Generosity Makes Life-Changing Differences

Progress is happening right in front of our eyes. Construction is nearing completion on the Parkview Tower, which we’re excited to open in early 2018. The building will raise the bar on the patient experience.

With the construction comes a new donor wall to recognize the generations of philanthropy that have and will continue to make our hospital and our partners as exceptional as they are.

This has been a year of transition with many of our partners. At Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, we welcomed Dr. Nancy Ridenour as the new Maxine Clark and Bob Fox Endowed Dean and Professor at Goldfarb School of Nursing, and the new President of Barnes-Jewish College.

As 2017 eases into 2018, other leadership changes are on the horizon.

Effective Jan. 1, Rich Liekweg will assume the role of President and CEO of BJC HealthCare as Steve Lipstein retires. Rich embodies our mission and is truly an inspirational leader. We’re in extraordinarily capable hands to lead health care locally and nationally into the future.

In addition, Ken Suelthaus ends his term as the Foundation board chair as we welcome Dick Miles as the new board chair beginning in January. We’re grateful to Ken for his diligent leadership and service over the past four years and are thrilled he is staying on the board.

Through these many changes, we have one constant that makes all the difference—the generosity of donors to The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Donors allow us to continue improving care and offer more services to our community. Donors also make possible breakthrough research that leads to new treatments for a variety of diseases. And donors help educate the next generation of health care providers through scholarships at Goldfarb School of Nursing. In addition, donor support means more patients in financial need can receive essential medications, medical equipment and more, so they can stay healthier in our community. Thank you for making a difference through your generosity.

Wishing you a happy and healthy year ahead,

Bob Cannon
President, Barnes-Jewish Hospital
Group President, BJC HealthCare
PROGRESS, THEN AND NOW

PARKVIEW TOWER

In just a few months, patient care is going to take a significant step forward as the doors open to a new inpatient tower on the corner of Forest Park Parkway and Kingshighway in St. Louis. Parkview Tower will consolidate obstetrics and gynecological services, expand clinical care at Siteman Cancer Center, expand other surgical programs, and create new space for faculty practice clinics and diagnostics.

“This project represents a tremendous opportunity to impact patient care at every level as we open our doors to a new era in health care,” says Bob Cannon, president of Barnes-Jewish Hospital and group president of BJC HealthCare. “We’ve built on our tradition of excellence to design spaces that increase patient safety and quality of care. We’re proud to share the results when the new building and renovations are revealed.”

Color, light, sound, comfort, technology, and efficiency have been thoughtfully considered with every step of the Parkview Tower construction. The new building will feature private rooms with ample natural light to promote healing; a family accommodations area with computer stations, kitchenette, showers, lounge chairs and laundry facilities; and a cafeteria with an outdoor seating area, among other amenities. Parkview Tower also will offer easier access with a circular drive off Parkview featuring a covered canopy and valet parking. Parking is also conveniently available under the building, which is accessible by elevator.

DONOR RECOGNITION

The construction also allows for donors to receive special recognition in new ways. “Through all these exciting advances to create a better experience for our patients and families, we’ve been mindful and respectful of our donors who are tightly woven into the fabric of our hospital,” says Susan Ell, executive director and vice president of The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital. “We’re forever grateful for the community’s legacy of philanthropy that allows the hospital’s continued growth and success.”

This generosity will be honored with the installation of a new donor recognition area in the hospital. “We are recognizing donor families who shaped the original Barnes Hospital and Jewish Hospital, as well as donors who are continuing to shape the future of health care,” Susan says. “The tradition of philanthropy will always be ingrained in our culture and mission.”

HISTORY BOOK

Another project that recognizes donor impact on Barnes-Jewish Hospital is a comprehensive history book of the hospital that will publish in January. Written by historian Candace O’Connor, Legacy of Caring: The History of Barnes-Jewish Hospital takes readers on a journey through time to discover the vital role of philanthropy in the hospital, and includes fascinating patient, donor, and staff stories.

In the book, you’ll also learn more about Barnes-Jewish Hospital’s enduring commitment to the health and well-being of St. Louis and the broader region, its national impact, and the role the hospital has played in advancing medicine.

More details to come!
More than 500 of our community’s most compassionate and generous cancer fighters joined together on the evening of June 3 to raise a record-breaking $3.3 million at The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital’s 10th annual Illumination Gala to support innovative research at Siteman Cancer Center.

The event, held at The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis, brought together community leaders, physician-scientists from Siteman, and donors for a night filled with entertainment, touching patient stories, and fundraising for the Foundation’s Cancer Frontier Fund. Broadway stars Marin Mazzie and Jason Danieley entertained the crowd with some of the most beloved hits in musical theater.

COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPISTS LEAD THE WAY

Illumination’s monumental progress is made possible by the support of our event co-chairs. For the 10th annual celebration this year, Illumination co-chairs Bill and Amy Koman and Tom and Jennifer Hillman led the community fundraising efforts. Illumination was also supported this year by honorary co-chairs and Visionary Sponsors Paula and Rodger Riney. When Rodger, founder of the former Scottrade, was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, Siteman was his cancer center of choice for treatment. Through his leadership gift to the Illumination Gala and Cancer Frontier Fund, he’s paving the way for a brighter future for other patients with multiple myeloma and other cancers.

RESEARCH PROGRESS NOW

Amy and Bill Koman created the Cancer Frontier Fund to help Siteman researchers accelerate breakthroughs that will bring the best possible treatments to patients around the world. Since the Illumination Gala began, donors to the Foundation have raised more than $22 million for the Cancer Frontier Fund, which has supported more than 60 cancer research projects. Many of these projects lead to broader research funding and collaboration with other world-class institutions that wouldn’t have been possible without initial donor support. For example, in 2016, Siteman received a $10.4 million federal grant for pancreatic research thanks to donor support of pilot research.

Thank you to all our generous donors who are changing the face of cancer!
Celebrating a DECADE of Cancer Research

In the last 20 years, mortality from cancer has dropped 25 percent thanks to research progress. Our understanding and treatment of cancer is in the midst of unprecedented transformational change, fueled by new technologies and new ideas. Today, researchers at Siteman are translating these discoveries into novel treatments for patients, thanks to the ongoing support of donors who support the Foundation’s Cancer Frontier Fund.

For more information on the latest research updates and progress, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/foundationbarnesjewish

ILLUMINATION’S STORIES OF HOPE AND PROGRESS

Rodger Riney and his wife, Paula, will never forget the day Rodger was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Though there is currently no cure, Rodger is hopeful about new treatments being studied at Siteman Cancer Center.

Watch video at: bit.ly/RodgerRiney

In the summer of 2011, when Greg Fox’s back pain became severe, his wife, Merle, never imagined it could be cancer. Though Greg passed away after a hard-fought battle, he was hopeful until the end, and knew the Siteman Cancer Center clinical trials he participated in would eventually help future patients.

Watch video at: bit.ly/MerleFox

From left: 1. Bob and Sandy Cannon; Shawn and Ken Suelthaus 2. Patti and Bart Holtzman; Cheryl Holman; Marilyn and Ambassador Sam Fox 3. Paula and Rodger Riney 4. Bill and Amy Koman; Jennifer and Tom Hillman 5. Ken and Melissa Cella; Larry Thomas and LaToya Thompson; Amy and Everett Johnson 6. Meryl Fox (center) with her children

Your Support at Work

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To support cancer research, please use the enclosed envelope, call 314-286-0600, or make a gift online at www.FoundationBarnesJewish.org.
Making the Best Education Possible

Donors who support scholarships at the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College empower nursing students to pursue an excellent education—and ensure the best care will be available when the community needs it most.

The effect of this generosity was on full display this September at The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital’s annual Scholarship Donor Appreciation Dinner. In addition to meeting the scholarship students they supported, donors toured Goldfarb’s clinical simulation lab and watched inspiring videos about a Goldfarb student who’s following her nursing dream and a passionate donor who helps make nursing education possible.

“Scholarships can be a change maker, not only for the students, but for our entire community,” says Susan Ell, executive director and vice president of the Foundation. “The need for exceptional nurses continues to grow, and Goldfarb is at the forefront to best prepare the most compassionate, skilled nurses who can manage the complex health care challenges of the future. And our donors are helping make that happen.”

The scholarship donor dinner was held the weekend of the College’s annual homecoming event, where alumni, students, faculty and staff celebrated “Caring Ways,” one of Goldfarb’s core values that celebrates how the College serves the community. Homecoming attendees also participated in service projects, and the College awarded the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award to Capt. Jeremy Nelson, Goldfarb Class of 2012, and Pat Eckart, Barnes College of Nursing Class of 1958.

Sharing Inspiration

At the scholarship dinner, Anthony Thompson, CEO of Kwame Building Group and Barnes-Jewish Hospital board member, shared his story on video. He received a scholarship to the University of Kansas while he was a student there. Since then, he’s given to many scholarship programs in the area to pay it forward to a future generation of students.

“I’m proud to support scholarships at Goldfarb School of Nursing,” Tony says. “I give because it creates opportunities for others to live a better, more fruitful life that contributes to our society and makes the world a better place. There are a lot of things that prevent people from pursuing their dreams, and I don’t want a few dollars to be one of them.”
Abbey Cleveland, a student at Goldfarb School of Nursing and scholarship recipient, benefited from the generosity of a scholarship donor like Tony and is grateful for the opportunity to focus on her studies rather than finances. When her grandmother and mother both became ill, Abbey saw a more compassionate side of health care and wanted to help other patients and their families by studying nursing.

“You’re going to remember the nurse who sat down with you, who spoke to you and your family, who looked you in the eye, and held your hand,” Abbey says. “And that’s the kind of nurse I know I’m going to be.”

She continues: “Scholarships are important to nursing students because having one less thing to worry about is awesome. You can focus on studying more, you can focus on the things that matter. I want to make my scholarship donor proud by being the kind of nurse that he would want for his family.”

Nancy Ridenour, PhD, RN, APRN, BC, FAAN, as the new Maxine Clark and Bob Fox Endowed Dean and Professor at Goldfarb School of Nursing, and President of Barnes-Jewish College. She joined the College September 1, 2017.

In her role as dean and president, Dr. Ridenour is excited to help exceptional people become exceptional nurses by fostering excellence in faculty, staff and students, research, technology, curriculum and service.

Before coming to Goldfarb, Dr. Ridenour was at University of New Mexico College of Nursing, where she served as dean and professor since 2008. She has also held senior leadership roles at other academic institutions including Illinois State University College of Nursing in Normal and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing in Lubbock. In addition to leadership and teaching positions, she has many years of clinical practice experience.

Dr. Ridenour holds a PhD in human development and family studies from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, along with a master’s degree and a bachelor’s degree from the College of Nursing, University of Colorado in Denver.

“The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital is looking forward to partnering closely with Dr. Ridenour and the Goldfarb team to continue to support the school’s mission of preparing highly capable and compassionate nurses in patient care, leadership and scientific discovery,” says Susan Ell, executive director and vice president of the Foundation.

Watch scholarship student and donor videos at:
bit.ly/AbbeyCleveland
bit.ly/AnthonyThompson
Both adult and pediatric hospice patients now have much-needed options for end-of-life care with the opening of Evelyn's House, BJC HealthCare's new hospice house in St. Louis.

The 16-bed hospice house is located on the campus of Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital in Creve Coeur, Missouri. The 18,000-square-foot facility serves both adult and pediatric patients and their families from throughout the area.

“Hospice care recognizes, celebrates and respects the unique life journey of each patient,” says Barbara Westland, director of BJC Hospice. “Hospice helps families make every moment count by focusing on the spiritual and emotional care of patients, as well as physical comfort.”

While hospice care is routinely provided in a home setting, Evelyn’s House is designed to offer patients and families an alternative choice in special circumstances such as the short-term management of pain and symptoms and respite for caregivers.

Patrick White, MD, chief medical officer for BJC Hospice, leads the hospice house. “Evelyn’s House offers our patients exceptional quality medical care in a peaceful homelike setting, designed specifically to relieve symptoms, improve quality of life, enhance dignity, and support patients and families. We are proud to be able to offer patients with serious medical illness personalized medical care delivered from a highly trained and compassionate team.”

“Evelyn’s House is here today due to the generosity of many,” says Susan Ell, executive director and vice president of The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital. “We're grateful to the many donors who answered our call to help us build this special hospice house for anyone needing expert end-of-life care.”

To make the hospice house a reality, Aja and Pat Stokes led the way with a gift that inspired Peggy and Andy Newman to make an equally momentous gift through the Eric P. and Evelyn E. Newman Foundation. Evelyn’s House is named after Andy’s mother, Evelyn Newman, a prominent St. Louis community leader and philanthropist who passed away in 2015.

Additional financial support for Evelyn’s House came from other donors to The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, BJC HealthCare, as well as St. Louis Children’s Hospital Foundation, Friends of St. Louis Children’s Hospital, and Friends of Wings, which supports the BJC Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Care program.

“Evelyn’s House embodies our core purpose of providing exceptional care to patients and families in our community,” Barbara says. “The homelike environment, our expressive therapy and music therapy rooms, social workers, chaplains and volunteers help support the needs of the family on their journey with their loved one.”

To support Evelyn’s House, please use the enclosed envelope, call 314-286-0600, or make a gift online at www.FoundationBarnesJewish.org.
FINDING A BETTER WAY

Following a yearlong cancer battle, Ellen received devastating news on June 14: the cancer had spread and was no longer treatable. She entered hospice care, staying first in her daughter’s home. Members of the close-knit family took turns caring for her, with BJC Hospice nurses visiting regularly.

But trying to work and care for their own families while providing round-the-clock care for Ellen took its toll. “There were times when some of us were coming to work on one hour’s sleep,” says Ashley Wegner, Ellen’s granddaughter. When her pain became too difficult to manage effectively at home, Ellen was admitted to Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Though hospitalization was necessary to keep her symptoms controlled, neither Ellen nor her family wanted her last days to be spent in a hospital. Ellen’s doctors suggested the newly opened Evelyn’s House as an ideal alternative to the hospital: a place where they could medically manage her symptoms in a homelike setting with her family nearby.

THE PINK NIGHTGOWN:
A Story of Compassion

Ellen Carroll was wearing her pink nightgown when she left Evelyn’s House, just like her granddaughter had promised she would be. It was a simple thing that made Ellen’s death just a little more bearable for the family that adored her.

Ellen was among the first patients admitted to Evelyn’s House after its opening June 19, 2017.

FINDING A BETTER WAY

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Shortly afterward, Ashley walked into Ellen’s room to find nurse Diane McBroom gently brushing Ellen’s hair. She also noticed that Ellen was wearing a hospital gown, not her pink nightgown. Diane told her that the gown had become soiled earlier in the evening.

Tearfully, Ashley explained that she had promised her grandmother she would leave the facility for the last time in her own nightgown, not a shapeless, anonymous hospital gown.

Diane immediately took the nightgown down the hall to the Evelyn’s House laundry room. By the time the family left Evelyn’s House, Ellen wore the freshly laundered pink nightgown.

Diane’s act demonstrated the care and respect she and the rest of the staff had shown Ellen and her family throughout her stay, Ashley says. Knowing that Ellen had spent her last days without pain, surrounded by love and caring, helped the family get through the hardest time in their lives.

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“EVELYN’S HOUSE IS A BLESSING,” ASHLEY SAYS. “IT’S SUCH A WONDERFUL PLACE.”

*An extended version of this story, written by Kathryn Holleman, originally appeared in BJC Today Online.
Julie Greichunos, an exuberant musical pastor at a Kalamazoo, Michigan, church, was spending countless hours playing piano, leading worship teams, and planning songs and services. Then one day she felt a strange tingling on the right side of her face. It then crept down her right arm and into her hand.

The tingling turned into intense pain and numbness to the point that holding a microphone became a challenge.

“I would be leading a service and would have to let my right arm hang down,” she says. “It felt like it was going to fall off. It was the craziest thing.”

Although Julie was physically fit—a runner who also lifted weights—she soon was unable to open a jar, hold a coffee mug or push a vacuum cleaner. Even taking a shower was a hurdle.

“I was exhausted after washing my hair,” Julie says. It also meant she couldn’t play the piano. The music had stopped.

A Long Search To Find Relief

This was the beginning of a 10-year search for the cause of her pain. She went from doctor to doctor and even spent a week at the Mayo Clinic in 2011. The neurologist there was baffled.

“He knew what it wasn’t, but had no idea what it was,” she says. “When you go to Mayo and they can’t figure it out, you think, ‘Am I crazy?’”

She was so desperate for an answer that she tried non-conventional treatments and even had the mercury fillings removed from her teeth when one doctor suggested that metal might be causing the problem.

Finally another physician told her about a patient who had similar symptoms and was successfully treated by surgeon Robert Thompson, MD, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. That same day, Julie called Dr. Thompson’s office and made an appointment.

Dr. Thompson did indeed know the source of Julie’s pain: thoracic outlet syndrome (TOS). Neurogenic TOS is a rare and disabling condition caused by compression of the nerve bundle that controls muscles and sensation in the shoulder, elbow, wrist, and hands. Symptoms include pain, numbness, and tingling.

TOS can be caused by a number of activities including sports, heavy lifting, repetitive motion, motor vehicle collisions, or falls. While some sufferers are successfully treated with physical therapy, for others the condition is debilitating to the point where they are unable to work or carry out normal activities.

“Everybody has a story,” Dr. Thompson says. “It’s the most rewarding practice I can imagine by being able to help give someone back their career and active livelihood.”
daily activities. The syndrome is difficult to diagnose because its symptoms can mimic those caused by other neurogenic conditions.

**Expert Treatment Changes Lives**

Very few surgeons are trained to handle TOS cases, so in 2008 Dr. Thompson launched the Washington University Center for Thoracic Outlet Syndrome at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, the first multidisciplinary center in the country to focus on TOS and related conditions. The next year, the Center, with support from The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, hosted the first nationwide professional consensus conference and patient support meeting on TOS. The conference also resulted in a number of research projects and the first multidisciplinary textbook on the subject.

“One of the frustrations with TOS is that it doesn't get recognized,” Dr. Thompson says. “Even now, more than 50 percent of the patients we see have had symptoms for more than two years without a diagnosis.”

As a result, only a handful of U.S. surgeons treat TOS cases with any frequency and many perform only about three to five surgeries a year. However, Dr. Thompson's average is about 250 to 300 surgeries annually. Because of Dr. Thompson's experience and success with TOS surgeries, the Center draws some 400 to 500 new patients a year from the Midwest and across the country, and some from as far away as Ireland, Israel, and Russia.

Many of these patients, like Julie, learn about Dr. Thompson through word of mouth. But Dr. Thompson said they also find him through patients' social media postings and internet searches that lead to the Center's website.

**Sharing Knowledge to Get People Back in the Game**

In addition to treating patients and providing life-changing surgery, the Center maintains a comprehensive database of TOS patients. This database, which was started in 2008, contains critical information including surgical findings and evaluations of clinical and functional outcomes. Thanks to loyal donors, The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital is able to provide funding to Dr. Thompson to collect this important information and conduct clinical research.

The database shows that patients of all ages and backgrounds are affected by TOS. Dr. Thompson said a majority of his patients are physically active people from teenagers to their 40s, but have included older patients like a woman in her 70s who wanted to keep working as a water aerobics instructor.

“He’s got lots of love hanging on those walls,” Julie says. “I only wish I would have found Dr. Thompson sooner.

Dr. Thompson sooner.

He’s a man of knowledge and talent and a man of real heart.”
When Robert Willman saw Sonja from across their college bookstore, his first thought was “She is beautiful. That is the girl I want to marry.”

Today, more than 50 years later, Robert and Sonja are happily married with two children and are expecting their first grandchild.

While life has been good for the Willmans overall, recent years have brought new challenges. In 2014, Sonja was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. Despite the diagnosis, she couldn’t quite believe it. “I thought it was crazy,” she says. “I can remember a lot of things. It just didn’t seem right. I didn’t feel like I had Alzheimer’s.”

To better help his wife now and in the future as the disease progresses, Robert began seeking more information about Alzheimer’s disease. When they discovered the volume of Alzheimer’s disease research taking place at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine, the Willmans were amazed. “We are so fortunate to be near the foremost centers for Alzheimer’s disease research,” Robert says. “Some of the most groundbreaking research is taking place right here, in our backyard.”

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From left: Sonja Willman, John C. Morris, MD, and Robert Willman
Life-Changing Research

In the early 1980s, researchers were just beginning to understand that Alzheimer’s disease was a specific brain disease. John C. Morris, MD, joined Washington University School of Medicine in 1982 and immediately set his focus on studying dementia caused by Alzheimer’s. Today, he directs the Knight Alzheimer Disease Research Center (ADRC) at Washington University where his research team is leading multiple promising studies including novel strategies to prevent Alzheimer’s dementia altogether.

Alzheimer’s disease is a type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior. It is a progressive disease that worsens over time; it is the most common cause of dementia. Contrary to common belief, Alzheimer’s is not a normal part of aging. While a majority of patients are over 65, almost 200,000 Americans under the age of 65 have early-onset Alzheimer’s disease.

At one point, Alzheimer’s was believed to start when dementia took hold. Dr. Morris and his team have identified proteins that allow the disease to be diagnosed before dementia ever occurs. “The future of Alzheimer’s disease research is to add prevention of dementia to the current attempts to treat the disorder after the dementia has appeared,” Dr. Morris says. “The very first prevention trial in the world with a drug designed to stop the Alzheimer process in the brain began at the Knight ADRC in 2012. New advances are detecting the illness in the brain with people who have no memory or cognitive issues. We would like to find a way to initiate therapies as early as possible to delay or prevent the onset of dementia.”

The Willmans quickly learned that Alzheimer’s disease research is terribly underfunded. As a result, they chose to make a difference by donating to The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital to support this research.

“We want to help others going through the same thing,” Robert says. “Thanks to the research, we realized there is hope for our children—researchers are making progress.”

Dr. Morris says research support from donors is critical for progress. “Donations from individuals allow us to perform the full scope of our proposed research. Philanthropy allows researchers to pursue new avenues immediately, without having to wait up to two years for funding approval from the National Institutes of Health. That’s why donor support is vital to moving the research forward faster.”

Robert and Sonja remain positive and hopeful, even as Sonja’s symptoms progress. But Robert recognizes more needs to be done to help patients and families who struggle with Alzheimer’s. “Alzheimer’s is a disease people don’t talk about,” he says. “It’s looked at with embarrassment and a lack of knowledge. But it’s nothing to be ashamed of. Alzheimer’s is impacting more and more people every day. I want people to talk about it more so the research can continue.”
Matthew Mutch, MD, a Washington University colorectal surgeon at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and chief of the Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery, has been named the Solon and Bettie Gershman Endowed Chair for Colon and Rectal Surgery.

The endowed chair was established by the Solon and Bettie Gershman Family through The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital to support vital clinical services for patients and groundbreaking research to better understand and treat colon and rectal conditions.

The chair was previously held by Ira Kodner, MD, professor emeritus of surgery, who served as the first colon and rectal surgery chief and retired in 2013. The chair recognizes Dr. Mutch’s national leadership in the laparoscopic treatment of colorectal cancer and training of surgeons in this procedure. The funding from the chair will enable Dr. Mutch to advance ideas and make discoveries that lead to better treatments and new technology to benefit patients with colorectal diseases.

“We are so fortunate to have such a terrific leader in this field as our chief of colorectal surgery,” says Timothy Eberlein, MD, chairman of the department of surgery and director of Siteman Cancer Center. “Dr. Mutch has been a leader in developing innovative treatments for rectal cancer, minimally invasive techniques for colon surgery and new pathways for treating patients more efficiently and more safely. We are so appreciative of the entire Gershman family for their generosity and support of this chair.”

Solon and Bettie Gershman established the chair in 1998. Solon Gershman—founder and chairman of both Solon Gershman Realty and Gershman Investment Corp.—was a generous and dedicated philanthropist who gave to dozens of charities and organizations in the St. Louis area.

Endowed chairs through The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital give Washington University School of Medicine faculty members at Barnes-Jewish important support, which allows them more time to conduct breakthrough research.

“This chair recognizes Dr. Mutch’s leadership in the collaborative research that develops better standards of care and better outcomes for patients in St. Louis and beyond,” says Bob Cannon, president of Barnes-Jewish Hospital and group president of BJC HealthCare.

Dr. Mutch is a Washington University School of Medicine graduate and has been a member of the faculty since 2002. He completed his general surgery residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University, followed by a fellowship in colon and rectal surgery at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Massachusetts.

Dr. Mutch has served as colon and rectal surgery chief since 2015 and was the program director for the Washington University Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship from 2007 to 2016. He serves on the Quality Assessment and Safety Monitoring Committee and is co-chair of the Lower GI Cancer Group at Siteman Cancer Center. He is also a member of the Surgical Innovations Committee for Washington University Department of Surgery.

His research interests include the identification of molecular markers to predict cancer-related outcomes in patients with rectal cancer and clinical outcomes related to laparoscopic colorectal surgery.

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To learn more about supporting a chair through The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, please contact us at 314-286-0600.
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