Embracing The New

The old Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, said, “Change is the only constant in life.” Given that piece of wisdom, it makes sense, then, to look ahead to change, to prepare for it, to welcome it.

What’s changing? The seasons, for one. As residents of St. Louis and neighboring communities, we’re leaving the sometimes balmy, sometimes crisp days of fall and looking toward a new season that conjures images of holidays and hearths. And as citizens of a vital nation, we’re experiencing the political change that comes every four years.

Change is a constant in health care, too. You’ll find the evidence in stories inside this magazine. You’ll discover that Trish Lollo, once the vice president of cancer services at Siteman Cancer Center, is now the president of Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital. You’ll read about the ways generous donors are supporting research and changing patient care. About the ways a family’s gift has benefited Siteman’s Cancer Care Clinic. About nursing scholarships that are changing lives. And about the new buildings and new beds as part of the Campus Renewal Project on Kingshighway and throughout the medical campus.

All this talk of change calls to mind a few additional constants I’d like to add to Heraclitus’s very short list. Because we at Barnes-Jewish Hospital embrace change, we are helping to ensure the hospital remains a national leader in medicine. Because we are always looking for better ways to care for our patients, we ensure our mission—to take exceptional care of others—remains true.

Your generous support is another essential constant, as is our gratitude for all you do.

Thank you,

Bob Cannon
President, Barnes-Jewish Hospital
Group President, BJC HealthCare

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New Leader, New Direction in West County

A new leader will be guiding the future growth of Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital. Trish Lollo began her new position as president of Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital in August.

Trish has been with Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis since 2011 and served as vice president of oncology services, laboratories and radiology at the Siteman Cancer Center. She also oversaw operations at the Center for Advanced Medicine in south St. Louis County.

Bob Cannon, president of Barnes-Jewish Hospital and group president for BJC HealthCare, has been serving as interim president of the 77-bed Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital since January, when the hospital's former president, Doug Black, moved to a new position within BJC Medical Group.

"Trish is a proven leader with the natural ability to build relationships and foster the strengths of employees and physicians," Bob says. "Her operational expertise, enthusiasm and patient advocacy will continue to enhance the exceptional care and service provided at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital."

As the new president, Trish is leading the revitalization of the West County campus as well as ensuring that the hospital is positioned for growth.

"I am honored to join the Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital family and leadership team," Trish says. "I look forward to working in partnership with the employees and physicians to grow and build upon the great reputation of excellent patient care they have developed."

Prior to joining Siteman, Trish was associate administrator of oncology services for the University of California San Diego Health System. She holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from Stony Brook University and a master’s degree in public health from Yale University. She serves on the boards of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and BJC Home Care Services.
A GIANT LEAP FORWARD
CANCER RESEARCH

Cancer research in St. Louis took a giant leap forward, thanks to a record-breaking $3 million raised by donors at The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital’s illumination Gala. This year’s total was the most ever raised at the illumination Gala or at any other one-night fundraiser in St. Louis—and the incredible generosity of donors made it all possible.

The annual gala, held in June at The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis, benefits Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine. Actor and comedian Dana Carvey entertained the crowd as this year’s special guest.

Dollars raised at the gala support the Foundation’s Cancer Frontier Fund, established by Bill and Amy Koman to speed research breakthroughs at Siteman that will lead to new ways to prevent and treat cancer.

Record-Breaking Generosity

Some especially significant contributions helped push illumination’s fundraising total to a record level: Jack C. Taylor and the Crawford Taylor Foundation gave $500,000 to the Cancer Frontier Fund.

Donations from Ambassador Sam Fox, Marilyn Fox, and the Fox Family Foundation at illumination totaled $450,000. Marilyn and Sam Fox gave in memory of their son, Greg Fox, who passed away from pancreatic cancer earlier this year. Greg was actively involved with Barnes-Jewish Hospital and its associated organizations.

“We’re grateful to be recipients of such incredible generosity,” says Tim Eberlein, MD, director of the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center. “Because of support from people such as the Foxes and the Taylors and others in the community, we can conduct the vital research necessary to move us to the next level of cancer prevention and treatment.”

Special guest, actor and comedian Dana Carvey

Donation 2016 chairs Tad Edwards, chairman, CEO and president of Benjamin F. Edwards & Co., and Diane Sullivan, CEO, president, and chairman of Caleres
To make a gift to move innovative cancer research forward through the Cancer Frontier Fund, please use the enclosed envelope, visit www.GivingBarnesJewish.org or call 314-286-0600.

Making Innovative Research Possible
Since 2010, the Foundation has supported nearly 50 research projects at Siteman through the Cancer Frontier Fund. These projects pave the way to find better treatments for a variety of cancers, as well as to develop new techniques to provide more individualized treatment that has the potential to impact people around the world.

In 2016, support for the fund launched seven new research projects that hold promise to advance research for breast cancer, pancreatic cancer and brain cancers.

“Our patients are counting on us,” Dr. Eberlein says. “That’s why we’re working so hard to bring better treatments to patients faster. Research support is essential to making that happen.”

Community Leaders Unite to Fight Cancer
The involvement and commitment of the gala co-chairs, event committee and sponsors were instrumental in making this a record-breaking year. illumination Gala co-chairs were Diane Sullivan, CEO, president and chairman of Caleres; and Tad Edwards, chairman, CEO and president of Benjamin F. Edwards & Co. Presenting sponsors were Caleres and Catherine and Tad Edwards.

“Many of my family members, co-workers and friends, including my best friend, have been touched by cancer,” Diane says. “Because of them, I wanted to be part of illumination. It’s an exciting time in cancer research but there’s much more to be done. We’re so grateful to the generous donors at the gala who are pushing this research forward faster.”

Tad’s uncle was in the audience at the gala three years after being diagnosed with a late-stage cancer. “When we came to Siteman for care, the team exuded hope,” Tad says. “Thanks to the research and treatment breakthroughs at Siteman, more people like my uncle are living happy, healthy lives. To have one of the best cancer centers in the world right here in St. Louis is a gift to all our families. Together, our support is making a tremendous difference.”

Next year’s illumination gala to benefit cancer research at Siteman is June 3, 2017.
FROM THE TIME HE WAS A LITTLE BOY, William Hawkins, MD, wanted to be a doctor. In college, he veered onto a side road toward engineering but quickly discovered he would rather direct his love of science and research toward helping people. And a doctor was born.

“Cancer was a natural focus for me,” Dr. Hawkins says. “It’s an unsolved problem that has touched my life, as well as too many people I know.”

Dr. Hawkins’ grandfather died of stomach cancer. A 12-year-old cousin died when Dr. Hawkins was just 13. And in grade school, Dr. Hawkins transferred schools and was assigned a desk of a student who had died of cancer.

“These experiences made a major impression on me at a young age,” Dr. Hawkins says. “While my grandfather died six months before I was born, everyone compared me to him. I was feisty like him.”

This feistiness, combined with an insatiable curiosity, led Dr. Hawkins to find his passion.

A Feisty Cancer Fighter Leads Significant Research Effort

“It all came together: pancreatic cancer is the worst of the worst cancers,” he says. “And as a surgeon and researcher, it was a challenge that excited me.”

For patients with pancreatic cancer, that passion and dedication is leading to lifesaving treatments.

Today, Dr. Hawkins is a pancreatic cancer surgeon at Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine. He is also a lead researcher of a national group of experts who are focusing on finding better treatments for pancreatic cancer.

Fewer than 8 percent of patients survive more than five years after they’ve been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Dr. Hawkins and his partner research teams are trying to improve that statistic.
Building on years of research supported by donors to the Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital and other sources, Dr. Hawkins’ team at Siteman recently received a significant grant from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to pursue new treatments through a multi-pronged approach.

The award, a prestigious Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) grant, will allow scientists to focus on the deadliest form of the disease, pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma, so they can develop more effective chemotherapies and a vaccine.

**Donors Pave the Way for Research Progress in All Cancers**

“With support from the Foundation through the Cancer Frontier Fund, we were able to conduct the studies that generated the vital preliminary data we needed to receive even larger, governmental grants,” Dr. Hawkins says. “We never could have gotten NCI grants such as this SPORE without initial support from donors. Donor-supported funds are what allowed us to take risks on new ideas and young scientists. Funding new researchers and new ideas is what led us to great progress.”

Dr. Hawkins was first funded by the Foundation in 2004 as a young researcher. Today, he is leading a national effort to better treat pancreatic cancer.

The return on investment from the Foundation is significant. “It led to four innovative clinical trials in a SPORE for a desperate disease,” Dr. Hawkins says. “Donor support also allows us to bring in more scientists who, in turn, can multiply their experience in other areas of research.”

Research partnerships, as well as donor support, are essential to breakthroughs that help more patients around the country.

“To get this SPORE, we developed collaborations with other physician-researchers who have a shared disdain for cancer and are equally frustrated with the existing therapies for our patients,” Dr. Hawkins says. “This research is a shared passion of a lot of researchers.”

The pancreatic cancer SPORE at Siteman builds on the team’s already extensive knowledge of the disease to dramatically move better treatments forward.

“We’re learning that pancreatic cancer is actually about 20 different diseases and each has to be treated a little differently.” Dr. Hawkins says. “The things we learn in pancreatic cancer will likely have a wider impact for other types of cancer, as well.”

**Creating Hope for More “Sweet Wins”**

Dr. Hawkins says immunotherapy (such as a vaccine) is one of the most exciting developments in pancreatic cancer research and offers much hope.

“Hope is what keeps me going. If we kept doing what our predecessors were doing, we would continue to lose 90 percent of our patients. With this research, we can give our patients more options than ever to try to save their lives. Sometimes we win—and winning is sweet.”

**HE CONTINUES:** “It’s hard to express our gratitude for donors’ belief in us and our ideas. I want to thank our donors for taking the risks it takes to innovate. We couldn’t do it without this support. Progress would be much slower without donor generosity.”

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The SPORE grant at Siteman supports four new research projects that involve:

- Altering the environment around the tumor to make it more susceptible to immunotherapy, which harnesses a patient’s own immune system to fight cancer.
- Developing a more effective chemotherapy targeting pancreatic cancer and inducing tumor cell death.
- Evaluating another potential chemotherapy that overcomes tumor resistance.
- Conducting preclinical studies of a personalized pancreatic cancer vaccine.

Fellow Washington University researchers working with Dr. Hawkins through the SPORE include:

- David DeNardo, PhD
- William Gillanders, MD
- Robert Schreiber, PhD
- Ryan Fields, MD
- Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH
- Albert Lockhart, MD

Partner institutions on these pancreatic cancer research projects include the University of Rochester, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Johns Hopkins University.
A Life Entwined with Barnes-Jewish Hospital

Though Barnes-Jewish Hospital has deep roots in St. Louis, not many know its history as intimately as Jackie Bergmann. And her family’s personal connection with the hospital and the health care field is one reason she has become a donor to The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

In the late 1930s, when she was just 17, Jackie started training for a full-time position as a laboratory technician at Jewish Hospital. There, she met a young thoracic surgeon-in-training, Martin Bergmann, MD. A mutual friend arranged a blind date for Jackie and Dr. Bergmann. They had a steady courtship while Dr. Bergmann worked long hours to build his career. Eventually, Jackie took matters into her own hands to speed him along.

“He was busy working five or six days a week,” she says. “So, I told him I was going to a frat party in Denver. I think that really worried him! When I got back, he proposed. I always knew it would happen.”

So much of their lives began at Jewish Hospital, Jackie says.

Dr. Bergmann’s career grew at Jewish Hospital. Jackie later delivered her two sons there. Today, one of those sons is a general surgeon at Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital and the other is a psychotherapist practicing in Columbia, South Carolina.

“Martin’s career, my career, our family—everything is entwined with Barnes-Jewish,” she says. “I always knew I would give back.”

After Jackie’s beloved husband, Dr. Bergmann, passed away two years ago at the age of 90, she ensured his legacy will live on through a gift she made in his honor to The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Her gift is helping educate the next generation of thoracic surgeons following in Dr. Bergmann’s footsteps, and pays tribute to the institution that was such an integral part of the Bergmanns’ life together.

Fulfilling Careers

Jackie and Dr. Bergmann devoted much of their lives to their careers at Jewish Hospital. Jackie worked for eight years at the Jewish Hospital lab before she decided to stay home and raise their two sons. She remembers her working days fondly.

“It was a tight association at Jewish Hospital,” Jackie says. “Everyone knew everyone. I used to be on call at the lab and stay in the Shoenberg building. That was my life down there. It was really just a wonderful place to work, and we enjoyed it.”
Dr. Bergmann went on to spend his entire 60-year career at the hospital. During that time, he was on the Jewish Hospital board, served as director of the department of cardiothoracic surgery, and was president of the medical staff.

Dr. Bergmann made many contributions to the medical field that brought St. Louis to the forefront of medicine. He was appointed to work with legendary cardiothoracic surgeon Evarts Graham, MD, who started the department of thoracic surgery at Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Graham was the first surgeon to successfully perform a pneumonectomy, a complete removal of the lung, to treat a type of malignant growth. He was also one of the first physicians to link smoking to lung cancer in laboratory studies. Working with this trailblazer clearly influenced Dr. Bergmann, who made his own mark on the field of thoracic surgery. Dr. Bergmann was the first surgeon in St. Louis to obtain and use a surgical stapler. Staples, still used in surgery today, give physicians more precision and reduce surgery times. Dr. Bergmann also built the first artificial kidney in St. Louis—the beginnings of dialysis for patients with kidney failure—with Jewish Hospital colleague Burton Shatz, MD.

“Martin was sort of the ultimate physician,” Jackie says. “It never occurred to him not to treat people well or take good care of his patients. Oh, how he worried about his patients. He just loved being a physician.”

Carrying on the Legacy

Dr. Bergmann’s legacy continues in the gift Jackie made in his honor to the cardiothoracic department at Barnes-Jewish Hospital through the Foundation. The Martin Bergmann, MD, Clinical Research Award Fund helps residents, fellows, and other young faculty at Barnes-Jewish attend research conferences, meetings and symposiums in order to share the results of their research with the medical community.

Jackie’s gift was inspired by Dr. Bergmann’s dedication to a weekly conference held by the department of thoracic surgery where physicians share their knowledge to stay abreast of advancements in the field. With her donation, she wants to help other cardiothoracic surgeons to learn through collegiality, the way her husband did, to make each physician better at caring for patients and to keep Barnes-Jewish one of the best hospitals.

“You have the best medical care in the world right here,” Jackie says. “Why go anywhere else? You can’t get better than physicians like Dr. Bryan Meyers in the thoracic surgery department.”

Her generosity hasn’t gone unnoticed.

“Mrs. Bergmann’s gift was a very generous act and it supports the preparation and presentation of research reports for our physician trainees at a time when medical finances have never been tighter,” says Bryan Meyers, MD, chief of the section of thoracic surgery at Washington University School of Medicine and the Patrick and Joy Williamson Chair in Cardiothoracic Surgery through the Foundation.

He continues: “A gift like this will ensure our future ability to attract and support the best physician trainees, and increase the likelihood that they stay and join the strong legacy of thoracic surgery here at Barnes-Jewish and Washington University.”

Words of Wisdom

Even after Dr. Bergmann passed away, Jackie’s life continues to be connected to Barnes-Jewish Hospital through her gifts to the Foundation, the lifelong friends she made at the hospital, and her son’s career as a physician at Barnes-Jewish St. Peters.

Though Jackie dearly misses Dr. Bergmann, she is grateful for the life they shared.

“He was a good person,” she says.

She remembers reading a comic strip quoting Dr. Seuss and has used these words to live by:

“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.”
Donors to The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital make education possible for some of the best and brightest nursing students in the region. In 2015, generous donors provided nearly 70 scholarships to the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College so students can translate their compassion, dedication and skill into world-class care for patients.

Two scholarship students in particular were inspired by their own experiences of family illness. After much time spent in and out of hospitals with loved ones, they both knew nursing could change lives—and they vowed to use their Goldfarb scholarships to do just that.

Bree saved for tuition, but her family’s finances were focused on her father’s medical expenses, leaving a critical financial gap. “When I opened the scholarship letter from Goldfarb, I just started crying,” Bree says. “I gave it to my mom and she started crying, and then I showed it to my boyfriend and he started crying. I kept reading it over and over. I thought to myself, ‘oh wow, this is really happening.’ Without the scholarship, I wouldn’t have been able to afford nursing school.”

Eventually, she wants to become a nurse practitioner and serve an underprivileged community and donate to a scholarship fund for another deserving student at Goldfarb. “I’ve learned firsthand about how a scholarship can change the life of someone who thought they didn’t have a chance to achieve their dreams,” she says. “Now, I want to be the nurse who makes my patients say ‘she made me feel like I was the only one who mattered at the time.’ No matter what, each patient deserves respect and care.”

“My father played a major role in my pursuit of a career in the medical field,” says Bree McBride. “I don’t remember a time when my dad wasn’t sick.” Between heart problems, fibromyalgia and other ailments, Bree’s father made frequent visits to medical facilities throughout her childhood, and the experience wasn’t always positive. But during some of her family’s most trying times, compassionate nurses gave her father comfort and hope, and inspired Bree to follow in their footsteps.

“The best feeling I had as a child came from seeing a smile on my dad’s face after he came home from the hospital,” Bree says. “At the time, I only knew to associate his happiness with successful doctor’s visits. The nurses made a big difference in the way we felt as a family and helped my father feel more at ease. I want to be able to do that for other people.”
To make a gift to benefit students like Bree and Hannah through Goldfarb School of Nursing scholarships, please use the enclosed envelope, visit www.GivingBarnesJewish.org or call 314-286-0600.

“Ever since I was a little girl, I loved playing doctor, caring for people, and helping people,” says Hannah Marchbanks. “Anytime someone in the family was sick, they would call me because they knew I would help.”

When her sister, Kellsie, was diagnosed with cancer at age 16, Hannah learned the critical role nursing plays in the healing process for the entire family. Over the next five years, as Kellsie battled osteosarcoma, a cancer that originates in the bones, Hannah was inspired by her sister and the nurses caring for her.

“As my sister went through her battle with cancer, I saw everything you could possibly see,” Hannah says. “Kellsie’s nurses became our hospital family. They called her ‘the Princess’ and they treated her like one. It really just inspired me.”

In the midst of her treatments and relapses, Kellsie followed her own dream to become a nurse and enrolled at Goldfarb, where she received a scholarship through The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital. The support motivates her.

“It makes me feel like all the hard work I put into school is being recognized,” Hannah says. “Knowing someone has faith and belief in me motivates me to be the best student I can be.”

To keep Kellsie’s memory alive, Hannah and her family started a charity in her name. Kellsie’s Hope Foundation raises money for oncology research, nursing scholarships, and special trips for pediatric patients and their families.

Hannah also keeps a special memento to keep her sister by her side.

“My grandmother kept Kellsie’s Goldfarb student badge and gave it to me when I started classes,” Hannah says. “I keep it in my backpack. It makes me feel like she’s right here with me to help me be the best nurse I can possibly be.”

Hannah Marchbanks
Goldfarb Nursing Student and Scholarship Recipient
Anticipated Graduation: April 2017

Celebrating Our Donors and Nursing Students

In September, students, faculty, alumni and scholarship donors gathered at the campus of Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College to celebrate “Unity in Community” at the school’s homecoming.

The night before homecoming, The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital hosted a dinner for Goldfarb scholarship donors and recipients and watched an inspiring video featuring two outstanding scholarship recipients. (See video links in story.)

“Every gift for nursing education is a precious investment in the next generation of nurses,” says Dr. Gretchen Drinkard, the Jack Taylor Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and interim dean at Goldfarb. “Our scholarship donors are helping prepare brilliant individuals to meet the complex health care needs of patients for many years to come.”

To hear more about Bree and Hannah’s experiences, watch their videos at bit.ly/BreeMcBride and bit.ly/HannahMarchbanks

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A gift one family made out of gratitude for excellent patient care has led to even better care for patients and families at the Cancer Care Clinic at Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine.

Greg Hampton was a caring, outgoing man with a zest for life. As an entrepreneur, he traveled frequently and made friends everywhere he went. Yet he found time to volunteer to teach teens and young adults math and literacy to better prepare them for life. Greg also shared his love for skiing with his son, Kacey. The inseparable pair mastered the slopes together and had many other cross-country adventures.

When Kacey graduated from Webster University in St. Louis in May 2011, he was excited to begin his career and plan for more ski trips with Greg. But Greg’s plans took an unfortunate turn. A month after Kacey’s graduation, Greg started chemotherapy near his home in Colorado to treat an aggressive form of acute myeloid leukemia.

“I was devastated,” Kacey says. “This was the man who adopted me and showed me the world. We were very close.”

Greg had hoped to have a bone marrow transplant but his doctor told him the cancer was too aggressive and it wasn’t worth trying.

One Move Makes All the Difference

So Greg stopped chemotherapy and moved to St. Louis to be close to Kacey in his final months. Greg’s brother, Joel, who had lost his wife to breast cancer just a year before, moved from Ohio to help take care of Greg.

One day, Greg was in so much pain that Joel took him to Siteman Cancer Center to find relief.

A Siteman doctor persuaded Greg try chemotherapy again with hopes for a bone marrow transplant. Joel was a perfect bone marrow donor match. “Stepping into Siteman led my dad to change his mind about treatment and to keep fighting,” Kacey says. “That decision gave him an additional six months to live his life.”

Another factor in Greg’s decision to continue his fight was the level of expertise Siteman has in treating leukemia.

Siteman’s adult bone marrow and stem cell transplant program is one of the largest in the world. The National Cancer Institute considers Siteman to have “the preeminent leukemia center in the country.” Siteman also has the leading cancer genomics program in the country, with expertise in understanding the genes that cause leukemia.

Greg had chemotherapy and eventually a bone marrow transplant at Siteman in December 2011. “By February, he was living on his own again and felt strong,” Kacey recalls. “Unfortunately, during one week in March, he took a sudden turn and passed away at age 65. If he had never gone to Siteman, he would not have had those extra months with us. Siteman gave him hope and extended his life.”

“I’ve learned how a relatively small donation can empower people and change lives. And it doesn’t take much to make such a difference.

— Kacey Hampton

One Gift’s Ripple Effect on Patient and Family Care

The Power of Gratitude

Kacey Hampton and his father, Greg

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— Kacey Hampton
Kacey and his family are grateful to Siteman for the care and compassion Greg received. “The nurses and doctors at Siteman were absolutely amazing,” Kacey says. “We all felt a personal connection to the Siteman team. Everyone was very professional and we felt comfortable knowing my father was being well taken care of.”

Giving Back to Transform Care

Because of the kindness and expertise of the Siteman team, the Hampton family members wanted to find a way to express their gratitude.

When they learned Siteman’s Cancer Care Clinic needed support to make it more family-friendly, they didn’t hesitate to join together to make a family gift. “It’s a Hampton family trait to give back to help people,” Kacey says.

Before Greg died, he established the Greg Hampton Foundation as a way to continue his legacy of helping others. Greg wanted Kacey—who was 20 at the time—to lead the foundation with guidance from Kacey’s Uncle Joel and his pastor. Greg left Kacey the ultimate gift:

to understand the value of giving back to enhance people’s lives.

“My father gave me the incredible responsibility of giving back to the community and changing a lot of lives,” Kacey says. “Our foundation’s goal is to make sustainable changes that help people. We realized this gift to Siteman’s Cancer Care Clinic has the ability to transform care. It has a long-term impact.”

The Hampton’s foundation gift was designed to improve the patient and family experience in the Cancer Care Clinic. Their gift supported renovations to the clinic’s space to create a quiet, calming space for family members to wait, while also improving the work flow area to better serve patients and families.

Meeting Special Needs for Patients

The Cancer Care Clinic, which opened in 2009, provides services to cancer patients who have urgent needs. Sometimes this specialized care is needed over a weekend or in the middle of the night so the clinic is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It’s staffed by Siteman team members who are experts in caring for cancer patients’ unique needs.

“Cancer patients have special needs, plus their immune systems are often suppressed so they don’t belong in an emergency department,” explains the clinic’s manager, Sharon Monical, RN. “Our Cancer Care Clinic is one of only a handful in the country designed to provide urgent care for cancer patients this way.”

Patients also come to the clinic for scheduled infusion treatments of chemotherapy, fluids, antibiotics, blood transfusions, or other care.

“We’re always growing and trying to improve,” Sharon says. “The Hampton’s generous gift allowed us to remodel our clinic to better serve both the patient and the family. Families are the one constant in people’s changing lives. They offer a healing presence and a voice for the patient so it’s important they can come to the clinic with the patient and be comfortable.”

Gratitude Inspires…

The Hampton gift has had ripple effects.

“This gift inspired all of us and led to several process improvements as we took a fresh look at the patient’s total experience,” Sharon says. “We’ve created a calmer, more spa-like atmosphere for patients. We want them to have a place to come where they feel safe, comforted, and cared for. Sometimes the physical needs are not always the biggest needs—often it’s the emotional needs. And we’re here to meet those needs, too.”

The clinic’s improvements have resulted in increased patient satisfaction scores. “That tells us our patients and families are more comfortable and feel better about the care they’re receiving,” Sharon says. “We’re establishing best practices in cancer services to better help all our patients and families.”

She continues: “Donors can make an enormous impact on patient care. Words can’t express our gratitude to the Hampton family. The difference one act of kindness can make is profound. If you touch the life of one person, you can touch thousands.”

Kacey and his family are happy to see the long-term impact of their gift.

“Seeing how our gift transformed care and the patient experience was awesome,” he says. “It’s amazing how small changes in an environment can improve patient care and lead to even more changes.”

And it all started with gratitude.

“I loved my father a lot and a great deal of other people also loved and appreciated having him walk through their lives,” Kacey says. “Our gift to Siteman is a thank you from our family for having Siteman walk through our lives. They extended my dad’s life so we could enjoy more time together.”

He continues: “I’ve learned how a relatively small donation can empower people and change lives. And it doesn’t take much to make such a difference.”
Driving along Kingshighway in St. Louis these days, you’ll notice some new faces—building faces. The Campus Renewal Project is nearing completion of its first phase of renewing the medical center campus that encompasses Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis Children’s Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine. The new buildings are scheduled to open for patient care in late summer 2017.

The 780,000-square-foot-expansion of new buildings and design will offer patients easier access to care in a quieter, more comfortable and efficient environment. The renovation and construction positions both hospitals on the campus to better meet future health care needs.

The first phase required Jewish Hospital School of Nursing, and the Kingshighway, Yalem and Steinberg buildings to come down. Because of those buildings’ ages and design, they couldn’t accommodate new medical technology.

A new building on Kingshighway south of Forest Park Avenue will expand Barnes-Jewish Hospital women and infants care areas, inpatient oncology units, surgical programs, and diagnostic and treatment areas. The expanded labor and delivery area will connect directly to St. Louis Children’s Hospital’s newborn intensive care unit (NICU) housed in another new building.

Many Minds Focused on the Mission

The planning process for the Campus Renewal Project focused on the mission of the medical campus: to take exceptional care of people.

“This project enhances our ability to provide the most advanced, patient-centered care, while honoring the rich history and heritage of the people who were instrumental in creating Barnes-Jewish Hospital,” says Bob Cannon, president, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, and group president of BJC HealthCare.

“We have an opportunity to build on our tradition of excellence and create new spaces for the next generation with patient safety and high-quality care top of mind.”

A wide range of people have been involved in the planning. Former patients and their family members served on three different advisory councils, along with more than 350 physicians and clinical and non-clinical staff so no details were left behind. Color, light, sound, comfort, technology and efficiency—all focused on patients and families—have all been thoughtfully considered.

To read more about the project, please visit bjc.org/construction.
A Peek Inside
The new building will include private rooms with ample natural light to promote healing; most rooms look out over Forest Park, while others offer views of outdoor gardens. A family accommodations area is being created with computer stations, kitchenette, showers, lounge chairs for napping, and laundry facilities. Each floor also will have a patient-and-family gathering area, separate from waiting rooms, with floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook Forest Park. A cafeteria with an outdoor seating area will be located on the main level.

A central theme of the renewal project is easier access. The front door of the hospital will be more welcoming with a circular drive off Parkview that features a covered canopy at the entrance. Visitors will now be able to park under the building and take an elevator from the parking garage directly to the lobby. Valet parking also has been enhanced.

Recycling was also a major focus of the new building construction. At least 90 percent of the building materials from the buildings taken down were recycled. In fact, bricks and concrete from the buildings taken down were ground up and used as a base for the concrete poured for the new building. “The old buildings quite literally serve as the solid foundation for our new building and our exciting future,” Bob Cannon says.

Recognizing Our History of Philanthropy
Philanthropy has played an important role in the hospital’s past and present, and will continue to be vital in the future. Because of this, past and current donors will be recognized in a prominent way in the new building and other spaces.

“We’re grateful to all those who have made a difference in our hospital through their giving,” Bob says. “Now we’re excited to show the community our progress later in 2017 as we offer even better ways to care for our patients and families.”

By the Numbers
Phase 1 of Campus Renewal Project to enhance Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Siteman Cancer Center

- 12 stories
- 185 private patient rooms
- 12 operating rooms
- 18 labor and delivery rooms
- 52 inpatient obstetric rooms
- 12 women’s assessment rooms

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