Friends and Family Honor the Legacy of Dr. Charles M. Schwartz

Charles “Chuck” M. Schwartz, MD, was a distinguished orthopaedic surgeon and a national leader in the field of total joint replacement surgery. Colleagues at Loyola University Health System (Loyola) as well as his many students and patients respected Dr. Schwartz as a skilled surgeon, gifted teacher and member of the Loyola family. He is fondly remembered as an effective communicator and caregiver who earned the confidence and trust of his patients.

“Dr. Schwartz's patients adored him,” said Mary Lutes, RN, clinical coordinator, of the Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Center for Musculoskeletal Care. “Chuck always was the patient’s advocate. He was determined to ensure that every patient received the best possible care,” said Terry R. Light, MD, Dr. William M. Scholl Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, and chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation.

“Chuck’s patients were his top priority; he did not tolerate incompetence from residents or nurses,” said his brother, Marc Schwartz. “Outside of work, he would do anything for you. He was a really unique guy and very loved.”

Dr. Schwartz received his medical degree from the Chicago Medical School at the University of Health Science in North Chicago, and completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Loyola University Medical Center (LUMC). He also completed a trauma fellowship in Toronto and a total joint fellowship at Harvard University in Boston. He joined the LUMC full-time faculty in 1980 and steadily built his practice in orthopaedic and total joint replacement surgeries with the help of many enthusiastic referrals from colleagues and satisfied patients. He was promoted to associate professor in 1984. He also served as chief of the orthopaedic section of the Department of Surgery at Edward Hines Jr. Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital. Dr. Schwartz went into private practice in 1993 but continued to bring his most difficult cases back to Loyola.

Following Dr. Schwartz’s unexpected passing at the age of 47, family and friends founded The Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Memorial Foundation to honor his legacy.

In 1997, the foundation made a $300,000 pledge to Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch) to establish:

- The Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Annual Lectureship: Conducted by a leading orthopaedic doctor or academician specializing in joint replacement surgery, the lecture promotes research and education in the field of total joint replacement.
- The Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Traveling Fellowship: This fellowship provides an annual stipend that enables an orthopaedic fellow to travel to other medical institutions and collaborate with internationally renowned surgeons.
- The Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Medical Student Scholarship: This annual scholarship is granted to a medical student(s) based on financial need.

In 2001, the foundation pledged an additional $100,000, with $75,000 designated to the Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Medical Student Scholarship and $25,000 to support the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation's research efforts in the area of total joint replacement.

In 2003, Jack Schwartz chose to establish a more significant and visible memorial to his son. Using appreciated securities worth more than $500,000, he established a charitable remainder annuity trust to benefit the medical center. To recognize this contribution, Loyola named the Musculoskeletal Care Center in his son's honor.

On Dec. 15, 2003, family, former colleagues and friends gathered to witness the dedication of the Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Center for Musculoskeletal Care at the Loyola Outpatient Center. “My dad really wanted to create something long-lasting that would honor Chuck's memory for generations to come,” said Marc Schwartz. “Our family is pleased to have the opportunity to create something meaningful out of this tragedy.”
Annual Leadership Society Dinner Celebrates Loyola’s Partners in Progress

The Leadership Society of Loyola University Health System (Loyola) and Stritch School of Medicine held its annual dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago on Sept. 12. Hosted by Anthony L. Barbato, MD, president and chief executive officer, Loyola University Health System, the special event was attended by more than 300 Loyola alumni, physicians, staff and friends.

The annual dinner is an opportunity to honor the donors whose generous philanthropic support helped support Loyola’s programs in scholarships, medical education, patient care and research.

During the past fiscal year, Leadership Society members donated more than $8 million.

A short video presentation highlighted several initiatives including:

- The Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Center for Musculoskeletal Care, established by Dr. Schwartz’s family to commemorate his legacy.
- The stereotactic radiosurgery and radiotherapy lab, which allows Loyola physicians to treat brain tumors with pinpoint accuracy, dramatically reducing the risk of damaging healthy brain tissue. The combined gifts of several donors enabled the purchase of this sophisticated technology.
- The purchase of a state-of-the-art stereotactic system for the body greatly expands the capabilities by facilitating the effective treatment of areas other than just the brain. A grateful couple, who wish to remain anonymous, recently donated the funds as an appreciation for the outstanding care they received at Loyola over the years. Leadership Society Chair Bill Kurtis, who was unable to attend the event, said: “I wish to add my sincere gratitude for the support of our donors. Our continued partnership with these thoughtful individuals is essential to the growth and advancement of Loyola.”

Loyola Recognized Nationally for Excellence in Patient Care

America's Best Hospitals
Seven of Loyola University Health System’s (Loyola) programs ranked among the nation’s best as reported in U.S. News & World Report’s annual America’s Best Hospitals issue. Loyola programs in heart and heart surgery and in ear, nose and throat were each ranked best in Illinois.

Loyola’s heart and heart surgery program has claimed the state’s top spot for the third consecutive year. The Loyola ear, nose and throat program was honored for a second straight year.

Loyola also achieved a place among the top 50 hospitals in the nation in five other specialties including cancer (45), gериatrics (42), hormonal disorders (32), gynecology (44) and urology (47). The rankings are based on a rigorous review of more than 6,000 hospitals nationwide; fewer than one in 30 were ranked in even a single specialty this year. For consideration in a specialty, a hospital had to have performed a significant number of defined procedures in the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, or it had to have been recommended by at least one physician in U.S. News surveys in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

“100 Most Wired Hospitals”
Loyola University Health System (Loyola) has once again achieved recognition as one of the “100 Most Wired Hospitals” as designated by Hospitals & Health Networks, the journal of the American Hospital Association. Loyola is one of nine Illinois hospitals named to this year’s list. It is the hospital’s fourth consecutive year as a recipient of this prominent honor.

As a major component of its efforts to improve patient care, safety and quality outcomes, Loyola began the three-year implementation of Epic in June 2004. Epic is a fully interactive medical record system that will link all patient service areas throughout the health system. The new system will offer patients and physicians many benefits such as improved access to information. Loyola physicians and caregivers will be able to quickly obtain important information about patients’ care including test results and communication with other physicians.

“We are truly pleased to be recognized among other prestigious hospitals utilizing state-of-the-art technology,” said Anthony L. Barbato, MD, president and chief executive officer, Loyola University Health System. “Loyola is committed to providing the tools needed to deliver exceptional patient care. Advanced technology is an important component to improve quality, safety and the overall patient experience.”

Hospitals & Health Networks conducted the Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study, partnering with Accenture, College of Healthcare Information Management Executives and IDX Systems Corp., to poll hospitals and health systems on their use of information technology (IT) to address operational and strategic challenges. This year’s survey measured areas of safety and quality, customer service, business processes, workforce and public health and safety.

The institutions on the list use a wider array of IT tools to address quality and safety including computerized physician order entry, bedside electronic medication matching, automated alerts and reminders, physician portals and electronic patient surveillance.

According to an outcomes analysis conducted for the magazine by Solucient, the 100 Most Wired hospitals have, on average, risk-adjusted mortality rates that are 7.2 percent lower than other hospitals, even after controlling for the size of the hospital and teaching status.
Stritch Alumnus Donates More Than $2 Million

For Walter E. Neiswanger, MD, a 1952 graduate of Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch), retirement has not been a time to slow down. A noted pathologist and philanthropist, he continues to donate his time and personal resources to his alma mater and many organizations in his local community.

Dr. Neiswanger’s strong work ethic developed at an early age. After graduating from Davenport High School, Iowa, Dr. Neiswanger worked for a year in order to save money for college. Following his freshman year at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, he was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve during World War II. The basic medical training he received in the army convinced him to switch from a major in chemistry to pre-medicine. Dr. Neiswanger completed his medical education at Stritch with the help of the G.I. Bill. He noted that, while he chose Stritch over St. Louis University because of the ease of the commute, this fortuitous decision later transformed the course of his life.

Following an internship at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, a residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and a fellowship at the College of American Pathologists in Northfield, Ill., he returned to his native Davenport to establish his career, where he served as a pathologist for the Quad-Cities Pathologists Group and as a laboratory director for the Franciscan Medical Center and the Metropolitan Medical Laboratory.

The importance of sharing with others was deeply ingrained in Dr. Neiswanger by his parents, Walter B. and Katherine. Dr. Neiswanger incorporated this philosophy throughout his professional and personal activities. In 1965, he established a scholarship at Davenport High School for students interested in a career in medicine. More than 30 students have benefited from this support. In 1993, he established a charitable remainder unitrust in the amount of $1 million to endow four scholarships at Stritch. The Neiswanger Scholarship Series are annual awards, based on merit, which fund four medical students for a full year. This gift also endowed a distinguished visiting professorship in honor of his brother, Francis, and the Walter E. Neiswanger Academic Fellowship. In 2000, Dr. Neiswanger furthered his commitment by donating $1.1 million to create the Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics & Health Policy at Stritch. The institute is dedicated to research, education and service in bioethics and health policy. It serves Stritch faculty and students, Loyola University Health System (Loyola) caregivers and patients and professionals from the regional community.

In five short years, the program has rapidly become a national voice on health policy, and advocates for medically underserved populations.

“We are very grateful for Dr. Neiswanger’s valuable contributions to medicine and medical education,” said Mark Kuczewski, PhD, director of the Neiswanger Institute. “His generosity provides many of the resources that have helped make Stritch an educational leader among medical schools. He has helped enable our medical students to develop the conceptual and analytic skills they need to implement the Jesuit Catholic vision of respect for humanity and justice in health care.”

In 1996, he was honored with the prestigious Stritch Medal of Honor, an award that is presented annually to a distinguished Stritch alumnus or faculty member. Dr. Neiswanger currently serves on an Advisory Council for Stritch and Loyola. He is a lifetime member of the President’s Club, a recognition society for long-time donors of Loyola University Chicago. “It is a privilege to contribute to Stritch,” said Dr. Neiswanger. “From the time I was a medical student, Stritch always has been a place that teaches the values that make great clinicians who demonstrate the care and concern that create public trust in the medical profession. It is exciting to be a part of the school’s current innovations in the ethical and social aspects of medicine.”

Swimmers Dive Into Lake Michigan to Support Cancer Research

On July 23, more than 200 swimmers and supporters gathered at the Ohio Street Beach in Chicago for Swim Across America Chicago’s (SAA Chicago) 12th Annual Lake Michigan Relay Swim to support the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center (CBCC) at Loyola University Health System (Loyola). The event raised $87,000 this year for the center.

“The generosity of supporters of Swim Across America Chicago enables Loyola to develop and advance innovative cancer research and treatment programs,” said Patrick J. Stiff, MD, director, CBCC. “This decade-long partnership has played a vital role in strengthening our cancer program to the level it is today.”

The Lake Michigan relay swim is a six-mile relay on a one-mile loop course or a three-mile relay on a half-mile loop course. To participate in the event, each team, consisting of as many as six swimmers, raises a minimum of $1,800. SAA Chicago has been fortunate to have the support of many past and current U.S. Olympic swimmers and swimming legends. Present this year were Adolph Kiefer, 1936 Olympic Gold Medalist and John Kinsella, 1968 Olympic Silver Medalist and 1972 Olympic Gold Medalist. This event is part of SAA’s national efforts to raise money and awareness for cancer initiatives through swim-related fund-raisers. SAA was founded in 1987 by Jeff Keith, a triathlete, who lost his leg to cancer at the age of 12, and his friend, Matt Vosler. Shortly after graduating from college, the childhood friends completed an eight-month-long run in 1985 that spanned from Boston to Los Angeles. Their effort raised more than $1 million for cancer research. Two years later, they brought their cause closer to home and transitioned from running to swimming. SAA has raised more than $10 million through open-water swim events in Chicago, Boston and New York.

“The entire organization is proud to support one of the nation’s premier cancer programs,” said Gale Vineyard, SAA Chicago. “The Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center’s efforts are aligned with our mission to discover ground-breaking treatments, and a possible cure, for cancer.”

The Chicago event has raised approximately $300,000 since 1993 to support cancer prevention, research and treatment programs at Loyola.

Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center
The 125,000 square-foot Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center provides multidisciplinary cancer care to more than 70,000 patients annually. Within its unique multidisciplinary setting, patients meet with a team of cancer experts that may include surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, radiologists, pathologists and plastic surgeons.

The CBCC was the first free-standing facility in Illinois dedicated to cancer research, diagnosis, treatment and prevention. With researchers and clinicians in one location, the center promotes an open exchange of ideas and collaboration to transform what is learned through research into more effective treatment methods.

Philanthropic support of the cancer center is vital to giving our patient’s the best treatment possible. To find out how you can support the CBCC, please contact Barbra Luce-Turner, senior director, Major Gifts, at (708) 216-1051.
Stritch League Focuses on Community Service

Young men and women, mostly high school seniors, committed to serving their communities comprise the Stritch Junior Service League (SJSL). During the summer of 2005, these students volunteered at settings as diverse as a soup kitchen, a camp for asthmatic children, and a residential and vocational facility for developmentally disabled children and adults. Loyola University Health System proudly profiles these 42 students.

Nora O’Connor Angelo attends Hinsdale Central High School. Her hobbies include watching movies and listening to music. Nora’s father, J. Kimberly, is an independent commodities trader. Her mother, Mary, is a doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago. He is the fourth member of his family to participate in SJSL.

Tierney O’Connor Brennan attends Fenwick High School in Oak Park. Her hobbies include Irish dancing and playing lacrosse. She is interested in becoming a nurse. Her father, David, is a trader for the Chicago Board of Trade, and her mother, Joan, is a school psychologist at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School.

Brian Thomas Brunis attends Hinsdale Central High School. He hopes to own a restaurant one day. He enjoys skiing, billiards, classic rock music and cooking. His father, Thomas, is divisional manager at John Hancock, and his mother, Terri, is a homemaker.

Sarah Ryan Buddig attends Hinsdale Central High School. She plans to study law or medicine. She enjoys traveling. Her father, Robert, is co-chief executive officer of Carl Buddig & Co. Her mother, Mary, is a homemaker who earned a law degree from Loyola University Chicago and participated in SJSL in 1977.

Elizabeth Carey Burke attends Loyola Academy in Wilmette. Her hobbies include swimming and art. Her father, William, is an account manager for The Weather Channel. Her mother, Colleen, is a homemaker and community volunteer. Her aunt, Joan McKenna Dowdle, was a SJSL member in 1982. Her grandfather, James C. Dowdle, is a Loyola University Health System Board member and received the Sword of Loyola in 2001.

Colin McLaughlin Cimala attends Hinsdale Central High School. He enjoys skiing and snowboarding. Colin’s father, Robert, is president of Legacy Home Builders, Inc., and his mother, Ellen, is a partner at Seyfarth Shaw, LLP.

Matt Paul Devitt attends St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. He plans to play soccer while studying philosophy and history in college. His father, Paul, is chief financial officer and general counsel at Quiet Light Securities and earned his law degree at Loyola University Chicago. His mother, Mara, is a self-employed consultant.

Kelly Rose Diamond attends Mt. Assisi Academy in Lemont. She hopes to go on a medical mission with her father, Peter, a cardiologist at West Suburban Cardiologists and graduate of Stritch. Her mother, Jenne, is a homemaker and was a SJSL member in 1979. Her late grandfather, John G. Masterson, MD, served as dean of Stritch and chair of obstetrics and gynecology.

John Thomas Doyle III attends Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park. His hobbies include music and traveling. Doyle’s father, John, is an attorney for the Doyle Law Group, LLC, and a graduate of Loyola University Chicago. His mother, Julie, is a homemaker.

Martin Daniel Duggan attends Fenwick High School in Oak Park and is an avid reader and community volunteer. He hopes to become a published author. His father, Martin, is a self-employed bond option trader and market maker, and his mother, Elizabeth, is a homemaker.

Christine Marie Esög attends St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. She plans to pursue a career in business administration. Christine’s father, Mark, is a chief executive officer at Bionar Products and a graduate of Loyola University Chicago. Her mother, Debbie, is a Jogues Elementary School teacher at St. Isaac Jogues.

Bridget McMahon Fitzgerald attends Fenwick High School in Oak Park. She hopes to become an athletic trainer. Her hobbies include running, golf and shopping. Her father, Donald, is a commodities trader at the Chicago Board of Trade, and her mother, Patricia, is a homemaker.

Rebecca Carey Foy attends Hinsdale Central High School. She is vice president of the class of 2006 and sports editor for the yearbook. She also is a member of the Soccer Club. Her father, Bryan, is a cardiovascular surgeon for Cardiac Surgical Associates and a Stritch graduate. Her mother, Colleen, is a registered nurse at Salt Creek Surgery.

Katlyn Kelle Frymire attends Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park. She is considering studying apparel design in college. She enjoys singing, acting, cooking, reading and clothing design. Her father, Jack, is a commodities trader for the Iowa Grain Co., and her mother, Kelle, is a homemaker.

Margaret Salley Gilliam attends Hinsdale Central High School. She is one of the copy editors of the yearbook, a member of the Ambassador’s Club and a cheerleader. Her father, James, is manager of projects for Valdes Engineering Co., and her mother, Cookie, is president of Alleghany Consulting.

William James Goss attends Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park. He plans to major in biomedical engineering in college. His father, Bill, is a primary care physician who has his own practice and is a graduate of Stritch. His mother, Kathy, earned a nursing degree from Loyola’s school of nursing and is now an attorney with her own practice.

Gregory Joseph Hart attends Fenwick High School in Oak Park. He is a member of the golf and track and field teams. His father, Richard, is an attorney for Handler, Thayer and Duggan, and his mother, Margaret, is a homemaker. Gregory’s grandfather, Joseph P. McKay, was a Stritch Medal recipient in 1983.
Aaron Lawson Hecht attends St. Ignatius College Prep. He enjoys swimming and playing water polo. Aaron's father, David, is a professor of medicine and microbiology at Stritch and chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases. His mother, Gail, is a professor of medicine at the University of Illinois and chief of digestive diseases and nutrition. Both parents are Stritch graduates.

Patrick Harless Hendrickson attends Benet Academy in Lisle. His hobbies include golf and piano. He plans to study business or filmmaking in college. Patrick's father, John, is a Capitol partner at McDermott, Will and Emery, and his mother, Lisa, is a homemaker and volunteer.

Madeleine Ray Hines attends Hinsdale Central High School. She enjoys cross-country and track. Madeleine's father, Jere, is a cardiologist at West Suburban Cardiology. Her mother, Mary, K., is a lawyer with Perkins Coie, LLP, and a graduate of Loyola University Chicago.

Carolyn Kelly Howe attends Hinsdale Central High School. She is president of the Inclusion Students Activity Team, a club focused on providing all students with opportunities to take part in a variety of social and extracurricular activities. Carolyn's father, Ray, is a general superintendent at Walsh Construction, and her mother, Pat, is the Illinois Area Performance coordinator for the Trinity Irish Dancers and Modern Gaelic Productions.

Amy Ann Jellish attends Lyons Township High School in the Illinois High School Association tennis tournament. Amy's father, Scott, is chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at Stritch and a graduate of Loyola University Chicago Graduate School. Her mother, Michelle, is a homemaker.

Suzanne Reynolds Joyce attends Loyola Academy in Wilmette. She plans to study English literature in college. Suzanne's hobbies include tennis, paddle tennis, water sports and leading school retreats. Joyce's father, John, is a vice president for Pepsi Co., and her mother is the late Clare Joyce.

Julie Elizabeth Kallas attends Hinsdale Central High School and enjoys playing on the lacrosse team. She is the features section editor for the school yearbook. Julie's father, Jerald, is a stockbroker for E-Trade, and her mother, Pamela, is a homemaker.

Matthew John Kennedy attends Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park. He belongs to the Quill & Scroll Honor Society and writes for the school newspaper. Matthew's father, James, is a dentist and a graduate of Loyola University Chicago. His mother, Elaine Adams, a Stritch graduate, is the director of the Division of Allergy/Immunology/Rheumatology, Department of Medicine, Stritch.

Connor Joseph LaVallie attends Downers Grove North High School. He earned varsity letters in football and basketball, and played on the state championship football team. His father, Arthur (AJ), is a certified financial planner and principal at Advisors Group of Chicago, and his mother, Erin, owns Bead Heaven in Downers Grove.

Molly Anne Mullaney attends St. Ignatius College Prep. Her hobbies include skiing, running and reading. Her father, Ryan, is managing director at RBS Greenwich Capital, and her mother, Susie, is a homemaker.

Mary Kathleen Nash attends Hinsdale Central High School. Her hobbies include Pilates and babysitting. Mary's father, Donald, is assistant professor of surgery at Rush Medical College and a general surgeon at Rush Oak Park Hospital. Her mother, Eileen, is a clinical specialist.

Gracie Marie Reilly attends Fenwick High School in Oak Park. Her hobbies include reading and volunteering for political campaigns. Her father, John, is a partner at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw and earned his law degree from Loyola University Chicago. Her mother, Denise, is a homemaker who earned a master's degree from Loyola University Chicago.

Grace Marie Reilly attends St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. She plans to study advertising in college. Grace's father, Mark, is a partner at 3C Consulting Compensation Consortium. Her mother, Jeanne, is a broker associate for Smothers Realty Group. Her great uncle is Fr. John Reilly, SJ, assistant vice president for special projects at Loyola University Chicago and director of the Stritch Annual Award Dinner.

Charles Jacob Ward Ryan attends Hinsdale Central High School. He would like to earn a college degree in business. His hobbies include golf, travel and spending time with family and friends. His father, Bill, is owner of the Roslin Group, and his mother, Stacy, is a homemaker.

Colleen Keegan Ryan attends Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park. She was captain of the soccer, tennis and basketball teams and was named Defensive MVP in soccer and MVP in basketball. She enjoys wakeboarding. Her mother, Mary Beth, is a homemaker, and her father is the late Stephen Ryan.

Katie Lee Stetc attends Regina Dominican High School in Wilmette. Her hobbies include dancing and singing. Katie's father, Leo, is the president and chief executive officer of Leo Stetc, Saturn, which includes Saturn of Glenview and Saturn of Chicago.

Kimberly Abigail Streiff attends St. Ignatius College Prep. She enjoys playing lacrosse and plans to study biological sciences in college. Kimberly's father, William, is an attorney and partner at Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, and her mother, Kathy, is a homemaker.

Michael Blair Swanson attends Hinsdale Central High School. He enjoys playing intramural basketball. Michael's father, Steve, is a commercial real estate broker for Staubach Retail Services, and his mother, Barb, is a realtor for County Line Properties.

Sarah Arends Swanson attends Hinsdale Central High School. She is a cheerleader, a yearbook photographer, and a member of the Student Council and Varsity Club. Her father, Steve, is a commercial real estate broker for Staubach Retail Services, and her mother, Barb, is a realtor for County Line Properties.

Chaidan Hunt Upp is a 2005 graduate of Hinsdale Central High School. This fall, she began college at DePauw University in Indiana. Her father, Scott, is chief executive officer of Upp Business Systems, Inc., and her mother, Debbie, is a homemaker.

Charles Jacob Ward Ryan attends Hinsdale Central High School. He would like to earn a college degree in business. His hobbies include golf, travel and spending time with family and friends. His father, Bill, is owner of the Roslin Group, and his mother, Madonna, is a homemaker.
Before he left his father’s practice, Dr. Gunnar spent one year studying cardiac catheterization at the Boston Children’s Medical Center. “As a Gunnar Scholar, I learned a lot about medicine from mine. He was an incredible physician and mentor who inspired me to pursue medicine. He was very encouraging and supportive when, after working together for 10 years, I chose to leave his practice to take a leadership position at Cook County Hospital.”

During the time he was practicing medicine with his father, Dr. Gunnar spent one year studying cardiac catheterization at the Boston Children’s Medical Center and the New England Deaconess Medical Center. Before he left his father’s practice, Dr. Gunnar helped John Tobin, MD, establish a cardiology program at Cook County Hospital. Dr. Tobin later began practicing at Loyola and recruited Dr. Gunnar to join him.

He has received numerous recognitions for his contributions to cardiology from organizations such as the American College of Physicians. He has served as a member and officer of many professional organizations including the American Heart Association, the Chicago Heart Association, and the American College of Cardiology. He has edited two text books and at least 244 professional articles.

Dr. Gunnar currently serves on numerous boards including the MacNeal Health Foundation; the St. Paul Church Foundation of Illinois; and the BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding and Educational Center, which uses therapeutic horseradish to help disabled children improve their coordination, balance, strength, mobility and build confidence.

Dr. Gunnar and his late wife, Merian, have three children: Jocelyn is creative director of HIT (Henson International) Entertainment; Rolf is a teacher in Colorado; and William is chief of cardiovascular surgery at Hines Hospital and a law student at Loyola University Chicago.

“The Geoffrey Gunnar Memorial Scholarship is enhancing my development as a future general and trauma surgeon,” said Angela Ingraham, 2005 Geoffrey Gunnar Scholar. “As a Gunnar Scholar, I have designed and implemented information kiosks for the American Trauma Society Trauma Survivor Network, which will be tested at five centers this winter. This experience will improve my ability to provide holistic care to victims of trauma by addressing not only their medical needs while in the hospital but also by promoting their recovery after discharge. I am grateful for the opportunity to influence the care of trauma victims across the country through this research and academic endeavor.”
n Oct. 28, the Van Kampen Conference Center officially opened, changing the way cardiology and cardiovascular surgery fellows learn and the way Stritch School of Medicine faculty members teach. The new center offers a significantly improved meeting space, state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, head-lamp cameras that record surgeries, and additional work stations with computer access to accommodate staff and fellows. Artwork for the conference room also is included in the tribute gift.

New head-lamp camera equipment that can be worn by surgeons is of particular note. Previously, when surgery was performed, only the surgeon and nursing staff could view the procedure. With a head-lamp camera to record the surgery, these complex procedures will be able to be viewed by much larger audiences, enhancing surgical education for students and house staff. Residents, fellows and faculty members can view the surgery afterward in a conference room that now holds up to 50 people. A library of surgery videos also will be available for students and house staff, further enhancing the learning environment of Stritch.

The bigger, brighter, decorated conference room can accommodate larger audiences and a greater variety of lectures and seminars. It provides a better atmosphere for daily education conferences in which cases, procedures and new technologies are discussed.

The former work space for fellows, located in the old medical school, had only two computers for sharing. With 18 computer-equipped work spaces in the new Van Kampen Conference Center, fellows will have their own discrete areas for research, and a new video library of surgeries to study procedures.

“The generosity of the Van Kampen family will greatly enhance our learning environment and quality of care, helping the medical center recruit and retain the best physicians in the field,” said David Wilber, MD, director of the Cardiovascular Institute and chief, Division of Cardiology at Stritch.

The Van Kampen Family

World-class heart care and hope brought Judith and Robert Van Kampen to Loyola University Health System (Loyola). Because of Loyola’s expert, compassionate care, the Van Kampens turned their personal struggle into advancements for the future of medicine.

After battling heart disease for three years, Robert Van Kampen was among the thousands of Americans whose only alternative for treatment was a heart transplant. At any given time, approximately 3,500 to 4,000 patients are waiting for a heart or heart-lung transplant. Patients may wait months for a transplant, and more than 25 percent never live long enough to receive one.

According to U.S. News & World Report®, Loyola is the top ranked heart hospital in Illinois, boasting some of the highest historical volumes and best outcomes for heart surgery. With more than 615 heart transplants performed since 1984, the most in Illinois, Loyola has one of the most established and active programs in the United States.

Robert Van Kampen was scheduled for a heart transplant, despite the obstacles facing a transplant patient. “Loyola was willing to give Bob (Van Kampen) a chance when others wouldn’t,” said his son-in-law, Scott Pierre. The wait for a donor heart proved too long, and Mr. Van Kampen passed away in October 1999.

His family was so pleased with Loyola’s responsiveness and care during Robert’s waiting period that they contributed $550,000 toward the creation of the Van Kampen Conference Center in the Cardiovascular Institute.

“This gift is primarily because of the gratitude the entire family feels for Loyola physicians who gave our family hope in an effort to save Bob’s life,” said Mr. Pierre. By furthering study and research on heart disease and surgeries, the Van Kampen family believes that treatment and prevention strategies will be advanced.
When you make a charitable contribution to Loyola University Medical Center or Stritch School of Medicine, you are investing in the future of our community. The generosity of many philanthropic partners – alumni, faculty, physicians, staff, grateful patients and friends – provides essential support for vital programs in patient care, clinical and basic science research, medical education, scholarships and fellowships.

We welcome both one-time gifts and multi-year pledges. You can make a gift through:
- Check or credit card
- Electronic funds transfer
- Planned gifts including bequests, life insurance, trusts and gift annuities
- Real estate
- Securities

As the end of the year approaches, one of the most financially sound ways for you to make a lasting contribution to the medical center is through a gift of long-term appreciated securities. A gift of appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds offers significant tax advantages, which include:

- An income tax charitable deduction for the full market value of long-term securities on the date of the gift
- Avoidance of capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated securities
- An ability to contribute a larger gift to the medical center or Stritch at a lower original cost to you

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