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St. Ignatius of Loyola said, “Love is shown more in deeds than in words.” Having been a part of the Loyola family for just eight months, I have already witnessed the power of philanthropy and the impact your generosity has on our patients, their families and the future of medicine. As members of our family of philanthropy, your acts of giving to and serving others enables Loyola University Health System (LUHS) to continue to treat the body while fulfilling our promise to also treat the human spirit. Thank you.

In this issue of Vision, we will highlight a few of the many supporters who have embodied the words of St. Ignatius. Our Loyola board chair and his father honor the legacy of their brother and son by enhancing the experience of medical residency for those in LUHS’s graduate medical education program. A social worker’s generosity provides a place of serenity and relaxation to her patients and others being treated in Loyola’s inpatient oncology unit. A wife celebrates her husband’s valiant fight against liver disease through an annual golf tournament, with proceeds providing lodging for families traveling to Loyola for care. A daughter’s annual gift in memory of her mother to the Van Dyke Hospice Fund provides patients the dignity of living their final days in the comfort of their homes. And, finally, three brave children who are inspiring others as our 2014 Health, Hope & Heroes 5k honorary heroes.

Despite the variety of our donors’ funding interests, they all share one common goal: Each one’s gift will provide much-needed comfort to Loyola patients, families and staff. Leading-edge medical treatment and renowned doctors bring patients to Loyola. Your investment and partnership help us take that care to the next level, making Loyola University Health System one of the top health systems in the country.

The Office of Development is grateful for you, our donors, friends and volunteers whose selfless deeds have improved the comfort of Loyola’s patients and staff. On behalf of all those who benefit from your generosity, thank you.

Sallie Hazelrigg
Vice President
Office of Development
LUHS Board Chairman Pledges Gift to Modernize Resident On-Call Room

New Charles M. Schwartz, MD Resident On-Call Community Quarters will honor donor’s brother

WHEN JACK SCHWARTZ AND HIS SON MARC VISIT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (Loyola), they can’t help be reminded of their late son and brother, Charles Schwartz, MD, an orthopaedic surgeon who was chief of joint replacement and active in Loyola’s residency program.

“My brother was a professor and taught the orthopaedic surgery residents. Because he was so active at Loyola, I know everyone there as well and I still see some of the doctors he trained as residents working there and all over the Chicagoland area,” Marc said.

The resident on-call room also reminds Marc of his brother, but perhaps not in a good way. “The space is an outdated dinosaur, it probably hasn’t changed much since my brother was a resident about 40 years ago,” he said, with a laugh. Built in the late 1960s, the 6,820 square foot space has not been renovated since, serving an estimated 24,000 medical residents over the years.

To give the residents a more comfortable space to relax, Jack, Marc, their families and the Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Memorial Foundation have pledged $250,000 to the project in memory of Dr. Schwartz.

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“Loyola is the heart of our family,” noted Jack, “there is absolutely no better place I’ve been to and I’ve been to several hospitals. The staff are just wonderful and really come to the front when you need them. Their compassion and quality of care is beyond reproach. Now we want to be there when they need us.”

“There is no shortage of places we could spend the money but this is something that needs to be done,” said Marc, who lives in Highland Park with his wife Kim. “I think my brother would really appreciate this project because it will help make the residents’ lives better, and my brother was all about taking care of the residents.”

The Charles M. Schwartz, MD Resident On-Call Community Quarters will include new study/sleep pods and is designed with the total needs of the medical residents in mind. Single beds will replace the small bunk beds; each pod provides space that offers privacy, with chairs and tables for studying and discussing patient information; and computer stations will be located throughout the on-call room. The upgrades will completely transform the area’s look from industrial to residential.

After the unexpected death of Dr. Schwartz at age 47 from an asthma attack, the Schwartz family has been a frequent donor to Loyola. The family created the Charles M. Schwartz, MD, Memorial Foundation in 1995 to honor his legacy. The foundation typically raises $50,000 every year through various donations, as well as an annual golf outing at the Merit Club Golf Course in Libertyville and a dinner at Gibson’s Bar & Steak House in Rosemont.

According to Marc, “Chuck was an avid golfer, and a very good one. So every fall for the past 18 years about 50 to 60 people who knew him or are close to the family gather to golf and have lunch in his memory,” he said. “It really is a special day and we have a lot of fun; most of the guys say it’s one of their favorite days of the year.”

Through the years, the foundation has made various gifts to benefit physicians training at Loyola. Apple® iPads® have been provided for every orthopaedic surgery resident. For the past three years, the foundation also created an annual lectureship promoting research and education in total joint replacement, a fellowship providing an annual stipend that allows an orthopaedic fellow to travel to other medical institutions, and an annual scholarship for a Stritch School of Medicine student with financial need.

Marc Schwartz has been active with Loyola, not only through the foundation but also as a member of the Loyola University Health System Board of Directors. In March, he was elected chair of the board. However, he is quick to point out he couldn’t accomplish what he does for Loyola without the involvement of his father, Jack Schwartz, 91.

“My father plays an important part in motivating people behind the foundation,” Mr. Schwartz said. “He is a World War II hero who flew a B-24 bomber in 38 missions over Germany and was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal, the highest award given by the French government. He is quite a guy.” Jack added, “I put Loyola in the same class as the Tuskegee Airmen. They both saved my life several times.”

In 2003, Jack Schwartz established a charitable remainder annuity trust to benefit Loyola. To recognize this contribution, the Charles M. Schwartz, MD Center for Musculoskeletal Care at the Loyola Outpatient Center was named in his son’s honor.

“Since we’ve been involved with Loyola, my family and I have met some great people and some great doctors. We have found a wonderful hospital where we all go for our healthcare,” Marc said. “That’s been an extra bonus of our involvement with Loyola.”

To learn more about or to contribute to the renovations of the new resident on-call room, contact the Office of Development at (708) 216-3201 or development@lumc.edu.
EVERY YEAR WHEN FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE LATE JACK FELTS gather to play golf and enjoy a dinner in his memory, they are making life a little easier for patients who travel long distances to receive care for liver disease through the hepatology program at Loyola University Medical Center.

Proceeds from the Annual Jack Felts Memorial Golf Classic pay for a suite in the Carleton Hotel in Oak Park, Ill. Hepatology patients and their families from Peoria, Rockford and Moline stay in the suite while the patients undergo treatment at Loyola. Numerous families have already used the suite, their stays ranging from one night to two weeks, according to Jo Debnar, RN, clinical director of hepatology at Loyola.

Theresa Shields Felts, organizer of the golf classic, understands first-hand the needs of Loyola patients living outside of the Chicago area. Her husband, Jack Felts, a leukemia patient who contracted hepatitis C, received a kidney and liver transplant in a Chicago hospital on December 31, 2008. Although the transplant was successful, doctors found that cancer cells from his own liver had metastasized. Jack never left the hospital and died of cancer in April of 2009.

During her husband’s long hospitalization, Theresa stayed with her son, Kevin Shields in Chicago. Due to the long duration of Jack’s hospital stay, Theresa had to return to work in the Peoria area. During that time Jamie Robinson, Jack’s daughter who also resides in the Chicago area and Kevin

“What I found after meeting other patients and families from outside the Chicago area is that we were the exception, not the rule,” she said. “I knew people who were sleeping in their cars and others who were bunking with strangers to save money on hotel costs.”

After her husband’s death, Mrs. Shields Felts worked with Scott Cotler, MD, her husband’s liver specialist, to create the Jack E. Felts Memorial Fund with $10,000 in memorial gifts. Money raised from the golf classic, as well as other donations from Mr. Felts’ colleagues and friends, goes into the fund to pay for the Carleton Hotel suite. “As I went through the grief process I realized I wanted to share Jack’s

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stayed with Jack Monday through Thursday until Theresa could return Thursday evening to stay with Jack for the weekend. The family had a daily call so all 5 children could be updated on Jack’s condition. Theresa quickly learned how fortunate her family was to have this arrangement.

spirit in a way that helps people,” she explained. “The patients and their families feel safe and taken care of in the suite. It’s very convenient as there’s a restaurant downstairs and several shops and restaurants nearby.”
Mrs. Shields Felts organized the first golf outing in 2010 as a memorial for her husband, but decided an annual event would be a perfect way to support the fund. About 70 people participate in the 18-hole classic, with an additional 60 attending the dinner that features an auction and door prizes. The fourth golf outing held on Sept. 14, 2013, what would have been Jack’s 60th birthday, raised a record $25,000 for the fund. "Jack was an avid golfer and founding member of the course where we play, so it’s the perfect way to honor him," she said, remembering her husband as a man who didn’t let his illness stop him from living life. “Liver disease is hard but liver disease didn’t define Jack, it was just a detour for him.”

Throughout his illness the couple went out every day, took vacations and even bought a condo in Florida. “Being with Jack was a blessing because he taught me to embrace life,” she said.

Zack Audi, Bill Lewis, Andy Herbst and Jordan Merriman participate in the 2012 Felts Memorial Golf Classic. Audi and Herbst are Theresa Shields Felts’ sons-in-laws.

“Our patients and their families from across the state have a place to stay that’s comfortable and free-of-charge thanks to the hard work and dedication of Theresa and her family,” said Dr. Cotler. “I cannot express enough gratitude for the important role they play in Loyola’s care for hepatology patients statewide.”

To learn more or to make a contribution to the Jack E. Felts Memorial Fund, contact the Office of Development at (708) 216-3201 or development@lumc.edu.
Social Worker’s Gift Will Create an Oasis for Transplant Patients and Their Families

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER SOCIAL WORKER SHARI Lichtenstein, MSW, credits her parents’ nurturing, and the life lessons she learned from the transplant patients she counsels, for the happiness and success she enjoys in life. She is pleased to honor the memory of her parents through a gift creating a new family room for the comfort of bone marrow transplant and oncology/hematology patients at Loyola.

“The nurturing I received from my parents helped make me the secure and happy person I am,” Shari said. “They taught me how important it was to give to others, and I can think of no other people I’d like to help more than the oncology and bone marrow transplant patients at Loyola.”

Opened in November, the Morris and Naomi Futorian Family Room is an oasis for patients in Loyola’s sixth floor oncology unit, where they can relax by themselves and with their families, away from their hospital rooms. The room has comfortable furniture and a large screen television as well as with child-sized furniture, toys and games for children visiting their loved ones.

“I envisioned the family room as a warm place that serves as an escape for patients,” said Shari. “It is a bright, cheerful place where they can hang out with their families, including their young children and grandchildren, who can be afraid of the sterile, industrial atmosphere of a hospital.”

As a social worker assisting bone marrow transplant and hematology patients at Loyola for 27 years, Shari has formed close relationships with many of these patients and is well aware of their needs.

“I see them when they first come to Loyola to meet their doctor and continue to work with them for the rest of their time at Loyola. Some of these patients have been with me more than 20 years,” said Shari. “I feel very connected to their world by working with them, their families and their children, and I know how important it is for them to have a place where they can escape from the realities of their treatment.”

Shari said that the best part of her job is the valuable lessons she takes away from the transplant patients. “Their needs are tremendous and ongoing,
but they have given me a new outlook on life and taught me the importance of family and friends. I find my priorities have changed since working with them,” said Shari, who makes her four children and seven grandchildren a priority in her life.

Shari’s strong commitment to family is a legacy from her late parents, Morris and Naomi Futorian. Both were Russian immigrants who came to the United States as teenagers with their families. “They didn’t have a penny but they had their families, which was more important,” she recalled.

Mr. Futorian began working in the furniture industry when he was in high school, starting out in upholstery repair. He went on to become a successful manufacturer of custom-made furniture. Mrs. Futorian became a Hebrew teacher and was a well-known educator in the Chicago area Jewish community. Both believed in the importance of philanthropy and made donations to numerous causes, including schools, camps and educational programs, both in the United States and in Israel.

“My parents would be very touched to know I have named the family room in their honor,” Shari said. “I could not have made this generous gift without their support, both financial and inspirational.”

The Morris and Naomi Futorian Family Room is just one part of a renovation to Loyola’s sixth floor oncology unit. Completed last fall, the unit offers 20 private patient rooms in the east and north wings and a central area with a family activity area, exercise room and meditation space, as well as a more efficient supply access for staff.

To learn more about Loyola’s inpatient oncology unit, including phase II and phase III of the renovation project, contact the Office of Development at (708) 216-3201 or development@lumc.edu
WHEN CARLENE LUTZ LOOKS BACK ON HER LATE MOTHER’S life, she is grateful she was able to fulfill her mother’s wish to remain in her own home. With the assistance of a home health nurse provided by Loyola’s Center for Home Care & Hospice, a live-in caregiver, and medical care from a dedicated Loyola physician, Helen K. Lutz was able to live at home until her death at age 89 in 2005.

“Staying in her family home was my mom’s way of remaining independent,” Lutz said. “This was very important to her, and the phenomenal care she received through Loyola’s home care program allowed her to stay independent.”

Every July, on the anniversary of her mother’s death, Ms. Lutz makes a gift to Loyola’s home care & hospice program. Her donation goes to the Van Dyke Hospice Fund, which provides assistance to Loyola hospice patients and families who do not have access to other forms of monetary support. Funds can be used for many types of assistance including aide and companion services, household repairs, taxi vouchers, ambulance transport and professional services from an attorney. Neil Van Dyke began the program in 1993 in memory of his wife, Mary Lee Van Dyke, an employee of Loyola’s Center for Home Care & Hospice.

Convenience first led Ms. Lutz to Loyola; she was seeking a primary care physician with evening office hours so she could take her mother to appointments. She was very happy with the care her mother received under Keith Veselik, MD, especially when her mother suffered a heart attack one Memorial Day weekend. “When we arrived at Loyola that Sunday morning during the holiday weekend, Dr. Veselik was in the Emergency Department to meet us,” Ms. Lutz recalled. “The medical staff was wonderful; five minutes after we were in the door they already had my mom on monitors.”
Mrs. Lutz recovered and was able to return home. As part of her follow-up care, a physical therapist treated her at home and a personal care aide stayed with her during the day, recalled Ms. Lutz, who would check on her mother every evening after work. Dorothy Beglin, RN, a Loyola home care nurse who is cross-trained in hospice care, regularly visited with Mrs. Lutz for 10 years. “It was a wonderful arrangement for both my mom and for me,” said Lutz.

When Mrs. Lutz fell ill some years later, Dr. Veselik advised her to hire a live-in caregiver. “My mother wouldn’t listen to me when I suggested the same thing a while back, but she would always listen to Dr. V.,” Ms. Lutz said with a laugh.

Ms. Lutz hired a live-in caregiver who spoke Polish, her mother’s native language. “She cared for my mother and cooked her delicious Polish meals. And Dorothy still visited her and arranged her medications for the week.”

As the end of her mother’s life approached, Ms. Lutz was grateful that Beglin helped her arrange hospice care. “We obtained a hospital bed for my mother and Dorothy visited her more frequently,” Ms. Lutz said. “When my mother passed away early in the morning, the hospice nurses were there to take care of everything.”

Instead of flowers, Ms. Lutz requested that funeral attendees make donations to Loyola’s home care & hospice program. “My brother, Leonard, and I felt the best use of the money was to donate it to the program that did so much for our mother and for us,” Ms. Lutz said. Thus began the first of her annual gifts to Loyola.

To learn more about the Center for Home Care & Hospice, call (708) 216-4983.
News in Brief

Loyola Wins Stroke Achievement Award

For the sixth year in a row, Loyola University Health System has received the Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association.

Loyola earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include aggressive use of medications and risk-reduction therapies aimed at reducing death and disability and improving the lives of stroke patients.

READ ALL ABOUT IT ONLINE: bit.ly/LUHS-Stroke-Gold-Award-2014

Another Loyola “First in Illinois”

Loyola is the first hospital in Illinois to implant a newly approved aortic heart valve device that does not require open surgery, making it much less invasive than traditional open-heart surgery. The device, recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration, is called the Medtronic CoreValve® System.

A landmark clinical trial published March 29, 2014 in the New England Journal of Medicine found that patients who received the device had significantly lower mortality than heart valve patients who underwent open-heart surgery.

READ ALL ABOUT IT ONLINE: bit.ly/LUHS-Nonsurgical-HeartValve

Loyola Named One of ‘100 Great Hospitals’

Becker’s Hospital Review has named Loyola University Medical Center to its 2014 edition of “100 Great Hospitals in America,” a compilation of some of the most prominent, forward-thinking and focused health-care facilities in the nation.

The publication said hospitals on the list “are home to many medical and scientific breakthroughs, provide best-in-class patient care and are stalwarts of their communities.”

READ ALL ABOUT IT ONLINE: bit.ly/LUHS-Beckers100-2014

Immediate Care in Park Ridge

On April 1, Loyola expanded care to its Park Ridge neighbors by opening an Immediate Care center at the Loyola Center for Health at Park Ridge, 1030 W. Higgins Road.

The location offers residents access to academic-based medicine and the expertise of Loyola’s patient-care team on a walk-in basis, with no appointments necessary.

Immediate care doctors can take care of acute illnesses such as strep throat or flu, and also address injuries such as a small lacerations and broken bones. The Park Ridge location has diagnostic services on-site, such as a laboratory, X-ray and cardiac diagnostic testing to assist with determining the best treatment.

For information, hours and directions, or to schedule an appointment, visit LoyolaMedicine.org/ParkRidge

Robotic Surgery Now in Use for Pancreatic Cancer

Loyola is among the first hospitals to use a minimally invasive robotic surgical system to perform the Whipple procedure for patients with pancreatic cancer. The Whipple is one of surgery’s most extensive and challenging operations.

Conventional surgery requires an incision 10 centimeters long, while the robotic system requires only a 3 cm incision. This less-invasive approach could result in faster recovery, less pain, less blood loss, less stress on the immune system and fewer pain medications.

READ ALL ABOUT IT ONLINE: bit.ly/LUHS-Pancreatic-Robotics

MRI/Ultrasound Imaging for Prostate Cancer Treatment

Loyola is the first center in Illinois to offer a new combination MRI-ultrasound imaging system that can result in fewer biopsies and better treatment decisions for prostate cancer patients.

The technology, called UroNav®, fuses images from magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) with ultrasound to create a detailed, three-dimensional view of the prostate. This improved view helps physicians perform biopsies with much higher precision, and increases prostate cancer detection.

READ ALL ABOUT IT ONLINE: bit.ly/LUHS-Prostate-MRI-Ultrasound
Loyola Children’s Committee members join collective support to make a greater impact on pediatric healthcare at Loyola

ELIZABETH “BOO” RUDDY AND HER HUSBAND, MATTHEW, KNOW firsthand the type of care provided at Loyola University Medical Center. Boo was admitted to Loyola when she was just 27 weeks pregnant with their daughter Kiera and put on strict bed rest. After seven weeks in the hospital, Keira was born via cesarian section, weighing 3 pounds, 6 ounces. The care that Keira, now a healthy and active two year old, and her mother, received at Loyola have inspired Boo and Matthew to give back by joining the Loyola Children’s Committee.

The Loyola Children’s Committee (LCC) is a group of more than fifty volunteers dedicated to Loyola University Health System’s pediatric health programs. Together, these volunteers are collectively empowered to make a greater impact on pediatric healthcare at Loyola. Through a commitment of time and philanthropic support, committee members play a pivotal role in our ability to provide the best care to our pediatric patients and their families. Members are given access to physicians and caregivers who share their knowledge and insight and have the benefit of getting to know others who have chosen to unite to make a difference.

Members of the Loyola Children’s Committee are parents, community members, physicians and others who wish to show their gratitude to Loyola but who also have limited availability. The LCC helps bridge the gap between wanting to make a difference and not always having the time to do so. With just five scheduled meetings a year, the committee’s annual cycle involves a kick-off event, choosing a project or program within pediatrics to fund for the year, a funding brainstorm meeting, a state of the union of pediatrics and a year-end celebration. Each meeting offers an inside look at pediatric healthcare at Loyola and an opportunity for networking.

This year, the committee has chosen to fund the renovation of the family waiting room in the neonatal intensive care unit. With more than $40,000 already collectively raised, the committee is now focused on increasing their philanthropic support through the remainder of the year.

Membership on the Loyola Children’s Committee requires a minimal commitment of time and support, but the impact you can have as a member is significant.

Are you interested in becoming part of something bigger and learning what strength in numbers will do for kids in need? Contact the Office of Development at (708) 216-3201 to learn more.
Help Us Care for the Kids!

Our Loyola heroes come in many shapes and sizes, from the kids who so bravely fight for their lives to the physicians and staff who wear white coats and scrubs instead of super hero capes. We invite you to celebrate health, inspire hope and honor our heroes at the 2014 Health, Hope & Heroes 5K.

By participating in the 5K, you are ensuring the highest level of pediatric care will continue to be provided here, close to home, when children and their families need it. One hundred percent of the funds raised support pediatric programs at Loyola. Together, we can continue to secure the future of children’s healthcare in our community.

Runners and walkers are invited to participate in the 5K on a flat course that winds through the shared campus of Loyola University Medical Center and Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital. Following the 5K, stick around for post-race fun with Chef Dan & The Appetizers, the Hero Hustle and more. This family-friendly event is one you don’t want to miss!

Meet our Heroes

Our 2014 Honorary Heroes, Abbey, Mia and Owen, will be recognized at the Health, Hope & Heroes 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, June 8 at Loyola University Medical Center. Visit LoyolaMedicine5k.org to watch our hero videos.

Abbey

Four-year-old Abbey was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) last year. Her dad, a local paramedic who often transports patients to Loyola University Medical Center, knew the Ronald McDonald Children’s Hospital was the best place for Abbey to be treated. After four rounds of chemotherapy, including multiple month-long hospital stays, Abbey is cancer free.
Mia

Mia was born more than three premature, weighing 2 pounds, 5 ounces. She developed a serious infection and surgeons had to remove part of her digestive track. Mia spent six months in Loyola’s Level-III neonatal intensive care unit and much of the first two years of her life at the Ronald McDonald Children’s Hospital. Mia is now a healthy, active first grader.

Owen

Three-year-old Owen was airlifted to Loyola University Medical Center from his home in New Lenox after an accident with a lawnmower in October. Owen spent a month in the Ronald McDonald Children’s Hospital and had three surgeries, including a partial amputation of his right foot and reconstruction of his left leg. Doctors fitted Owen with a prosthesis and now he can run, walk and play again.
You can be a hero, too

Join us at the 3rd annual Health, Hope & Heroes 5K Run/Walk benefiting the Ronald McDonald® Children’s Hospital at Loyola University Medical Center.

Sunday, June 8, 9 a.m.
Loyola University Medical Center Campus

Register and learn more at LoyolaMedicine5k.org