Inspired to Give, They Hope to Inspire Others

In a heartfelt expression of generosity, Frank and Nancy Considine have committed a $3 million gift toward the Loyola University Medical Center expansion project. They see it as the first step in building on Loyola Medicine’s (Loyola) existing strengths and fueling its continuing rise to national prominence.

Their gift will help support a $103 million project that will create 176,000 square feet of new space and renovate 60,000 square feet of existing space in Loyola University Hospital and the Loyola Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine. Through their gift, the hospital will add a welcoming two-story entrance with bright natural light and a fountain providing the soothing sounds of flowing water. It will be named the Frank & Nancy Considine Atrium.

“We are grateful to the Considines,” said Anthony Barbato, MD, president and CEO, Loyola University Health System. “Their contribution will provide an entryway that reflects the high quality of care and exceptional individual focus patients receive at Loyola. It adds to our momentum as we continually prepare for the future.”

The Considines echo Dr. Barbato’s confident outlook. They believe that Loyola will continue to grow as a leader in health care and that the medical center expansion is only the beginning. They hope to inspire others to join in a new era of philanthropy that will help drive the health system forward.

As founding chairman of the health system’s Board of Directors, Mr. Considine has long admired the outstanding clinical capability of Loyola’s medical staff and considers it the foundation for success. Exceptional patient care provided in the context of Loyola’s mission — and amplified by its people — has created a distinct health-care environment.

When asked about the source of inspiration for their gift, Mr. Considine was quick to cite the character and culture of the organization. “The teamwork is what inspires us to invest our time and resources,” he said. “The willingness of people throughout Loyola to work together unselfishly to serve others is remarkable.” He also gave credit to Dr. Barbato for setting the tone and leading by example.

Mr. Considine considers Dr. Barbato a splendid executive who understands how to bring out the best in people. He appreciates Dr. Barbato’s complete yet constructive candor and the confidence he places in the individuals around him. “He built a spirit of collaboration and accomplishment among his executives,” said Mr. Considine, “and set the health system on a course for continued growth and success.”

Dr. Barbato’s recent announcement that he intends to retire brings mixed feelings to the Considines. Over the years, Mr. Considine found great satisfaction in working with Dr. Barbato to guide Loyola to new levels of magnitude and sophistication. He will miss Dr. Barbato’s leadership and insight. However, he has a lasting sense of pride in their achievements together and recognizes Dr. Barbato’s development of exceptional clinical and academic programs as a vital foundation for future progress. He is confident that the health system will continue to flourish.

To remain competitive in research, education and patient care, Loyola must continue to upgrade and expand its facilities. In the past, the health system was expanded and sustained without major philanthropy. However, Mr. Considine observed, prudent professional management is no longer enough to support growth. “There is not an institution of our caliber that can expand on internally generated capital,” he asserted. “We need large philanthropic partnerships to realize our full potential.”

The Considines possess a vision for an even greater future for medicine at Loyola. They are confident that the physicians, researchers, other health professionals, students and staff of Loyola, given the resources and support they need, will rise to even greater levels of excellence. It is their hope that the gift they provided will inspire others to give to the future of Loyola Medicine.
Satisfied Cardiovascular Patient Funds New Research

Many hospital patients who undergo a successful surgery are content to tell family and friends about their experience and remain loyal to the hospital. Loyola University Health System (Loyola) patient David Robinson was so inspired by the successful outcome of his cardiac surgery, he decided to donate $100,000 to a Stritch research laboratory in the hopes that others can experience his good outcome.

“We are extremely appreciative of Mr. Robinson’s gift,” said Marnoud Bakhos, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery at Stritch, who was Mr. Robinson’s surgeon. “Research is a very important part of advancing medical science and improving patient care.”

A Healed Heart Pumped Gratitude

Mr. Robinson, a resident of Burr Ridge, Ill., was born with a heart defect — his aortic valve had two cusps instead of three. Although he enjoyed a healthy life, his valve defect caused his heart to work harder and grow larger. In order to prevent future problems, his cardiologist recommended surgery to replace his aortic valve. Although the cardiologist suggested another hospital, Mr. Robinson did some research and decided to have his surgery at Loyola. “A friend who is a doctor recommended that I see Dr. Bakhos, and, through my research, I found that Loyola has a premiere reputation for cardiac care,” Mr. Robinson explained.

“Mr. Robinson’s surgery went well; he was very satisfied with his care,” recalled Dr. Bakhos of the December 2005 surgery. “Soon afterward he told me he wanted to give back to the department. I showed him the new research lab, and he was very interested in supporting the work we do there.” Making a donation to Loyola makes sense to Mr. Robinson. “There are a lot of places where you can make a philanthropic donation, but I think your donation has more effect if you give to a place that has personal meaning to you,” he said. “The care I received from Dr. Bakhos and Loyola made for a positive experience. I’m glad I can help them continue their work and provide positive outcomes for others.”

Working to Stop Organ Rejection

Mr. Robinson’s gift will be used for new research conducted in the cardiovascular labs including work on a new method to help organ transplant recipients avoid chronic rejection. Robert Love, MD, a physician/researcher who recently joined Loyola to conduct this research, explained that organ transplant recipients generally do well for the first five years, but then their survival rate decreases. Lung transplant patients experience the poorest outcome after five years. “Over time the body recognizes and destroys the transplant,” explained Dr. Love, professor and vice chair of the Department of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery and surgical director of lung transplantation.

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Dr. Barbato Discusses His Decision to Retire

When Anthony L. Barbato, MD, announced his intention to retire at the June 13 board meeting, he made three points very clear:

His years of leadership at Loyola University Health System (Loyola) have been the most rewarding of his career.
The timing for a transition in leadership is right.

He will continue to serve until a successor is named.

Recently, Vision, spoke with Dr. Barbato to bring our readers a broader perspective on his decision to retire.

“Serving at Loyola has literally been my life’s work,” said Dr. Barbato. “The thought of pulling away is very difficult.” After 30 years of service, it is no wonder. He began his tenure as a professor of medicine at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine in 1976. Three years later he was appointed senior associate dean and was named dean in 1986, a position he held for three years.

Dr. Barbato went on to serve in a number of academic and administrative posts of increasing responsibility. In 1995 he was named president and CEO of the medical center when LUC reorganized it as a separate subsidiary corporation. He has also served as vice president for health sciences at the university.

“University leaders had the foresight to set us on the path to greater achievement,” said Dr. Barbato. “We focused on clinical excellence and built the administration and reputation are often attributed to

Dr. Barbato’s leadership, he quickly dismisses the notion. “We do not rest on past accomplishments or depend upon individual achievement or acclaim,” said Dr. Barbato. “The collective talent, skills and dedication of the people of Loyola are what lead us to excel in research, education, patient care and service to others.” He has full confidence in his management team, faculty, medical staff and employees, and in the momentum already established.

Dr. Barbato has guided the health system with a combination of vision and pragmatism. He subscribes to the Jesuit philosophy of leading by serving, the scientific approach of advancing through discovering, and the practical application of using what we learn for the service of others.

With the dynamic nature of medicine and acceleration of discoveries, Dr. Barbato is enthusiastic about Loyola’s future. “The next leader will have opportunities to take this institution to places I can only imagine.”

After years of careful planning, Dr. Barbato believes Loyola is positioned to exceed all expectations. He is confident that the right people are in place to guide both the health system and the medical school through the exciting times and challenges that lie ahead. “We’ve planned thoughtfully and carefully for this time of change,” he said.

In addition, the Board of Directors is engaged, involved and committed to the health system’s administration.

“The optimal time to change leadership is when you are at full stride,” said Dr. Barbato. He plans to proceed energetically until a successor is named. A search committee, chaired by Dan Walsh, a director of the board, is currently working to identify a new president and CEO.

“I have great hope for the next generation,” said Dr. Barbato. “The people of this health system will continue to transform medicine and improve lives in ways that will continue to distinguish this remarkable institution and continue to make Loyola a source of enormous pride for all of us. It has been a privilege for me to be part of it.”

When Loyola University Chicago recently changed its logo, it provided the opportunity to make a logo change for Loyola University Health System (Loyola), Stritch School of Medicine and Loyola University Physician Foundation as well. The new logo uses the words “Loyola Medicine” to unite these three medical entities.

Brains process logos first by the shape, second by the color and third by the text/words. To that end, the shield and colors in the logo will remain the same to ensure people will continue to recognize it. The new logo maintains the tradition of the identifiable shield and the horizontal shape but simplifies the text.

This new Loyola Medicine logo will be used on all materials distributed to the public. Variations incorporating Loyola University Health System, Stritch School of Medicine or Loyola University Physician Foundation will be used on letterhead, business cards, academic material and operational business material.

Loyola’s tagline, “We also treat the human spirit®,” will be used wherever appropriate to remind people of our promise to go beyond the illness to treat the whole person.

“It is the branding that our audiences remember and the message we want recognized,” explained Deborah Simpkins, vice president, Department of Marketing.

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“Chronic rejection is the enemy here, and our understanding of chronic rejection is very limited,” Dr. Love said that if all goes well with the research, Loyola may be able to conduct human research trials soon subject to approval by the Institutional Review Board.

“Government funding for research is not as available as it used to be due to budget cuts, so these days, we rely more and more on private gifts to support our research,” Dr. Bahkos said. “We need more generous people like Mr. Robinson to support what we do.”

“The National Institutes of Health only fund about 10 percent of research grants submitted, so we wouldn’t have vast amounts of knowledge if we had to rely exclusively on government sources,” said Dr. Love.

Both physicians stressed that research donors receive the satisfaction of knowing their gifts are really making a difference.

“People like Mr. Robinson who are so inclined to donate money to research can consider themselves partners in the exploration and discovery of new medical knowledge,” added Dr. Love.

For more information on donating to Loyola, contact the Office of Development at development@lumc.edu or (708) 216-3201. You also can visit www.LoyolaMedicine.org/giving for more details.
Your motivations, your goals and your resources are unique. What may seem to be the most obvious way to structure your gift may not work well for you. Have you considered a multi-year pledge instead of an outright gift or bequest? For most grateful patients and alumni of academic medical centers nationally, multi-year pledges have become their preferred way to support patient care, education and research. Loyola Medicine can provide you with the same option.

An outright gift of cash or appreciated assets is usually the simplest method of giving. It is not subject to gift or estate taxes, and you can deduct the gift to the full extent of IRS rulings. If you envision your support over a broader time horizon, however, you may be able to make a much larger gift by pledging your support. A pledge arranges payment over a designated period of time, typically five years. Pledges can involve a combination of cash, appreciated assets, and/or planned gift components. With the help of the Office of Development, a letter of intent is drafted outlining the amount of the pledge, the payment schedule, and any specific designation for the gift. Would you like to have a significant impact on the future excellence of Loyola Medicine but are unsure of how to muster the resources? Whether you choose to make a pledge or an outright gift to Loyola Medicine, a team of professionals is available to guide you through the gift-giving process. Contact the Office of Development at (708) 216-3201 or development@lumc.edu to talk with a gift officer.

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