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\$3.5 Million Endowment Honors Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute's Francis Robicsek, MD, PhD

How do you honor the longest serving employee of Carolinas HealthCare, and one of the foremost cardiovascular surgeons in the world? Generous colleagues, patients, and friends came together to recognize Dr. Francis Robicsek in a special way, donating a remarkable \$3.5 million to create an endowed chair in his name. The Francis Robicsek, MD, PhD Endowed Chair in Cardiovascular Surgery at Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute will enable Sanger to recruit, support, and retain the most talented cardiovascular surgeons from around the world.

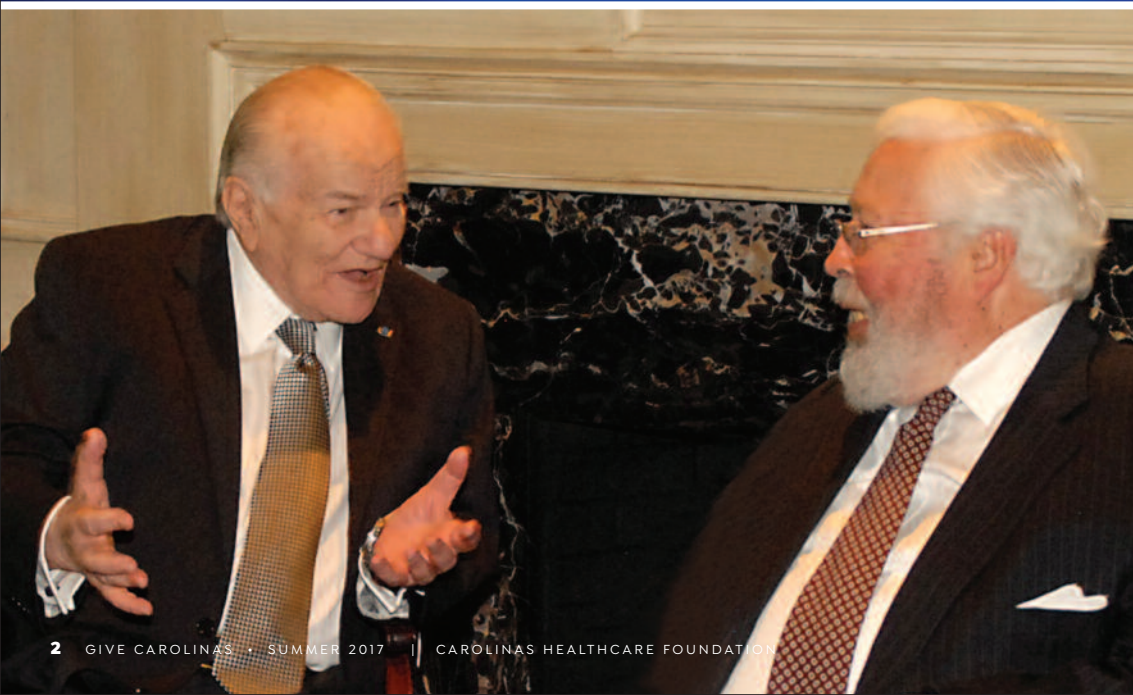
"Dr. Francis Robicsek is a man whose innovations have helped shape healthcare in Charlotte and around the world," said Gene Woods, President and CEO of Carolinas HealthCare System. "Just lending his name to this endowed chair signals that we are interested in training the next generation of clinicians to follow in his footsteps."

The Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at Carolinas Medical Center – Dr. Robicsek has earned many additional titles, such as Vice President of International Medical Outreach for Carolinas HealthCare System; Professor of Surgery at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and President of the Heineman Foundation of Charlotte.

Although he stopped operating in 1998, Dr. Robicsek – who at age 92 is on his 62nd year with Carolinas HealthCare System – dedicates his time to the International Medicine Outreach program, which now serves thousands of patients in 28 countries worldwide.

"Dr. Robicsek is a humanitarian," says Paul Colavita, MD, President of Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute, who has worked with Dr. Robicsek for over 30 years. "His compassion for helping others, especially the underserved, is a driving force for him."

To honor both his international and local impact on healthcare, a dinner in Dr. Robicsek's honor was held in April, during which the first endowed chair – Dr. Joseph McGinn – was announced.



Top right: Dr. Robicsek and his family enjoy dinner in his honor, prior to his taking center stage for remarks.

Left: (L-R) Dr. Robicsek and Stuart Dickson visit during the reception.



Special thanks to The Dickson Foundation, Margaret and Smoky Bissell, Dorothy and C.C. Dickson, Jr., Carolinas Healthcare Foundation, and Sanger physicians for their lead gifts in support of the endowment.



DR. JOSEPH MCGINN

The Francis Robicsek, MD, PhD Endowed Chair in Cardiovascular Surgery

Dr. McGinn is best known for developing and pioneering the minimally invasive cardiac surgery/coronary artery bypass grafting procedure, now called the McGinn Technique. The endowed chair will provide him with funds to support innovative research, educational opportunities, and/or special projects – giving him the academic and scientific freedom to pursue ideas that can move medical science forward and lead to novel therapies.

INAUGURAL “SPEAK PINK” EVENT RAISES FUNDS FOR BREAST CANCER PROGRAMS, RESEARCH

Carolina Panthers Tight End Greg Olsen, mom Susan Olsen join experts to discuss breast cancer

On May 12, over 250 people gathered at the Ritz Carlton in Uptown Charlotte to raise funds and awareness for local breast cancer programs and research. The first annual Speak PINK, sponsored by Charlotte Radiology and hosted by Carolinas HealthCare Foundation, featured a luncheon, and special presentations from breast cancer survivors and physicians.

The inaugural event, which raised more than \$100,000, was established to benefit the Carolinas Breast Cancer Fund at the Foundation. This fund supports breakthrough breast cancer research conducted by physicians and scientists at Levine Cancer Institute. In addition, it provides funding for Project PINK, a program in partnership with Charlotte Radiology that offers accessible breast cancer screenings for lower income women.

The highlight of Speak PINK was a casual conversation with Carolina Panthers Tight End Greg Olsen and his mom,



Greg Olsen and his mom, Susan Olsen, entertain guests at the Speak PINK fundraiser.

Susan Olsen – a 17-year breast cancer survivor. Moira Quinn, COO of Charlotte Center City Partners (and a breast cancer survivor herself) facilitated the conversation. Susan Olsen referred to her breast cancer as a “bump in the road.”

“We tried to have the most normal life possible,” she said of living with her diagnosis and treatment, “and the boys and my husband were my rock.”

“There’s a reason my mom is still here 17 years later,” Greg Olsen added. “There’s a reason there are survivors scattered throughout this room. That hasn’t always been the case. That’s because of advances made by doctors and researchers and philanthropists who have given of their time, energy, and resources. These events are what spearhead these doctors for doing incredible things.”



Gracie Coleman, breast cancer survivor and Carolinas HealthCare System board member, shares her “pinkism.”

STORIES OF HOPE

Anna and Sue

A DETERMINED MOTHER/DAUGHTER DUO

Anna and Sue each describe the other in one word: "determined."

It's certainly an important trait to have as you navigate breast cancer. Mom, Sue, was wrapping up her treatment for the disease at Levine Cancer Institute when her 34-year-old daughter, Anna, was diagnosed. A married mother of a 22-month-old, Anna was expecting her second son. Just weeks after his delivery, she began chemotherapy at the Institute.

Both mom – and grandmother – are determined to see the young boys grow up. They will accomplish this with the support of their family, care team, and generous donors who continue to underwrite breast cancer programs at Levine Cancer Institute.

"We are both grateful for the opportunity to receive the finest care, close to home, said Anna."



Photo: (L-R) Anna, Levine Cancer Institute's Dr. Hadzikadic-Gusic, and Sue

Breast cancer will affect one in eight US women in their lifetime, and it is the second most common form of cancer for women.

Levine Jewish Community Center Hits a Record for Rehab Programs at Carolinas HealthCare System

On June 4, the Sandra and Leon Levine Jewish Community Center hosted the 6th Annual LJCC Kids Triathlon, presented by UTC Aerospace Systems. Over 185 children of all ages, athletic abilities and cultural backgrounds gathered to swim, bike and run for a cause. The event raised over \$190,000 for pediatric rehabilitation services at Levine Children’s Hospital and the Adaptive Sports and Adventures Program at Carolinas Rehabilitation.

Gene Woods, President and CEO of Carolinas HealthCare System, thanked participants for their efforts to improve health and elevate hope throughout the Carolinas and beyond. Carolina Panthers tight end Greg Olsen also addressed the group and congratulated the kids on their team efforts to support their community hospital. (Top fundraisers had their chance to take special photos with their “hometown hero.”)

Children raised funds through lemonade stands, bake sales, and neighborhood friends and family. This year’s fundraising total included a \$25,000 grant from The Leon Levine Foundation, which the Kids Tri received after meeting (and exceeding) the challenge goal of raising \$90,000.

Special thanks to: honorary co-chairs, Dale and Larry Polsky, UTC Aerospace Systems, Ally Financial, Bissell Companies, Rodgers Builders, and Jan & Ed Brown. Other supporters include Bank of America, Foundation For The Carolinas, Lab Corps, Julie & Howard Levine, Jane and Hugh McColl, Parent Financial, and Lori & Eric Sklut.



Carolinas HealthCare System’s Gene Woods speaks to participants of the kids triathlon.



(L-R) LJCC’s Jen Lahn and Julie Rizzo display the fundraising total: \$190,000.



ISABELLA SANTOS FOUNDATION COMMITS TO FUND STATE-OF-THE-ART MIBG TREATMENT SUITE

In March, one of the area's largest childhood cancer advocates – the Isabella Santos Foundation – announced a generous commitment of \$1 million in support of a new MIBG Treatment Suite on Level 11 of Levine Children's Hospital. The new MIBG Treatment Suite will enhance the world-class care made available to patients at Levine Children's Hospital by bringing an advanced form of neuroblastoma treatment right here to Charlotte, ensuring that families will no longer have to travel long distances to receive MIBG care. In addition, the availability of the MIBG Treatment Suite will allow for research studies aimed at testing the effectiveness of early MIBG treatment regimens. This latest gift represents a new milestone in a tremendous legacy of giving championed by the Santos family since 2012 in memory of their daughter, Isabella.



Photo credit: Nationwide Children's Hospital

ABOUT MIBG

MIBG (metaiodobenzylguanidine), which was originally developed as a blood pressure medication, is now being used by oncologists to deliver targeted radiation to neuroblastoma. It is delivered through a 2-hour infusion and absorbed by tumor cells, which are destroyed while sparing the normal, healthy tissue.

The new MIBG suite at Levine Children's Hospital will have two connected rooms: the main room where the patients stay, which will have lead built into the walls to prevent radiation from escaping; and the anteroom for parents and caregivers, where they spend the majority of time to limit exposure to radiation.



LJCC KIDS TRIATHLON

HONORARY CHAIRS DRIVE A RECORD SETTING EVENT

Dale and Larry Polsky, who served as honorary chairs of the LJCC Kids Tri, put their hearts and "soles" into their fundraising. Thanks to their dedication, the event more than doubled its proceeds – raising \$196,000 in 2017, in comparison to \$93,000 last year. Larry serves on the board of The Leon Levine Foundation and is a former member of the Board of Commissioners for Carolinas HealthCare System.

Peter Oosterhuis Championship Tops \$350,000 for Alzheimer's Research

Broadcast celebrities, golf pros participate in tournament at Quail Hollow Club

A full compliment of broadcast celebrities, professional golfers, and "locals" all turned out for the inaugural Peter Oosterhuis Championship on May 5, hosted by Carolinas HealthCare Foundation at Quail Hollow Club. The event, presented by Domtar, raised north of \$350,000 for the Carolinas Alzheimer's Disease Fund. Proceeds will support research and patient support programs at Carolinas HealthCare System, where Peter currently receives treatment.

A highly celebrated professional golfer whose illustrious career includes 20 worldwide wins, Peter has also become known to golf enthusiasts around the world as an acclaimed broadcaster with Golf Channel and CBS. In 2014, he was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's Disease. The diagnosis brought an untimely end to his broadcasting career, but since, Oosterhuis has dedicated his time to promoting awareness and raising funds for Alzheimer's research and patient support services.

Joining Oosterhuis at the event were longtime friend, renowned sports personality and Alzheimer's activist, Jim Nantz; CBS golf broadcaster Peter Kostis; and former CBS broadcaster and golf professional Bobby Clampett.

Following a morning golf clinic led by Peter Kostis and a day on the course, participants enjoyed a reception, complete with a silent and live auction and remarks from celebrities, including Dr. Oleg Tcheremissine, Peter Oosterhuis' physician at Carolinas HealthCare System. "Dr. T" shared the importance of philanthropy to growing the research efforts offered to Alzheimer's patients in our region.



Left, morning golf clinic; Center – Roothie Oosterhuis, center, (with Peter and Jim Nantz) was the driving force behind the Championship; Right – Peter exchanges a hug with his physician.

Special thanks to Domtar and UTC Aerospace for their generous support of the event.



2nd Annual

Neuro Walk & Roll

Saturday, October 28
SouthPark Mall

On Saturday, October 28, brighten the lives of those served by Carolinas HealthCare System's Neurosciences Institute.

Join us for the second annual Neuro Walk & Roll, an evening of music, light, and hope benefiting patient support programs, innovative research, and education and treatment initiatives at the Neurosciences Institute.

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OLEG TCHEREMISSINE, M.D.

Research Director, CHS Neurosciences Institute

Dr. Tcheremissine and his patients like Peter Oosterhuis are benefiting directly from the Carolinas Alzheimer's Disease Fund, which is supporting both clinical and translational research at CHS. "Every 63 seconds there is a patient diagnosed with Alzheimer's," said Dr. Tcheremissine. Although there is currently no cure for the disease, his research team is testing certain drugs in hopes of modifying the trajectory of the illness.

Levine Children's



Leon Levine presents \$1 million challenge gift to Gene Woods, President and CEO of Carolinas HealthCare System.



Levine Children's Gala Raises \$2.4 Million

The Leon Levine Foundation Issues \$1 Million Challenge Gift During Celebration of Levine Children's Hospital's 10th Anniversary

On April 1, the 3rd Annual Levine Children's Gala - presented by PNC Bank - welcomed over 500 guests to the campus of Carolinas Medical Center. In addition to celebrating Levine Children's Hospital's 10th anniversary, the event raised record net proceeds of \$2.4 million to benefit the hospital.

In a surprise presentation to Gene Woods, President and CEO of Carolinas HealthCare System, Leon Levine, honorary gala chair, announced a \$1 million challenge gift designated for the broad benefit of Levine Children's Hospital.

"We issue this challenge for all the great friends and supporters of Levine Children's Hospital, both those here tonight and others throughout the region," said Leon Levine. "It is our desire to keep world class care for our children here in Charlotte and to take this remarkable hospital to the next level."

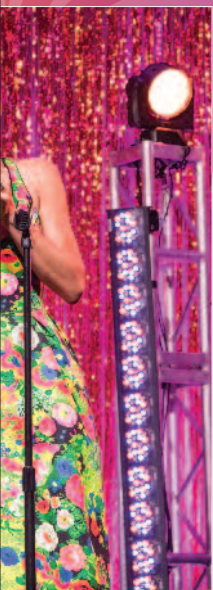
Mr. Levine then announced that his children - Lori and Eric Sklut, Julie and Howard Levine, and Amy and Alfred Dawson - had committed \$250,000 to jump-start the match.



The gala organizing committee includes Stephanie and Howard Bissell, Kara Dawson, Sherrard and John George, Angie Harmon, Mandy and Todd, Kara and Greg Olsen, Ana and Michael, Ann and Michael Tarwater, and Amy and Alfred Dawson.

Levine Children's Gala

Children's Gala



Weston Andress, Regional President for PNC Bank and member of the Levine Children's Hospital Board of Ambassadors, thanks gala attendees on behalf of PNC Bank.



The challenge was met with great enthusiasm by gala guests, including representatives from Levine Children's Hospital, as well as national and local celebrities, athletes, philanthropists, and corporate supporters. In addition to PNC, major gala sponsors were UTC Aerospace, SunEnergy1, U.S. Trust, Barings, and Brighthouse Financial. Actress Angie Harmon, along with Carolina Panthers tight end Greg Olsen, co-emceed the event.

Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed silent and live auctions as well as performances by several pediatric patients who have faced uphill medical battles in their young lives, including kidney disease, a heart transplant, GI issues, and spina bifida. WBTV's evening anchor Molly Grantham, known for "Molly's Kids," her trademark coverage of local children's medical battles, interviewed each of the children.



Rick and Linda Hendrick, who supported the original campaign for Levine Children's Hospital with a multimillion dollar gift in memory of their son Ricky, offered the evening's second big surprise, announcing a \$750,000 gift to complete the match for the Levine Foundation challenge— all in one evening. Other donors also made substantial gifts, allowing the hospital to exceed the challenge amount.

The gala concluded with a performance by headline entertainment group, American Authors, followed by a "silent disco" dance.

included Candy and Darren Bing, Katie and Matt Burge, Amy and Alfred Argius, Stephanie and David Gitlin, Houser, Emily and Tyler Johnson, Manuel Rey, Tiffany and Scott Smith, Amy and Martin Welton.



Levine Children's Gala

ONE LITTLE BOY GIVES BIG

Seven-year-old Landen Johnson has never met a stranger. His parents, Amanda and Luke, admire their son for his sense of humor and his “huge personality”—traits that have carried him through childhood with a smile on his face, though his life has been anything but typical. Landen is one of just three children in the United States and 11 in the world with a rare medical condition known as primordial dwarfism (PD), type “Ligase IV,” a disorder in which growth is delayed and results in a smaller body size at all stages of life.

While very little is known about his rare type of PD, it became clear that Landen would require a bone marrow transplant to combat immunodeficiency. Landen’s parents took this news and his diagnosis in stride as they witnessed his strength despite his young age. Landen found a medical home at Levine Children’s Hospital and became a regular visitor to immunodeficiency specialist Dr. Niraj Patel. During this time, their desire to give back to the hospital community became a positive focus in Landen’s life.

Today, Landen is 7 years-old and weighs only 24 pounds. But his small stature doesn’t stand in the way of his big heart. Proving that good things come in small packages, Landen, along with his family and church community, have raised nearly \$11,500 to

support Levine Children’s Hospital’s Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Program. Dr. Patel says he always looks forward to seeing Landen for his checkups and hearing about his hopes and dreams. One of those dreams—to become a firefighter—will someday be attainable when Landen receives a bone marrow transplant, a procedure that will help him live a long and full life.



Landen’s family and church raised over \$11,000 for the pediatric blood and marrow transplant program at Levine Children’s Hospital.



Levine Children’s Hospital has been named a “**Best Children’s Hospital**” in multiple specialties for the eighth consecutive year. Thank you to our donors for helping to make this possible!



COMMUNITY KEEPS POUNDING FOR CANCER RESEARCH

More than 1,000 cancer advocates, survivors, volunteers, and donors hit the streets and the Carolina Panthers practice field for the 7th Annual Keep Pounding 5K, presented by Rodgers. The event raised over \$100,000 to benefit adult and pediatric cancer research and support programs at Levine Cancer Institute and Levine Children's Hospital.

Sir Purr, TopCats, and friends and family cheered on participants at the start line and as they ran through the cathead and crossed the finish line. Carolina Panthers kicker Graham Gano and former player Mike Rucker both participated in the event.

The Panthers have a history of supporting Carolinas HealthCare System's cancer programs through Keep Pounding – a campaign established in 2004 to honor former players Sam Mills and Mark Fields, who had both been recently diagnosed with cancer.



Parker (front right), a pediatric cancer patient at Levine Children's Hospital, recently celebrated his final chemo treatment.

KEEP POUNDING® 5K

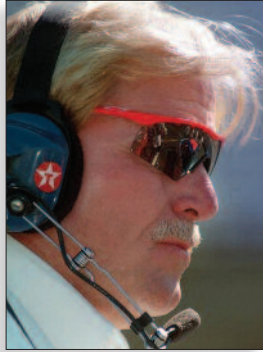
Special thanks to Rodgers, SPX FLOW, and SteelFab for their generous sponsorship.

For more information, visit keep pounding5k.org

PROFILE

Carolyn and Robert Yates: BUILDING THE ENGINE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

At the close of 2016, Levine Children's Hospital and the Carolinas Kids Cancer Research Fund benefited from a generous \$50,000 gift made by Carolyn and Robert Yates. This gift from the legendary NASCAR Hall of Fame inductee, team owner and engine builder is especially meaningful as Robert is undergoing his own battle with cancer.



While receiving treatment at Levine Cancer Institute, Robert knew he wanted to help other cancer patients, but wasn't exactly sure how. After waking early one morning Robert turned on the television and saw a Morris-Jenkins advertisement promoting Levine Children's Hospital. Immediately he knew that his family's support would benefit children battling similar cancers at Levine Children's Hospital.

The Yates family gift was designated to advance cancer research at Levine Children's Hospital, allowing pediatric oncologists to conduct experimental-stage, Phase I and Phase II clinical trials. Carolyn and Robert's generosity will help ensure that children in our community receive the expert cancer care they require – close to home.

GIVING LARGE

18 YEARS OF CYCLING TO THE SEA:

Supporting a Lifestyle Without Limits

This April marked the 18th anniversary of the Adaptive Sports & Adventures Program's annual Cycle to the Sea from Charlotte to Myrtle Beach. The beloved event attended by adaptive cyclists, able-bodied cyclists, motorcyclists, and support staff raises awareness and funds for Carolinas Rehabilitation's Adaptive Sports & Adventures Program (ASAP). This year, Cycle to the Sea raised over \$73,000 to support the mission of ASAP—to provide high quality, adaptive sport and recreation opportunities to youth and adults with physical disabilities, and to help participants develop skills that will lead to and enhance an active and productive lifestyle. Special thanks to corporate sponsor, Waypoint, for their significant support of this year's event.



Top: Cycle to the Sea participants in route to North Myrtle Beach. Bottom: A 6th grade class from Union Academy gathered at the start of Cycle to the Sea with signs they created, to cheer on the cyclists as they began their ride.



STORIES OF HOPE

Laila

Laila Charleston

Nine-year-old Laila began experiencing headaches in the summer of 2016. After undergoing an MRI scan, biopsy, and further testing, Laila was diagnosed with a germinoma, a type of germ cell tumor that was found in her pituitary gland, located behind her eye. She would attend only two weeks of the school year before her life took a drastic turn.

Throughout her treatment at Levine Children's Hospital, Laila has been resilient. She completed her radiation treatments in February and says her inspiration throughout the treatment was her family and the wonderful support system at Levine Children's Hospital. During her admission to the hospital, Laila's hospital room was covered in cards with messages of hope.

With most of her cancer treatment behind her, today, Laila is eager for the start of the next school year at River Oaks Academy, and to trade in a pair of hospital slippers for her dancing shoes.



Photo credit: Glenn Roberson Photography and The Martin Truex Junior Foundation

FUNDRAISING IN ACTION

ED KIM, MD, LENDS FANCY FOOTWORK TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER



In March, Levine Cancer Institute's Edward S. Kim, MD, (Chair of Solid Tumor Oncology and Investigational Therapeutics) participated in Charlotte Ballet's Dancing with the Stars of Charlotte Gala, a night of fancy footwork and fun that benefits charities across the community. Leading up to the event, donors supported Dr. Kim and his partner by casting "votes" by way of donations made to the Cancer Research Innovations Fund at Levine Cancer Institute. The fund benefits the Phase I clinical trials program offered at LCI—one of only a few centers in the country that can expeditiously offer a large volume of Phase I research programs. The hope with each new clinical trial is that patients respond positively to new forms of treatment when traditional cancer therapy hasn't been successful.

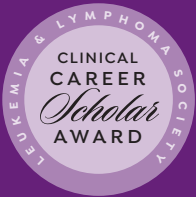
Dr. Edward Kim, (far left) raised over \$74,000 to benefit the Cancer Research Innovations Fund.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Awards Grant for Myeloma Research

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), in partnership with Carolinas HealthCare Foundation, awarded a five-year research grant for \$550,000 to support myeloma research at Levine Cancer Institute.

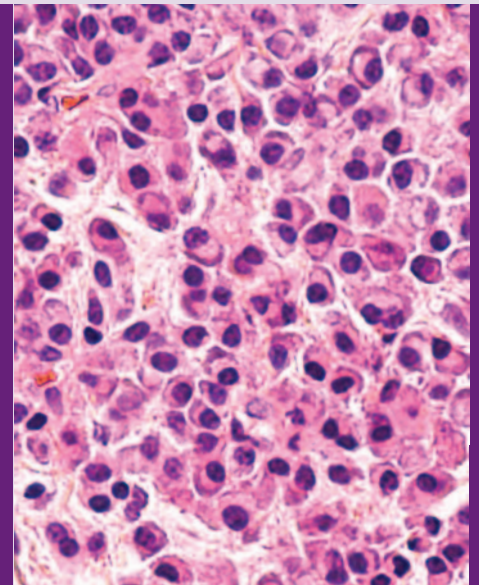
Saad Usmani, M.D., Director of Clinical Research in Hematologic Malignancies, received The Clinical Career Scholar Award, which is designed to recognize clinicians who are playing a lead role in advancing new therapies for blood cancer patients. By exploring the use of newly approved drugs in three clinical trials, Dr. Usmani's research project will help find new treatments for multiple myeloma patients. The clinical trials will use state-of-the-art immunotherapies to improve treatments for these patients.

"Dr. Usmani, along with his colleagues at Levine Cancer Institute, are paving the way to life-extending therapies for multiple myeloma patients," said Lee Greenberger, Ph.D., LLS Chief Scientific Officer. "Many of our Clinical Scholar Award recipients are now internationally recognized thought leaders, and this award will allow Dr. Usmani to reach his maximum potential – which will lead to real benefits for myeloma patients."



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— LEE GREENBERGER, PH.D.
LLS CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER



SAAD USMANI, MD LEVINE CANCER INSTITUTE

As a recipient of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Clinical Career Scholar Award, Dr. Usmani will conduct research using immunotherapy to treat multiple myeloma patients. A thought leader in the field of blood cancers, Dr. Usmani played a lead role in developing one of the most promising new therapies for myeloma patients, daratumumab, which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2015.

GIVING LARGE

Learn Live Hope Raises Record Proceeds

At the heart of Linda and Rick Hendrick's annual Learn Live Hope fundraiser are the health and wellbeing of children in the Carolinas. Organized by the Hendrick Family Foundation and Rick Hendrick, owner of Hendrick Motorsports, the Learn Live Hope Golf Classic brought together more than 100 community supporters, including Hendrick Motorsports drivers along with special guests Jeff Gordon, Darrell Waltrip and Steve Letarte, for a day of golf. A substantial portion of proceeds from the event benefits Levine Children's Hospital, where the Hendrick Family continues to make a vital impact on patients treated in The Ricky Hendrick Centers for Intensive Care, named in memory of their son.



Rick Hendrick, owner of Hendrick Motorsports, kicks off the Learn Live Hope Golf Classic at Carmel Country Club in May.

FUNDRAISING IN ACTION

CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS HIT THE FIELD, GOLF COURSE TO SUPPORT LEVINE CANCER INSTITUTE AND LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The Charlotte Knights hosted their annual Pink Knights game in May to support cancer programs at Levine Cancer Institute. They auctioned off specialty jerseys with proceeds benefiting the Carolinas Breast Cancer Fund. Breast cancer survivor Rebecca Worsham threw out the game's first pitch.

Later that month, the Knights continued their commitment to Carolinas HealthCare System programs, hosting the Charlotte Knights golf tournament in support of Levine Children's Hospital. The event raised over \$20,000 in support of the hospital.

The Charlotte Knights raised over \$26,000 for Levine Cancer Institute.



PLAY ANYTHING DAY HITS RECORD FUNDRAISING TOTAL

On May 3, The Maney, Roy and LauRen Morning Show on WNKS KISS 95.1 hosted the 6th Annual Play Anything Day fundraiser for Levine Children's Hospital. The morning show team hit the airwaves at 6am, taking requests in exchange for a donation to the hospital and vowing to stay on the air until they raised \$60,000.

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.



In the span of the day-long radiothon, the KISS team exceeded their goal and raised over \$60,000, a new record for this event.



RUNNERS GO MILES AGAINST MELANOMA

In April, hundreds of community supporters gathered at the Arboretum for the Miles Against Melanoma 5K, 1 Mile Fun Run & Kids Dash benefiting the Carolinas Melanoma & Immunotherapy Fund at Levine Cancer Institute. Net proceeds from the annual 5K benefit melanoma prevention and research programs, as well as patient special needs at Levine Cancer Institute. The event was founded in 2012 by Heather Joyner who lost her sister, Amy Robinson, to melanoma.

Hundreds of runners, including Dr. Asim Amin (above) – coordinator of the Levine Cancer Institute melanoma and immunotherapy program – participated in the Miles Against Melanoma fundraiser.

THE CATWALK FOR A CAUSE: 8 YEARS STRONG

For Martin Truex Jr., No. 78 for NASCAR's Furniture Row Racing, and girlfriend Sherry Pollex, an ovarian cancer survivor, their entire world revolves around living in the moment and giving back. For eight years, one of their driving passions has been to support patients at Levine Children's Hospital. A portion of funds raised through Catwalk for A Cause has helped meet the financial needs of patients and their families, benefited the hospital's in-house multi-media broadcast center, and most recently, impacted childhood cancer. This year was no different. With record attendance by local racing celebrities, fashion designers, and community supporters, the Martin Truex Jr. Foundation's Catwalk for A Cause was a celebration of fashion, community, and most importantly, patients from Levine Children's Hospital—the true stars of the runway.



Sherry Pollex and Martin Truex, Jr. (center) strike a pose at their annual fundraiser.

A MISSION TO “SAVE THE SKIN YOU’RE IN”

On Monday, June 5, a sell-out crowd gathered at Carmel Country Club to celebrate the 12th 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 \$65,000 to support melanoma prevention and research efforts at Carolinas Healthcare System’s Levine Cancer Institute. Physicians from Levine Cancer Institute, supporters, and survivors all gathered for the tournament, which included a silent auction and reception.



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(L-R) Levine Cancer Institute physicians Robert Higgins, Brent Matthews, Richard White, and Jeff Kneisl.



Walkers and supporters gather at the end of the Carolinas 4 A Cure Bladder Cancer Walk.

BLADDER CANCER WALK RAISES FUNDS FOR LOCAL RESEARCH

Now in its second year, the Carolinas 4 A Cure Bladder Cancer Walk was attended by more than 100 cancer advocates and survivors, who collectively raised over \$24,000 to benefit the Carolinas Bladder Cancer Fund at Levine Cancer Institute. All proceeds benefit clinical research aimed at improving treatment options and outcomes for patients diagnosed with bladder cancer.

Among the event’s most significant supporters were corporate sponsors: Genentech and 5MPower - Platinum Sponsors; Bristol-Myers Squibb and Viva Chicken - Gold Sponsors; Levine Cancer Institute - Silver Sponsor; and AstraZeneca Oncology - Bronze Sponsor. We also thank Mike Salvino and his family for their enduring dedication to the Carolinas Bladder Cancer Fund.

Pictured (from left): Dr. Earle Burgess, LCI oncologist and bladder cancer specialist, poses with patient and survivor, Gary McCurdy. Gary was among the top fundraisers to participate in the Walk.



SARCOMA STOMP SUPPORTS NEW CLINICAL TRIALS AT LEVINE CANCER INSTITUTE

Support from the local Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma Research is enabling Levine Cancer Institute to offer the latest sarcoma-specific clinical trials across its regional network. The most recent one, which involves chemotherapy and one of the new novel immunotherapies, is one of the only types of trials in the country that will allow patients with soft tissue sarcomas to enroll.

Sarcoma is a rare cancer that attacks the body's soft tissue or bone. Half of sarcoma diagnoses are in children or adults younger than 35.

To provide support for this rare cancer, Paula and Geoffrey Takacs founded the Paula Takacs Foundation for Sarcoma

Research in 2010 – six years after Paula was diagnosed with the disease. It was their intent to fund novel research and raise awareness for this rare and complex cancer. Although Paula lost her battle with sarcoma, her legacy continues.

“Our Foundation is about hope – for comfort and healing for all those whose lives have been forever changed by a sarcoma diagnosis,” said Sue Udelson, executive director of the Foundation.

To date the Foundation has committed more than \$375,000 to Levine Cancer Institute. The funds are raised primarily through its annual Sarcoma Stomp, a 5K race in Charlotte that now attracts more than 1,000 participants.



Individual runners and teams all came out in support of sarcoma research.



EDWARD KIM, MD

CHAIR OF SOLID TUMOR ONCOLOGY AND INVESTIGATIONAL THERAPEUTICS, LEVINE CANCER INSTITUTE

Because sarcomas are relatively rare among children – and even more so among adults – they lack the government funding that other cancers often receive. This is why philanthropic support is so critical to funding clinical trials aimed at finding a cure. Under the direction of Dr. Edward Kim, the first sarcoma-specific clinical trials are being offered across the Levine Cancer Institute network. These trials, which are directly supported by funds from the Paula Takacs Foundation, involve novel therapies and provide a second chance for patients who are battling this devastating disease.

Dr. Kim studies novel targeted agents in the treatment and prevention settings and has expertise in lung, head and neck, as well as thymic cancers.



7th Annual

Stiletto Sprint

Saturday, September 16
SouthPark Mall

Slip on those teal heels and join women and men of all ages for the Stiletto Sprint, September 16. All funds raised benefit ovarian cancer research and patient services at Levine Cancer Institute.

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22nd Annual

Hopebuilders 5K

Saturday, October 14
Levine Children's Hospital

Hope, health, and happiness. They are what we want for our children.

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