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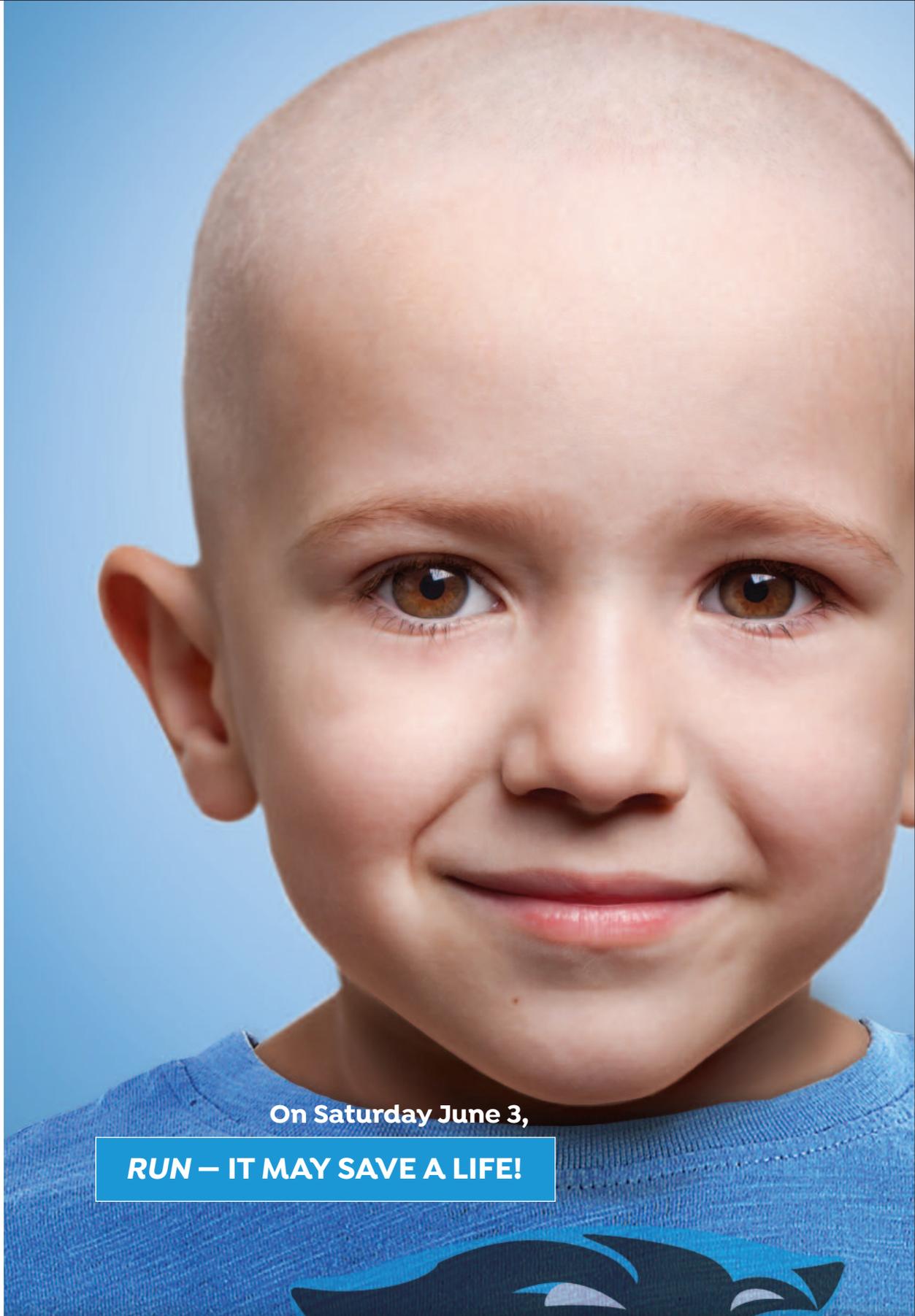
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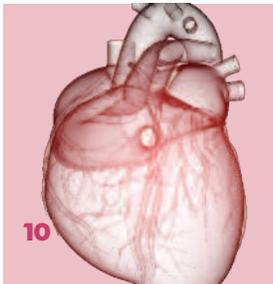
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Levine Cancer Institute Breaks Ground on New Outpatient Center

On December 1, 2016, Carolinas HealthCare System's Levine Cancer Institute broke ground on a new outpatient center that will play a role in expanding services and advancing innovation throughout the Institute, which is comprised of more than 25 locations across the Carolinas. System leaders and community supporters, including Sandra and Leon Levine, Derek Raghavan, MD, president of Levine Cancer Institute, and Gene Woods, president and chief executive officer, Carolinas HealthCare System, attended the groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of this milestone construction project, which is expected to be completed by September 2018.

The expansion, first announced in March 2016, is an extension of the Levine Cancer Institute headquarters location, and will include a second outpatient center, a new research pavilion, renovations to the existing research and administration headquarters, and related renovations to Carolinas Medical Center. The new facility will provide development in several areas of cancer care, including heightened translational research efforts, survivorship and support programs, palliative care and patient rehabilitation.

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The groundbreaking celebrated the rapid growth of the Institute since opening in 2012. Today, Levine Cancer Institute is one of the busiest cancer treatment centers in the Southeast, and the new facility will allow for expanded hematologic, thoracic, and gastrointestinal oncology capabilities and an expansion to the Institute's infusion program.



We extend special thanks to the individuals who shared touching accounts of how Levine Cancer Institute has profoundly impacted their lives and the lives of loved-ones: Bill Britton, David Hodgkins, JackieO. Kelley, Alex Marshall, Tiffany Nam, and Mitchell Salvino.

(L-R) Sue Udelson, Executive Director of the Paula Takacs Foundation (sarcoma research) and Diane Restaino, Executive Director of Joedance (pediatric cancer research).

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GIVING LARGE

LEVINE FAMILY MEMBERS SUPPORT EXPANSION OF LEVINE CANCER INSTITUTE

Two local families have made significant gifts to support the expansion of Levine Cancer Institute in response to the "Transforming Cancer Care" fundraising campaign. A collective \$2 million lead gift from The Howard Levine Foundation as well as Lori and Eric Sklut will establish the Barbara L. Levine Infusion Center within the expanded Levine Cancer Institute outpatient and research facility.

The 60-bay, state of the art Infusion Center—named in honor of Howard and Lori's late mother—will be one of the centerpieces of the newly expanded Levine Cancer Institute. The Center's convenient outpatient setting will allow patients to receive care and return home in the same day.

Both the Sklut and Levine families have previously given significant contributions to support various facilities within Carolinas HealthCare System, including Levine Children's Hospital and the Mindy Ellen Levine Behavioral Health Center. Now, their support extends to the care of patients at the expanded Levine Cancer Institute. Their continued generosity will allow for the addition of an even more comprehensive array of distinctive cancer treatment and research programs within Carolinas HealthCare System.



Julie and Howard Levine



Lori and Eric Sklut

KEEP POUNDING HITS THE ROAD

Since they were first unveiled last summer, a series of custom-made Keep Pounding license plates have generated a new source of support for the Keep Pounding Fund, a key cancer fundraising initiative advancing cancer research at both Levine Cancer Institute and Levine Children's Hospital. Representing the long-standing commitment of the Carolina Panthers to the local fight against cancer, the specialty license plates commemorate the late Panthers linebacker and coach Sam Mills' battle with cancer. A portion of each \$30 plate fee is earmarked for the Keep Pounding Fund, amounting to more than \$36,000 to date.



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KEEP POUNDING FOR PARKER

You'll find him on Facebook under "Keep Pounding for Parker": Eight-year-old Parker, the avid Carolina Panthers fan and brave cancer fighter.

Originally diagnosed with mild spastic cerebral palsy, Parker underwent a series of MRIs in 2015 that revealed a tumor on his spine. Doctors at Levine Children's Hospital delivered the life-changing news that Parker had a rare glioneuronal tumor, a type of cancer that occurs in only 2% of children.

Parker began chemotherapy in 2015 and is currently on his second regimen. "His cancer will most likely be a managed condition throughout his lifetime," said his mom, Allison. "It's a very serious situation, but we have hope that Parker will overcome."

For the boy who carries an infectious smile wherever he goes, he is facing his challenges with strength and humor. With the help of his care team, and generous support from the community to advance cancer research and programs, Parker and his family remain optimistic as they "Keep Pounding."



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\$2 Million Gift from The Kerry and Simone Vickar Family Foundation to Endow Chair at Levine Cancer Institute

In 2016, the Kerry and Simone Vickar Family Foundation committed \$2 million to Levine Cancer Institute in support of academic and research efforts. The funds will be designated to establish an endowed chair in their name: The Kerry and Simone Vickar Family Foundation Endowed Chair in Hematologic Oncology and Blood Disorders.

“The Vickar family’s dedication to advancing the efforts of our clinical and translational research teams is truly remarkable,” said Derek Raghavan, MD, PhD, President of Levine Cancer Institute. He emphasized the importance of endowed chairs in leveraging the Institute’s ability to attract and retain the brightest minds in medical research.

“We are focused on maximizing impact,” said Kerry Vickar, “and Levine Cancer Institute’s network has a vast reach. The research led by the endowed chair can truly transform lives throughout the Carolinas – a region where our family is committed to giving back.”

Leading the research and treatment team as the first Kerry and Simone Vickar Family Foundation Endowed Chair is Edward Copelan, MD, FACP who joined Levine Cancer Institute in 2012 from his prior role as head of the bone marrow transplant unit at the Cleveland Clinic. Under his direction, a new, state-of-the-art blood and marrow transplant unit opened in 2014 at Carolinas Medical Center. It is already implementing novel therapies and achieving some of the most successful patient outcomes in the country.

As the need for comprehensive cancer care in the region continues to grow, philanthropic support of the Levine Cancer Institute network by donors such as the Vickars will help ensure that patients have access to the best care available, regardless of where they live.

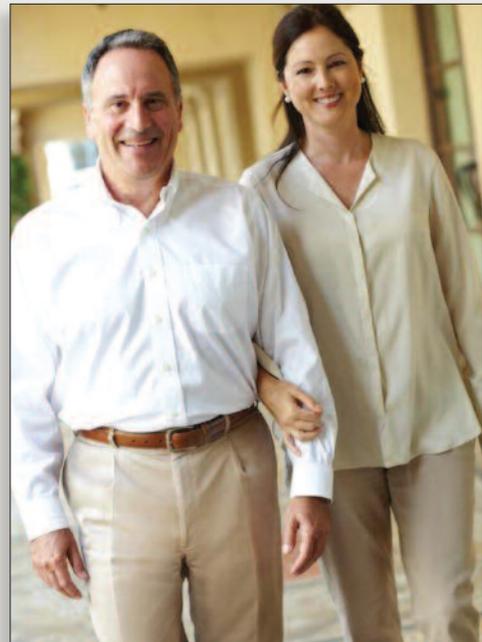


Photo: Ted and Debbie Photography



Kerry Vickar is the Chairman and CEO of May Heavy Equipment, a full service heavy equipment dealer located in the Carolinas. He is also a founder and investor in a number of other Carolina based privately held businesses.

EDWARD COPELAN, MD, FACP

Philanthropic support gives researchers like Dr. Copelan the academic and scientific freedom to pursue ideas that can move medical science forward and lead to novel therapies.

Grassroots fundraising initiative raises funds – and hope—for a cure for Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy

Since 2008, local philanthropists Jane and Luther Lockwood, along with their daughter Jane, have led a highly successful fundraising initiative—Jeans, Genes and Geniuses—to benefit the McColl-Lockwood Laboratory for Muscular Dystrophy Research at Carolinas Medical Center, one of the leading facilities in the world dedicated to finding a cure for Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD).

Daughter Jane was diagnosed with the disease when she was just five years old. Since that time, her family has advocated for a cure. Gifts made to their Jeans, Genes and Geniuses fundraising events chiefly benefit a bi-annual International Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Research Conference, hosted in Charlotte, which brings together experts from across the globe to specifically address the latest research initiatives likely to deliver a cure for LGMD.

Co-chaired by Jane and Luther Lockwood, this year's Jeans, Genes and Geniuses event included more than 70 friends and supporters who served as underwriting hosts, signifying an outpouring of community support for this area of research.

Special thanks to Jane and Luther Lockwood, Charlotte and Tom Lockwood, Jane and Hugh McColl, Jan and Ed Brown, and Jane & John Spratt for their substantial support.

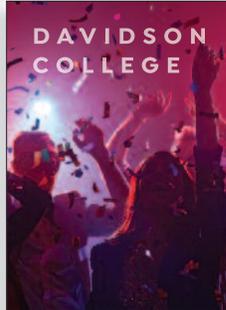
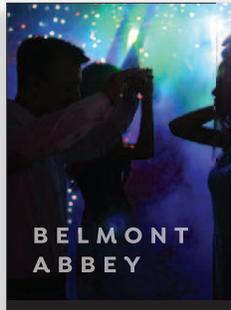


On March 9, close to 200 guests gathered for Jeans, Genes and Geniuses, raising over \$100,000 for the Fifth International Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Research Conference in Charlotte.

QI LONG LU, M.D., PH.D

Qi Long Lu, M.D., Ph.D., a world renowned physician and research scientist, is director of the McColl-Lockwood Laboratory. He and his team are conducting research that has the potential to change the lives of thousands of muscular dystrophy patients.

FUNDRAISING IN ACTION



DANCE MARATHON MOVEMENT EXPANDS

Continuing in the tradition established by students at UNC Charlotte— one generation fighting for the next— schools in Belmont, Davidson, and Hickory, North Carolina, have joined the local Dance Marathon movement benefiting Children’s Miracle Network and Levine Children’s Hospital. Since 2013, students at UNC Charlotte have led the charge for Dance Marathon, setting an admirable example for grassroots fundraising. In 2016, UNC Charlotte Dance Marathon closed the year with record fundraising of over \$50,000.

Early this year, students from Davidson College, Belmont Abbey, and Lenoir-Rhyne University led their schools’ inaugural Dance Marathons for Children’s Miracle Network, raising substantial additional funds for Levine Children’s Hospital through activities organized both on and off-campus.

FUNDRAISING IN ACTION

BELK, INC., GEOFFREY BEENE FOUNDATION SUPPORT BREAST CANCER INITIATIVES

Belk, Inc. continues to generously support cancer initiatives led by Carolinas HealthCare System. In connection with the 2016 Belk Bowl, Belk and the Geoffrey Beene Foundation donated \$25,000 to support breast cancer screening and outreach programs led by Levine Cancer Institute. Their gift benefits Project PINK, the Institute’s flagship breast cancer outreach partnership conducted in conjunction with Charlotte Radiology.

From left: Levine Cancer Institute’s Dr. Antoinette Tan and Dr. Ed Kim receive a donation from Belk.



BILL BRITTON, JR.

MULTIPLE MYELOMA SURVIVOR GIVES BACK

Long-time community members and philanthropists, William (Bill) Britton, Jr., and his wife Cathryn have shown significant compassion for patients battling multiple myeloma, a rare type of cancer formed by malignant plasma cells. An 8-year survivor of the disease, Bill, along with his family, has given generously in response to the exceptional care he received at Levine Cancer Institute. These gifts have provided the opportunity for the Institute's Dr. Saad Usmani—a world renowned myeloma specialist—to lead a research team seeking to improve treatment in cases of relapsed myeloma. As a result, they can provide a diverse patient population at Levine Cancer Institute with access to cutting-edge clinical research advances and high quality care.

First diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2009, Bill Britton (pictured) shared his touching testimonial during the December 2016 groundbreaking ceremony for the planned expansion of Levine Cancer Institute.



THESE GIFTS HAVE PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INSTITUTE'S DR. SAAD USMANI—A WORLD RENOWNED MYELOMA SPECIALIST—TO LEAD A RESEARCH TEAM SEEKING TO IMPROVE TREATMENT IN CASES OF RELAPSED MYELOMA.

SAAD ZAFAR USMANI, M.D., FACP

Saad Zafar Usmani, M.D., FACP is the Director of the Plasma Cell Disorder program and the Director of Clinical Research in Hematologic Malignancies at Levine Cancer Institute. A key member of the Bone Marrow Transplantation team, Dr. Usmani is conducting clinical and translational research on plasma cell disorders and high-risk multiple myeloma. With generous support from donors such as Bill Britton and the Heineman Foundation of Charlotte, Dr. Usmani continues to advance his research and elevate Levine Cancer Institute's national role in the transformation of cancer care.



Hall Gynecologic Oncology Center Named at Levine Cancer Institute

In November 2016, Carolinas HealthCare Foundation announced the naming of the James B. Hall Gynecologic Oncology Center, the result of a \$1 million gift from the Bissell Family honoring Dr. James B. (“Jim”) Hall.

Dr. Hall, who developed a close relationship with the Bissell family after providing care to the late Sara Bissell, retired from Levine Cancer Institute in June after a 36-year career as a gynecologic oncologist. He was the first gynecologic oncologist in Charlotte and has been the only Division Director of Gynecologic Oncology in the history of Carolinas Medical Center’s Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Hall’s dedication to patients and resident/student education has resulted in national recognition for the Division of Gynecologic Oncology.

Upon his retirement, a \$100,000 endowment (named the James B. Hall, M.D. Endowed Lectureship in Gynecologic Oncology) was also created through generous gifts from many of Dr. Hall’s colleagues, residents, and patients.



Smoky Bissell (R) honors Dr. Jim Hall during a surprise signage unveiling of the Hall Gynecologic Oncology Center



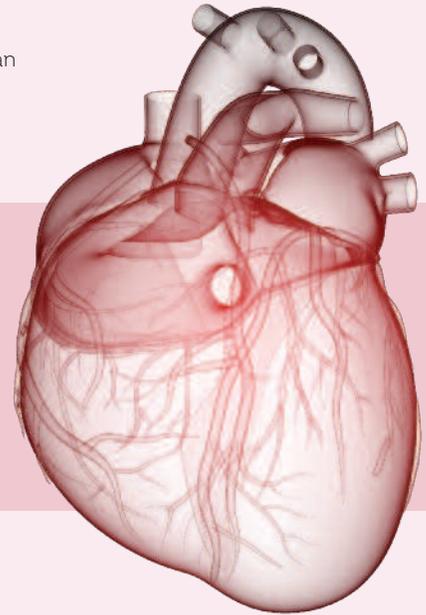
ERIC NORRIS, PH.D.

Thanks to the fundraising success of the annual Stiletto Sprint, which benefits the Carolinas Ovarian Cancer Fund at Levine Cancer Institute, Eric Norris, Ph.D. (pictured far right) has recently joined an outstanding team of physicians and researchers at LCI under the direction of Ram Ganapathi, Ph.D., FAAS, and David Tait, MD. Together, they are working toward early detection and treatment of ovarian cancer.

Norris began in his current role at LCI after completing a post-doctoral research fellowship in cancer pharmacology at the Institute; he earned his Ph. D. in Interdisciplinary Biology from UNC-Charlotte.

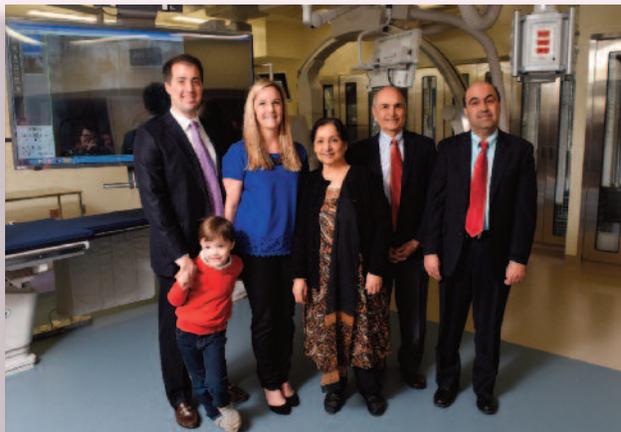
Local family supports new pediatric catheterization laboratories at Levine Children's Hospital

Valentine's Day 2017 marked an important milestone in the history of Levine Children's Hospital's pediatric congenital heart program. Two new pediatric catheterization laboratories were ceremoniously opened in the hospital's Ricky Hendrick Centers for Intensive Care (6th floor). A generous commitment of \$500,000 from Tansukh, Sarla, and Rajesh Ganatra is helping to support the new labs as well as the creation of a leading-edge cardiac catheterization education platform for children and families living with congenital heart disease. Named in honor of the Ganatra family, the new laboratories will offer state-of-the-art technology, including: a 3-D rotational angiography that will create 3-dimensional images of heart structures to assist in catheterization procedures and surgery planning; a new method of using CT and MRI scan data to create a "road map" to improve medical procedures; and new technology to minimize radiation exposure to patients during their care. The technology and procedural benefits that the Ganatra Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories will provide are equally important to deliver an extraordinary experience to patients and families—a cornerstone of Levine Children's Hospital's care delivery model.



CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

Congenital heart disease is a lifelong illness, and learning of the initial diagnosis or preparing for a procedure can create tremendous anxiety to the patient. To help, LCH will create comprehensive patient educational materials, as well as a resource website with a virtual tour of the catheterization labs.



Parents of patient Gray Jackson with the Ganatra family, whose gift established the cath labs.



A ribbon cutting marked the official opening of the Ganatra Cardiac Cath Labs.

13TH ANNUAL CUPID'S CUP 5K TOUCHES HEARTS AND LIVES ACROSS THE CAROLINAS

On February 11, more than 700 runners and walkers commemorated the 13th year of the Cupid's Cup 5K and 1 Mile Walk benefiting Carolinas HealthCare System's cardiac rehabilitation programs at Carolinas HealthCare System Pineville, SouthPark, and Union. Starting and ending outside of Carolinas Medical Center-Myers Park, participants enjoyed a scenic course through Charlotte's historic Dilworth neighborhood. Raising nearly \$40,000, Cupid's Cup provides valuable funding for patient education and outreach at Carolinas HealthCare System's cardiac rehabilitation programs. This successful fundraiser also covers the cost for uninsured patients to attend up to 36 rehabilitation sessions to manage their cardiovascular health.



Hundreds of runners crossed the finish line in support of cardiac rehab.

Robbie Ossman (third from left), a heart transplant patient, celebrates a successful event with friends and family.



Former Patients, Families Have a Heart for Rehab

Carolinas Rehabilitation held its sixth annual Hearts for Rehab fundraiser on March 10, celebrating beneficiaries of Carolinas Rehabilitation and its Adaptive Sports and Adventures Program. The event has raised more than \$210,000 since its inception.

Keynote speaker Larry Sprinkle, a veteran WCNC weather forecaster with an extensive and celebrated career in Charlotte radio and TV, delivered a sentimental testimony of his recovery from a serious auto accident in 2016—with the help of Carolinas Rehabilitation.

Kris Stroud, founder of the Logan Stroud Foundation, was honored with the W. Duke Kimbrell Award for her foundation's outstanding support of Carolinas Rehabilitation. Honoring the memory of her late son, Logan, Kris has led significant grassroots fundraising efforts through the Foundation, raising over \$60,000 for the benefit of Carolinas Rehabilitation patients over the past seven years.

The event featured a cocktail reception, silent auction, and charity dinner. Sponsors Allergan, Cerner, Sodexo, and many others were key to the success of the evening. Funds raised from the event will help fund state-of-the-art equipment, adaptive sports programs, patient special needs funds, as well as research and educational programs.



Keynote speaker and Carolinas Rehabilitation advocate, Larry Sprinkle.



Above: Adaptive Sports and Adventures athletes and staff members pose at the photobooth.



Left: (L to R) Elizabeth Morse, Calvin Hung, Sid Wood, and Aaron Harper

HEARTS FOR REHAB

BELOVED LOCAL ANCHOR GAINS HOPE DURING RECOVERY AT CAROLINAS REHABILITATION

Larry Sprinkle is a long-beloved community figure. He has anchored and reported the news at WCNC for 30+ years and has dedicated the majority of his volunteer time to raising money for local charities, including Levine Children's Hospital. When he was injured in a devastating car accident in 2016, it was the community's turn to give back.

Larry sustained life-threatening injuries and spent weeks at Carolinas Medical Center prior to beginning a six-week, inpatient rehabilitation journey at Carolinas Rehabilitation. Here, his care team, led by Dr. Vishwa Raj, rallied around him. In addition to the support of his family, loyal viewers and community members gave Larry hope through cards, prayers and email messages. His co-workers also paid him special visits.

"I remember sitting in my wheelchair and watching people walk and just looking fascinated thinking I hope I can do that one day. I hope I can stand up and walk," Larry said.

Gradually, Sprinkle moved from the wheelchair to walking with a walker, and then a cane. After he was released, he returned for outpatient sessions two to three times a week.

Today, Larry is not only walking – he's back on the air at WCNC. He credits the rigorous physical therapy sessions and his care team at Carolinas Rehabilitation. They are astounded by his progress.

And now Larry has given back once again, serving as the guest speaker at Carolinas Rehab's "Hearts for Rehab" gala. "They gave me hope," he said, "and they got me back on my feet."

LARRY SPRINKLE

Former Carolinas Rehab patient Larry Sprinkle says the accident has changed his perspective: "I'm more concerned about the way life should be lived and how you need to slow down...that you need to take time to not only work but have some free time and time to yourself, family and friends."





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Friday, May 5 Peter Oosterhuis Championship

QUAIL HOLLOW CLUB

The Peter Oosterhuis Championship will be hosted at the home-course of celebrated professional golfer and broadcaster Peter Oosterhuis. Most recently, Peter has lent his voice and dedicated his time to fundraising for Alzheimer's research and awareness in response to his own experience with the disease. givecarolinas.org/oosterhuis

Saturday, May 6 Carolinas 4 A Cure Walk

BLAKENEY SHOPPING CENTER

Join us for the inaugural Carolinas 4 A Cure Walk. Proceeds benefit bladder cancer research and treatment at Levine Cancer Institute.

carolinas4acure.org

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Saturday, June 3 Keep Pounding 5K

LEVINE CANCER INSTITUTE

Run where the big cats prowl in the Keep Pounding 5K, benefiting adult and pediatric cancer research at Levine Cancer Institute and Levine Children's Hospital.

keeppounding5k.org

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Sunday, June 4 Levine JCC Kids Triathlon

LEVINE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Children of all ages and abilities participate in the Levine JCC Kids Triathlon to raise funds and awareness for the Pediatric Rehabilitation Pavilion at Levine Children's Hospital and the Adaptive Sports and Adventures Program at Carolinas Rehabilitation. ljckkidstri.org

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Monday, June 5 Save Your Skin Melanoma Awareness Golf Classic

CARMEL COUNTRY CLUB

This June, "Save the skin you're in" and join the Save Your Skin Melanoma Awareness Golf Classic to support melanoma research, treatment, and awareness programs at Levine Cancer Institute.

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ADDITIONAL EVENTS – APRIL & MAY

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FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2017:

APRIL	Sarcoma Stomp		Miles Against Melanoma 5K, 1 Mile Fun Run, & Kids Dash		Cycle to the Sea	
MAY	Lunge Forward 5K		Greg Olsen Charity Golf Tournament		Play Anything Day with KISS 95.1FM	
MAY	Kickin' It Challenge Carolinas: Unite in the Fight		8th Annual Catwalk for a Cause			

THREE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATE TO FIGHT PEDIATRIC CANCER

Thanks to a generous collective gift of \$100,000 from the **Isabella Santos Foundation, Jeff Gordon Children's Foundation, and Joedance**, the Hemby Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Center at Levine Children's Hospital is now enrolling patients in a new pediatric cancer clinical trial. The trial, a partnership with Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, is open to teenagers and young adults with recurring sarcomas.

Representatives from the Isabella Santos Foundation, Joedance, and The Jeff Gordon Children's Foundation celebrate their support of the Cancer Research Coalition.





Friday, May 12

Speak PINK

*The Newest Forum for
Breast Cancer Philanthropy*

Join us for lunch with Greg. Yes, THE **Greg Olsen** of the Carolina Panthers and his mom, Susan, a 15-year breast cancer survivor. Together, we are launching our newest effort to support local breast cancer research and early detection programs at Levine Cancer Institute. Come learn how you can Speak PINK.

ABOUT 246,000 NEW CASES OF INVASIVE BREAST CANCER WILL BE DIAGNOSED IN WOMEN THIS YEAR.



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Greg Olsen Family: Where the Heart Is

A leader both on and off the field, Carolina Panthers tight-end Greg Olsen has touched the hearts and lives of patients and families across the Carolinas. Thanks to the generosity of Greg and his wife Kara—and supporters of their charitable foundation, Receptions for Research/The Greg Olsen Foundation—families of patients at Levine Children’s Hospital who face the burden of life-threatening congenital heart conditions have hope for a brighter future. The Olsens’ HEARTest Yard initiative, launched in response to their son T.J.’s life-saving treatment at Levine Children’s for a congenital heart defect, raises funds to enable families to have in-home, private nursing care, physical therapy, and speech therapy. These are all resources that are vital to ensuring these children remain healthy as they prepare for the next phase of their care.

In addition, this year, the Olsen family’s generous personal pledge of \$150,000 to the Partnership for Pediatric Hearts Fund will improve critical equipment upgrades to enhance open heart surgical procedures for infants and children at Levine Children’s. A finalist for the NFL’s Walter Payton Man of the Year, Greg will also receive over \$150,000 in support of the HEARTest Yard through the NFL. Collectively, he, Kara, and their foundation have donated over \$1 million to Levine Children’s Hospital. In addition, they donate their time, serving as leaders on the Levine Children’s Gala organizing committee.

The Olsen Foundation has also made significant contributions to the breast cancer programs at Levine Cancer Institute in honor of Greg’s mother Susan, a 15-year breast cancer survivor. This May, Greg and his mother will host the new speaker series Speak PINK, Carolinas HealthCare Foundation’s newest effort in support of LCI breast cancer programs.



Hats off to Greg, whose partnership with New Era led to customized hats for every patient at Levine Children’s.

(Inset) Greg and his mom celebrate at the annual Levine Children’s gala.

Hopebuilders 5K Going 21 Years Strong

On November 19, more than 1,000 Levine Children's Hospital supporters, including many former patients, gathered in front of Levine Children's Hospital for the signature hospital fundraising event of the season. Now in its 21st year, the Hopebuilders 5K has become a time-honored tradition for many grateful families who have been served by Levine Children's Hospital, as well as hospital staff and supporters of all ages. Barings (previously Babson Capital Management, LLC) continued their support as presenting sponsor for the ninth consecutive year. Their team continues to lead the charge, having raised or contributed over \$360,000 through their collective fundraising efforts since 2008. In addition, UTC Aerospace Systems, Morris-Jenkins, and teams led by Levine Children's physician Niraj Patel, and by CMC's Rebecca Usadi were out in full force.



DONALD STEEL

Two-time kidney transplant recipient Donald Steel (front/center) was born with kidney disease, a condition he has been treated for ever since. Last November, he and his fellow "KIDney Crusaders" fundraising team raised more than \$3,000 during the Hopebuilders 5K, to support Levine Children's Hospital and its newly-established Pediatric Nephrology Center of Excellence.



The Hunter family ran in honor of their son, Easton.

Barings was out in full force to support Hopebuilders.



HOPEBUILDERS 5K

21 years STRONG

FUNDRAISING IN ACTION

OTIS ELEVATOR ENGAGES LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PATIENTS IN NEW DESIGN



As a special treat for patients at Levine Children's Hospital, Otis Elevator Company asked patients to lend their voices—and creative ideas—to the launch of an upgraded elevator audio system that was donated to the hospital. Otis enlisted the help of the hospital's Family Advisory Council, whose children—both current and former patients—had their voices recorded in the hospital's Seacrest Studios, and provided their own unique visions of an “elevator of the future.” Patients voted on their favorite voice, which was unveiled at a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 11.

Thanks to the generosity of Otis Elevator, the Levine Children's Hospital elevators now feature voices of current and former patients.

FUNDRAISING IN ACTION

HUNDREDS OF “SECRET SANTAS” BRING THE GIFT OF HOPE TO LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The 2016 Secret Santa radiothon, hosted by Beasley Broadcasting's Kiss 95.1FM morning show, raised more than \$55,000 for Levine Children's Hospital. Hundreds of hospital supporters called in to support the event, which was sponsored by Circle K and broadcast from the hospital's Seacrest Studios. The Kiss 95.1FM team and their loyal listeners once again lifted the spirits of LCH patients, families, and staff each holiday season through this festive fundraising event.

Kiss 95.1FM's annual Secret Santa radiothon topped \$55,000 for LCH.



Local Family Surpasses Half Million Dollar Mark in Support of Parkinson Disease

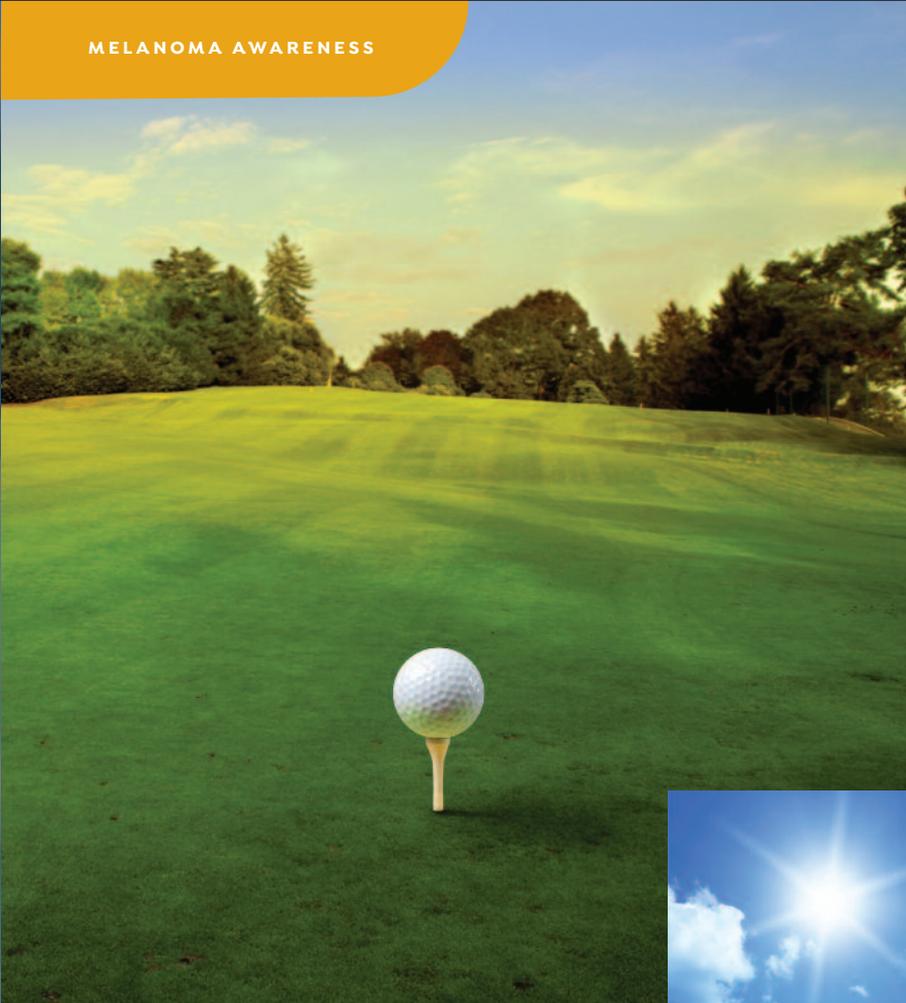
Honoring their father's battle with Parkinson Disease, siblings Andy, Jr., and Sara Salisbury have led a team of runners each November in the Charlotte Turkey Trot 5K, a platform through which they have raised over \$500,000 for Carolinas HealthCare System's Center for Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders.

In the seven years since they first began "pounding the pavement," Andy and Sara – along with their extended family and supporters – have generated significant support for the RENEW Carolinas Parkinson Disease Initiative. This program is designed to help patients use technology to achieve more effective management of their symptoms, as well as healthier lifestyles through customized nutrition counseling and physical therapy.

In addition to their support of RENEW Carolinas, the family's fundraising efforts in 2016 are allowing the Center to explore new ways to support exercise nationally, such as a non-contact boxing program in which Andy, Sr., participates each week. Similar programs have been shown to improve balance and decrease tremors, while enhancing the overall quality of life for Parkinson patients.



\$500,000+



Save Your Skin

Melanoma Awareness Golf Classic

Monday, June 5
Carmel Country Club

Slap on the sunscreen and hit the greens for the 12th Annual Save Your Skin Golf Classic benefiting Levine Cancer Institute. Enjoy golf and an evening reception to support the Carolinas Melanoma and Immunotherapy Fund.

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**Levine JCC
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*Benefiting Pediatric Rehabilitative Services
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