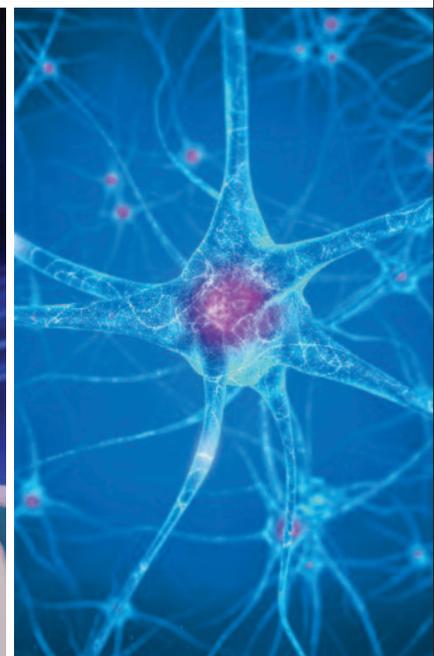
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Saturday, October 15, 2016 | Charlotte, NC



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Wiffle Ball Y'all!

On June 24, Levine Children's Hospital benefited from the "Wiffle Ball Y'all" tournament held at First Ward Field in uptown Charlotte, a fundraising event graciously organized and hosted by Levine Properties.



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Tarwater Endowment for Spiritual Care and Education

In June, Carolinas HealthCare System said farewell to President and CEO Michael Tarwater. During his tenure as CEO, Carolinas HealthCare established a number of nationally recognized healthcare facilities, notably Levine Children's Hospital and Levine Cancer Institute, and now serves as a destination for patients and families who seek world-class medical treatment.

On May 25, Carolinas HealthCare Foundation, together with many friends and colleagues of Ann and Michael Tarwater, commemorated Mr. Tarwater's retirement by announcing the establishment of the Tarwater Endowment for Spiritual Care and Education, which has received contributions of over \$630,000 to date.



Created in support of a cause for which the Tarwaters share a deep personal commitment, The Tarwater Endowment for Spiritual Care and Education will provide long-term funding to expand and advance chaplaincy-related outreach and education programs at Carolinas HealthCare System for area clergy, seminarians, and laity of all faiths.

(L-R): Michael Tarwater, retiring President and CEO of Carolinas HealthCare System, Ann Tarwater, David Carl, Executive Director of Clinical Pastoral Education, Ed Brown, Chairman of the CHS Board of Commissioners, and Scott Kerr, President of Carolinas HealthCare Foundation.