A Year of Hope and Gratitude...
Saving Lives and Transforming Health Care
Building Toward the Future

Medical science never stands still. The state of research and patient care is in a constant state of flux, as brilliant physicians and researchers find better treatments for the diseases affecting us most.

Likewise, it’s been another year of progress and change for Barnes-Jewish Hospital with the continued innovation that makes us a national leader in medicine.

Earlier this year, we opened the doors to the beautiful Parkview Tower, the home to our new Women & Infants Center and Siteman Cancer Center’s inpatient services. The facility raises the bar on the patient experience and allows us to provide even better care for patients and their families.

We also made key changes that strengthen our mission to take exceptional care of people. We went live on a new electronic medical record system, bringing all of BJC HealthCare and Washington University onto a single platform to streamline and improve the way we provide care to our patients.

In June, The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital held the most successful Illumination Gala yet, raising critical funding for research at Siteman Cancer Center. In addition, the Foundation named its first-ever endowed distinguished chair, which will help an incredibly talented researcher find innovative solutions for lung transplant patients.

Much of this change and progress is made possible by donors like you. We unveiled our new donor wall at Parkview Tower to recognize the enduring generous spirit of so many people from our community.

Every name, every family, and every organization recognized on our donor wall brings meaning to what we do. Each one makes exceptional care possible. And each one has a story and connection to our hospital.

As we continue to change, evolve and grow, we’re grateful for your perpetual philanthropic spirit, and through it, your close bond to the mission and culture of Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

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On Saturday, June 2, 2018, nearly 500 guests—including some of St. Louis’ most generous individuals and corporations—shared an unforgettable evening of philanthropy and entertainment with special guest host, Jason Alexander.

The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital has hosted this annual fundraising event for 11 years in support of cancer research at Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine.

Since the event’s inception in 2007, funds raised through Illumination have launched more than 80 cancer research projects that have led to breast cancer and melanoma vaccines, better treatment for pancreatic cancer, breakthroughs in leukemia and lymphoma, and so much more.

Many of these projects are having a profound impact on how we are treating cancer today.

“While we’ve made significant progress in cancer research and treatments, support from the Illumination Gala will allow us to speed up our progress by pursuing new ideas and launching new projects,” says Tim Eberlein, MD, director of the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center.

Arnold Donald, CEO of Carnival Corporation & PLC, and George Paz, chairman and former CEO of Express Scripts, served as the event’s co-chairs.

“Illumination is such an important event because it fuels the necessary research that helps scientists understand how cancer works so we can find ways to stop it,” Arnold says. “That’s our job at Illumination: To give the researchers at Siteman the fuel they need to help more of our families and friends.”
Since 2007, this extraordinary gala has raised nearly $26 million through donor generosity. Gifts support cancer research funds at Siteman, including the Cancer Frontier Fund established by Amy and Bill Koman, that accelerate our ability to bring cancer discoveries to patient care.

“People we know and love are living happy, healthy lives today thanks to the many treatment breakthroughs and the outstanding physicians and researchers at Siteman,” George says. “We are truly making strides in the fight against cancer, and Siteman is leading the way.”

THE FUTURE OF CANCER TREATMENTS

The world is watching Siteman as researchers are finding ways to harness the immune system so our bodies can better fight cancer, while also engaging in innovative research to stop cancer from spreading throughout the body.

According to Dr. Eberlein, cancer presents a unique challenge to physician-researchers because it is not just one disease. For example, lymphoma has many different personalized subtypes, he says, and each one responds differently to treatment.

“That’s why basic science research, in addition to clinical research, is so critical in moving the ball forward,” Dr. Eberlein says.

And ongoing support of cancer research through the Foundation is an essential source of support for physician-researchers.

“It’s important to understand that your support has a domino effect,” Dr. Eberlein says. “Results from these research studies are leveraged to garner even larger support from the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute of Health, the American Cancer Society, and other essential funders to expand and continue our groundbreaking work.”

Siteman has the technology, the scientific minds and the leadership. With gifts to the Illumination Gala, Siteman physicians will reach the next frontier of cancer research sooner.
WATCH NOW: PHYSICIANS AND PATIENTS SHARE THEIR STORIES

A Two-Time Lymphoma Survivor Vows to Live
Leisa Zigman, a mother, former investigative reporter and president of the Genome Partnership, shares how her life was turned upside down by cancer. She has been a fighter throughout her journey and is now a cancer expert in her own right.

See her story: bit.ly/LymphomaSurvivor

Taking Basic Research from the Lab to Patient Care
Two physician-researchers at Siteman Cancer Center, Katherine Fuh, MD, PhD, and Greg Longmore, MD, are working tirelessly to understand how metastasis works and studying the basic science underlying cancer in order to stop its spread.

See their story: bit.ly/BasicCancerResearch

Cancer in Our Community: Decreasing Disparities and Increasing Outreach
With help from dedicated community members, Lannis Hall, MD, MPH, is working to dispel common cancer myths and educate communities on cancer risk and prevention—and ultimately change and save lives.

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AN INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Gives Hope to Heart Patients

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A NOVEL APPROACH TO VT

Many years before that lifesaving meeting, Gary had received an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) that rescued him more than 500 times. He also underwent four attempts to control his VT with invasive catheter ablations, a procedure in which a thin, flexible tube is guided through the femoral vein up to the heart where a tiny electrode tip is used to burn off cells causing the irregular heartbeat.

“I was in and out of the hospital so much, I just kept a bag packed,” says Gary, who is now 58. “I lost confidence in myself. I wouldn’t be left alone with my grandson. I was afraid something would happen to me.”

Then in December 2016, his life completely changed. He was referred to Dr. Cuculich, a Washington University cardiologist who specializes in heart rhythms. Dr. Cuculich told Gary about an ongoing trial of an experimental procedure employing stereotactic radiation, a high-powered beam typically used to blast away cancer cells. However, in this unique use of radiation, the high-energy particle stream is aimed directly at VT patients’ hearts to destroy cells causing the irregular beats.

Because this was a new use of the radiation, the long-term effects on the heart were unknown—but Gary decided it was worth the risk.
Dr. Robinson, a Washington University radiation oncologist at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, recalls quite clearly the day that Dr. Cuculich approached him with the radical idea of hitting the heart with a high-precision radiation stream.

It was exactly what Dr. Robinson had tried to avoid during his career.

“I thought, it sounds amazing, but I also had an instant feeling of heartburn,” says Dr. Robinson, who had just finished writing an article about the risk of toxicity to the heart from radiation exposure. “I remember thinking, are we really going to consider this?”

“Cliff didn’t say no right away,” says Dr. Cuculich. “But it took months of meetings and discussions and learning each other’s language before we felt confident enough to move forward with this idea.”

Move ahead, they did, and today their noninvasive radiotherapy procedure is what many experts believe will be a game changer in the way irregular heartbeats, called arrhythmias, are treated. The results from the first five patients were published in the New England Journal of Medicine in December 2017 and received widespread media coverage.

Drs. Cuculich and Robinson have completed a prospective trial, confirming the short-term safety of the procedure and assessing its ability to stop lethal heart rhythms. As an essential next step, this team is planning a multicenter trial involving centers in the Unites States and across the world. But the size and timing of the trial depends on whether they can attract sufficient financial backing.

“The next necessary step is a big one and that requires funding,” says Dr. Cuculich. “Unfortunately, the process of applying for grants from the federal government is rather slow. We wouldn’t be able to start the trial until 2020 at the earliest. That gap leaves us spinning our wheels.”

**THE FUTURE OF NONINVASIVE RADIOTHERAPY**

Currently, Drs. Cuculich and Robinson are treating VT, a leading cause for sudden cardiac arrest, which kills an estimated 325,000 Americans annually. The team has already begun planning ways to evolve the treatment to target the most common irregular heartbeat, called atrial fibrillation, or Afib. At least 2.7 million Americans are living with atrial fibrillation, and Afib increases the chances for blood clots, stroke, heart failure and other heart-related complications.

The overwhelmingly positive international response to the recent studies by Drs. Cuculich and Robinson demonstrates the concern about the numerous patients in need and a field looking for new advances to such common treatments as catheter ablations that are invasive, require hospitalization with a long recovery period and don’t always work.

For example, there’s a 40 to 70 percent success rate with catheter ablations and the procedure takes four to 10 hours followed by a required two-day stay in the hospital.

In comparison, a noninvasive radiotherapy ablation takes about 10 minutes and patients are able to leave the hospital in less than a half hour.

“It was very short. I was amazed,” says Gary. “I got off the table, got in my vehicle and drove home.”

He said the procedure changed his life. In the more than 30 months since undergoing radiation, Gary is now able to walk more than five miles and has had only one episode of VT.

“It’s like night and day. I would not be living now or wouldn’t have the quality of life,” he says. “I’m not scared of anything anymore. I can play with my grandson now. In fact, I’m leaving now to pick him up from school.”

**Watch Now: Dr. Cuculich and Dr. Robinson discuss noninvasive radiotherapy.**[bit.ly/NoninvasiveRadiosurgery](http://bit.ly/NoninvasiveRadiosurgery)

For more information on how to make a gift to support the research of Drs. Cuculich and Robinson, please contact Mary Hendricks, director of philanthropy, at 314-362-3499 or Mary.Hendricks@bjc.org.
Donors Make a Difference for Students in Need

Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College is filled with incredible, passionate students that inspire the world around them. Becoming a nurse is no easy feat. Between demanding academic schedules and intensive subject matter, Goldfarb students are hard-working and committed to their goals—providing leading-edge compassionate care to patients and their families.

But, life can be unpredictable, and sometimes Goldfarb students face devastating emergency situations that have the potential of disrupting their education. Michael Ward, vice dean for student affairs and diversity, sees firsthand the toll these events can take on students.

“The Emergency Compassion Fund exists to provide financial assistance to nursing students who encounter emergencies or crisis situations that impact their ability to complete their education,” Dr. Ward says. “That’s why the Emergency Compassion Fund is critical to students’ success.”

Support When Crisis Hits

One student in particular, Mariah, knows exactly how vital the Emergency Compassion Fund can be. Mariah and her family have dealt with many events that no one plans for. She lost her home to a fire and dealt with multiple unexpected family deaths, all while pursuing her nursing education.

However, nothing compares to the phone call that Mariah received one November day. “I never expected to hear that my sweet, nine-year-old stepson had been shot in the chest during a hunting accident,” she says. “My whole world was shook. Such an emotional and financial burden on our young family was too much to bear alone.”

Thankfully, the Emergency Compassion Fund was there to help Mariah and her family pay the medical expenses, so she could continue her schooling without the additional financial stress of emergency medical bills. Now, her stepson is expected to make a complete recovery, and Mariah shares that life after nursing school is very promising.

“Your generosity altered our path in a positive direction,” she says. “When we were in need, you extended financial support and for that I will always be thankful.”

The Emergency Compassion Fund helped Mariah, pictured left with her family, continue her education at Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College when a series of unexpected events threatened her dream of becoming a nurse.
Honoring A Compassionate Nurse

Goldfarb’s Emergency Compassion Fund has its roots in one woman’s nursing career and compassion for the patients in her care. Patricia (Pat) Girard’s love for people and caring nature drew her to a career in nursing in the early 1950s.

When Pat was studying to become a nurse, she was doing her clinical training at Barnes Hospital while she attended Washington University School of Nursing. One day, she walked off the elevator and laid eyes on James (Jim) Pape, a seminary student, and it was love at first sight. Pat and Jim went on to marry and have four children, Debbie, Sue, Jay, and Rick.

Throughout her career, Pat was a hard worker and enjoyed learning the science behind everything, but her favorite part of being a nurse was being able to listen to patients’ stories. She believed that everyone had a story and every story mattered.

After Pat and Jim passed, their children wanted to do something to honor their memory. Debbie Fraser, Pat and Jim’s oldest daughter, reached out to The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital to discuss the best way to remember her parents’ legacy. When she heard about students who, like Mariah, were struggling to attend school due to unexpected life events, she knew that was exactly how her parents would want to help.

In memory of her parents, Debbie and her siblings created the Goldfarb School of Nursing Emergency Compassion Fund to assist students who face unexpected situations that affect their ability to complete their education. This fund not only helps students in need, but honors Jim and Pat’s heart for helping others.

Goldfarb students couldn’t be more grateful.

Mariah, now employed as a staff nurse on a medical-surgical unit at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, is using her experience to better care for patients with heart wrenching stories of their own.

“I didn’t realize that the things that would ultimately prepare me to care for my patients would never make it onto my résumé,” she says. “Things like love and loss, having the world turned upside down but putting your scrubs on anyway, and witnessing the warmth of human care and compassion that comes from generous donors like you.”

To support the Emergency Compassion Fund, please use the enclosed envelope, call 314-286-0600, or make a gift online at www.FoundationBarnesJewish.org.
When Rich Merli was diagnosed with urethral cancer, his family knew his journey wouldn’t be easy. The location of his cancer was complicated, and Rich had to have dilation treatments, chemotherapy and, eventually, extensive surgery. As his disease progressed, it became clear that Rich was nearing the end of his life.

But, as Rich’s health declined, it was increasingly difficult for Wilma to keep up with his needs.

The family decided that Evelyn’s House, a service offered by BJC Hospice, would offer Rich the specialized 24-hour hospice care he needed. He would spend his final days in a peaceful home-like setting designed specifically for end-of-life care, surrounded by his family.

Evelyn’s House Brings the Family Together

From the first moment Dot and her family arrived at Evelyn’s House, they knew their dad was in the right place.

“IT was amazing,” she says. “They not only took care of dad, they took care of our whole family. They told us their only goal was to make sure dad was comfortable, pain free, and taken care of.”

Rich’s children were continuously impressed by their experience at Evelyn’s House, and they appreciated the opportunity to stay right by their dad’s side.

“As sad as the time was, being able to be together as a family was a really good bonding experience. We talked and laughed a lot,” Dot says.

Remembering Rich: A Hospice Patient Gives Back

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Rich and his family stayed at Evelyn’s House for 11 days. They experienced the healing benefits of working with the music and art therapists and participated in activities such as painting rocks with memories of Rich.

“Evelyn’s House gave us the opportunity to grieve. We knew dad wasn’t suffering and we were able to cherish that time together,” Dot says.

Through it all, they felt very connected with everyone at Evelyn’s House.

**Honoring Their Father’s Memory**

One overcast day, Dot was sitting with her father looking out the window and talking. They both believed the care at Evelyn’s House was fabulous and every single detail was thought of in the design. They appreciated how the rooms opened to the outdoors so patients could easily enjoy the garden and fresh air. Rich loved the outdoors and bird watching—he was constantly buying new feeders and seed—so this was just one more way Evelyn’s House felt like home to him.

“We so appreciated our experience and we were thinking about what we could do to thank these people,” Dot says. “Nothing seemed like enough.”

Then, as they were looking out the window, it came to them. “We need to get them birdfeeders!”

Dot and her family decided to donate hummingbird feeders to attract the tiny entertaining birds, one of Rich’s favorite types, for future patients to see when they look out their windows.

When Dot found a hummingbird feeder in the shape of a butterfly, she knew it was meant to be. Butterflies were everywhere at Evelyn’s House—even the logo has a butterfly—so it was the perfect symbol. The family decided every room needed to have its own bird feeder, so friends and family came together to raise the funds and buy sixteen beautiful feeders.

The hummingbird feeders became a special way to honor Rich’s memory and show the family’s gratitude to Evelyn’s House. Thanks to their generosity, more patients and families will enjoy the beautiful scenes of hummingbirds flitting by their windows as they enjoy precious time with their loved ones.

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Although the survival rate for lung transplant patients has improved over the last 25 years, these patients still suffer a significantly higher rate of organ failure and death compared with those who have received heart, kidney and liver transplants.

In fact, five years after lung transplantation, only about half of the transplanted lungs are still functioning, according to the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. This compares with five-year survival rates of about 70 to 80 percent for other donated organs.

Thankfully, patients at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine benefit from the leading-edge research of Daniel Kreisel, MD, PhD, surgical director of the lung transplant program, and his colleagues who together form one of the highest performing transplant teams in the country.

To recognize his contributions to the field of lung transplantation and support his research efforts, Dr. Kreisel was recently named the inaugural G. Alexander Patterson, MD / Mid-America Transplant Endowed Distinguished Chair in Lung Transplantation.

The G. Alexander Patterson, MD / Mid-America Transplant Endowed Distinguished Chair in Lung Transplantation was created through a unique collaboration between The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Mid-America Transplant and Washington University School of Medicine. It was made possible by an initiating gift from Mid-America Transplant and marks the first time an organ procurement organization (OPO) has established a research chair. The gift, which was made to the Foundation, was matched by the Department of Surgery and the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine.

Endowed chairs, among the highest of honors bestowed upon clinical scientists, give outstanding researchers and clinicians the ability to pursue groundbreaking work that helps them develop better treatments and technology. This is the Foundation’s first distinguished chair, a title that signifies greater funding and preeminence in a field of study.

With support from this chair, Dr. Kreisel is conducting research to understand why lung transplants fail—and giving hope to lung transplant patients across the world.

Understanding Lung Transplant Rejection

Dr. Kreisel was honored with the endowed distinguished chair because of his decades of innovative research in transplantation and technological developments in organ preservation and transplant surgery, as well as his compassion in treating patients and caring for their families. He has helped grow the lung transplant program at Barnes-Jewish by increasing the number of transplantations and advancing research in the field. The endowed distinguished chair will ensure he has the resources to continue his work.

First-Ever Endowed Distinguished Chair

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"The chair adds substantial flexibility to our ability to explore innovative ideas," Dr. Kreisel says. "It supports our research efforts when funding is tight and helps us generate preliminary data necessary to apply for federal grants."

In addition to Dr. Kreisel’s studies into the causes of lung transplant failure, his other research areas include developing immunosuppressive drug therapies to enhance and extend patients’ lifespans and overall quality of life.

A Quintessential Surgeon

Over the years, Dr. Kreisel has established a reputation as one of the country’s top lung surgeons and scientists in the field of lung transplantation. He has worked to increase the number of transplantations and advance research into rejection issues and use of marginal organs.

Tim Eberlein, MD, director of Siteman Cancer Center and chairman of the Department of Surgery, describes Dr. Kreisel as a gifted researcher.

“If anyone is going to figure out the immunology for chronic rejection, it’s going to be Dan Kreisel,” Dr. Eberlein says.

Graduating from New York’s Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1995, Dr. Kreisel trained in general surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and completed his residency in 2003. He earned a PhD in 2002 from the University of Pennsylvania and completed his training in cardiothoracic surgery at Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish.

In 2014, he was named the surgical director of the lung transplant program at Barnes-Jewish and Washington University School of Medicine. In 2017, he was asked to serve as the scientific director of the Transplant Center.

Related to his research into the causes of lung transplant failure, Dr. Kreisel recently co-authored a study published in The Journal of Clinical Investigation uncovering the precise inflammatory cells that flow into and harm the lung soon after transplant. The resulting dysfunction is the leading cause of early death after lung transplantation and contributes to organ rejection that can lead to death months or years later.

During his installation, Dr. Kreisel said he was extremely honored to hold a chair named after his mentor, Dr. Alec Patterson.

“You supported me and my academic career in every imaginable way, every step of the way,” Dr. Kreisel said. “Clearly I would not be standing here today without Alec’s mentorship.”

To read about transplant coordinator, Masina Scavuzzo, turn to the next page.
Behind a transplant surgeon like Daniel Kreisel, MD, PhD, is a dedicated interdisciplinary team of doctors, nurses and coordinators to care for the complex needs of transplant patients.

As most transplant patients will tell you, the transplant coordinator—a nurse dedicated to coordinating every facet of the transplant process—is a crucial member of the team. And Masina Scavuzzo, RN, BSN CCTC, is a name that stands out among the people she’s cared for over the last 30 years.

When patients have chronic lung disease and respiratory failure due to conditions such as cystic fibrosis, pulmonary fibrosis, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Masina is the personal resource who ensures they receive the care they need when they need it.

“Making a difference to my patients and seeing them get a second chance at life, while supporting the lung transplant team in all of our endeavors, keeps me going and fuels my passion for lung transplantation,” she says.
Becoming A Nurse Coordinator

Masina got her start in Toronto more than 30 years ago as a nurse working in the intensive care unit, where she often encountered lung transplant patients postoperatively. She knew that transplant coordinators who care for this population require a lot of compassion and patience. After all, these professionals must deal with the emotional strains of helping patients get healthy enough to be listed for an organ transplant, coaching them through long waits, and supporting them as they face discouraging statistics.

When a transplant coordinator position opened up, she knew she’d be a fit. She applied and got the job—and the rest is history.

“Back in 1988 when I took this position in Toronto, I would not have thought that I would still be doing this 30 years later,” says Masina. “But I feel like I’ve made a difference with this population of patients, and I enjoy working with them through the good and the bad.”

Helping Patients Every Step of the Way

Masina is one of 11 transplant coordinators at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. As a pre-transplant coordinator, she assists patients from the time of referral until they receive a transplant. She helps patients through the transplant process during their illness and encourages ongoing participation in pulmonary rehab. She also arranges testing to update patients’ lung allocation score (LAS)—a system to assign priority for transplantation—in the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) waiting list.

“All of these patients have lost lung function, and many need oxygen around the clock,” Masina says. “Over time, it becomes more difficult to sustain life and maintain oxygenation. So, it is important to evaluate these patients regularly. They need to be sick enough to need a transplant but not so sick and weak that the chances of a successful outcome could be in jeopardy.”

But the care she provides goes beyond physical health; part of Masina’s job is to keep patients motivated even when they feel like giving up. “The patients have a hard time with the wait,” she says. “Some get very anxious every time the phone rings. If they see others being transplanted and they are still waiting, they feel discouraged. You just give encouragement and try to get them refocused on the big picture. I treat my patients like I would want my own family members treated.”

Bringing the Transplant Program to New Frontiers

While in Toronto, Masina worked closely with G. Alexander Patterson, MD, the namesake of Dr. Kreisel’s endowed distinguished chair (see p. 10), and valued mentor to many in the field. Both Masina and Dr. Patterson eventually ended up at Barnes-Jewish and Washington University School of Medicine, where they now are integral parts of one of the highest volume lung transplant centers in the country.

She enjoys being a mentor to young physicians and staying involved in the larger transplant field, something she learned from Dr. Patterson early on. “It’s important to stay involved and step out of your comfort zone at times to remain engaged and energized. That was a quality that Dr. Patterson encouraged in me as a new coordinator. It feels good when you help to sculpt the career of some of these surgeons and pulmonary physicians. I remain friends with many of them to this day.”

One of these physicians was Dr. Kreisel, the inaugural recipient of G. Alexander Patterson, MD / Mid-America Transplant Endowed Distinguished Chair in Lung Transplantation. Masina started working with Dr. Kreisel when he trained as a fellow in cardiothoracic surgery at Barnes-Jewish.

“He is a great catch for the lung transplant program because he is a great basic science researcher.” This research, she says, is essential to keeping the transplant center at the forefront of the field. “His passion for lung transplantation, his ongoing research to try to improve outcomes, and his efforts to utilize as many donor lungs as possible,” makes him integral to the team, she says.

She continues: “All of this research is paying off and contributing to expanding the donor pool so we can transplant more people. There are more patients in need than organs available, so we have to be careful stewards of donor organs.”

To make a gift in support of lung transplantation, please contact Corey Pashea at 314-286-0604 or Corey.Pashea@bjc.org.
Endowed Chairholders
Transform Health Care for Generations

Physician-researchers at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine lead groundbreaking studies to develop better standards of care and better outcomes for patients around the world. Charitable gifts often play an integral part of making this research possible. Donors to The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital give to support innovation and discovery in a variety of ways. One of the most important and prestigious vehicles for philanthropy to impact discovery is the creation or support of an endowed chair.

Endowed chairs give physician- and nurse-researchers funding to investigate novel ideas and advance approaches that make discoveries with the potential to revolutionize patient care. Physicians hold this prestigious title until they retire or leave Barnes-Jewish and Washington University.

IRA KODNER, MD, Emeritus professor of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine and board member of The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, held the Solon and Bettie Gershman Endowed Chair in Colon and Rectal Surgery from 1998 to 2016. In 2017, after his retirement, Dr. Kodner helped welcome Matthew Mutch, MD, as the next chairholder. He still appreciates the important impact the chair had on his career—and the institution as a whole.

Dr. Kodner says funding from his endowed chair allowed him to pursue his clinical interests and passion: ethical challenges encountered by surgeons and trainees. He was able to continue his surgical practice while seeking training in clinical medical ethics.

"With this additional training, I was able to create a program in surgical ethics education within the Department of Surgery and to place us in a national leadership position in this severely needed area," he says. "It is difficult to describe the confidence provided by knowing that I had such generous community support to allow me to go forward and take on the challenges created by innovating new programs in ethics and palliative care."

These chairs are made possible through the generosity of philanthropic families whose extraordinary investments make a difference for patients every day. Thank you for making groundbreaking research and exceptional patient care possible.

Dr. Matthew Mutch, left, and Dr. Ira Kodner, right, received critical research funding from the Solon and Bettie Gershman Endowed Chair in Colon and Rectal Surgery, made possible by donor Bettie Gershman (center).
ANDREW E. GELMAN, PHD
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As director of the lung immunobiology lab at Washington University School of Medicine, Dr. Gelman’s work is leading the way to better understanding the role of the immune system in rejection following lung transplantation by building models, testing scenario responses and designing optimal therapies for patients.

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At Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, Dr. Ridenour engages in strategic partnerships and collaboration to ensure that nursing students are equipped to address the complex health care needs of the future.

DANIEL KREISEL, MD, PHD
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In a unique collaboration, Mid-America Transplant, Washington University School of Medicine and The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital have joined together to create a new endowed distinguished chair focused on lung transplantation. As chairholder, Dr. Kreisel is researching the causes of lung transplant rejection through modeling and imaging techniques.

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