More than 600 members of the community, physicians, business executives, and civic leaders gathered together at the Westin Copley Place on Saturday, May 6th, for Newton-Wellesley Hospital Charitable Foundation’s 18th Annual Gala. The event raised $875,000 to benefit the Hospital’s new Substance Use Services (SUS). The Gala also raised awareness of this complex disorder and sent a strong message of support for those whose lives have been affected by this deepening and deadly crisis.

“The NWH SUS multidisciplinary team will help our patients suffering from substance use disorders including alcohol, opioids, and other drugs,” explained Dr. Antje Barreveld, the Medical Director of Pain Management and Gala Chair. “We have a phenomenal group of providers across the Hospital, but we haven’t had a coordinated approach to helping patients with addiction. That’s about to change! The new Substance Use Services (SUS) team at NWH will provide education, consultations and support services to providers, patients and their families. Together, we’re going to save lives. We are forming a team of clinicians, a counselor, and recovery coaches to help transition our patients to the appropriate programs as well as support our providers who care for them.”

A Night of Illumination also raised awareness about addiction. A video featuring two patients who have struggled with opioids was an emotional high point of the evening. Following dinner, spirited bidding was the order of the evening for the much-anticipated auction items. Gala Chairs Antje Barreveld, MD, and Sebastian Barreveld; Nancy and Mark Belsky, MD; Susan and Joseph D’Alton, MD; Michelle and Timothy Foster, MD; Debra and Michael R. Jaff, DO; and Rosalind and Jacob Joffe, MD, and the 2017 Gala Committee helped to make the evening a resounding success.

Dr. Barreveld estimates that “based on a survey by our Primary Care providers we have over 400 new patients that the SUS team will see in its first year . . . and these estimates are real. Addiction has touched and will touch all of us. We are giving our patients and their families an opportunity to get their lives back – without judgment and without stigma.”

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Newton-Wellesley Hospital’s 18th Annual Gala Benefits New Program

The Gala Committee included: Thomas Aaron;
Joan Archer and Robert Merriam;
Jean Barringer; Stephanie and
Mark Blumenthal, MD;
Christine and Henry D’Angelo, MD;
Nancy and Neal Foster;
Lisa and Al Hanmer, MD;
Jennifer and Barnett Helzberg;
Ann and David Ingram;
Sara Spitz and David Jellinek;
Janet (Jodi) Larson, MD and
Erik Larson; Tamilyn Levin;
Margaret and Brian McNeill;
Deneen Pelletier, MD and
Nicholas Mascoli, MD;
Gloria and Philip Plottel;
Julia Ragland, MD and
Bill Paulson; Rosie Reyes and
Edward Mank; Nancy and
Paul Satwicz, MD; Jennifer Snider,
CNP and Jonathan Snider, MD;
Kathleen and Robert Stansky; and
Susan Swick, MD and Matthew
Trokel, MD.

Left to right - Michael Kutsch & Tammy Coselli (Miami Beach, FL), Norman & Alison Axelrod (Upper Saddle River, NJ), Gala Chairs Michael R. Jaff, DO (Newton) President, NWH & Debra Jaff, Christine Ciotti & Robert Hesslein (Auburndale), Joel Rosenlicht, DMD & Doreen Rosenlicht (Glastonbury, CT), & Cece & Fred Krokenberger (Rochester, NY)

Adam Koppel, MD, PhD (Wellesley), NWH Trustee,
Brenda Haynes, MD, NWH Charitable Foundation
Board (Wellesley) & Susan Swick, MD (Newton),
Chief of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

Steve Sullivan (Wellesley), NWH Trustee

David Harding & Julie Marriott (Wellesley),
NWH Trustee

George Philippides, MD (West Roxbury),
NWH Chief of Cardiology & Christopher Kwolek, MD
 Lexinton) NWH Chair of Surgery
The Boston Globe reports that most people who suffer from substance use disorders end up in hospitals. Hospital visits in Massachusetts from patients who suffer from the disease nearly doubled from 31,000 in 2007 to 57,000 in 2014. Newton-Wellesley Hospital will be a leader in combating this crisis and helping our community.
Thanks to local resident and generous donor Elizabeth Ballantine Gardner, PhD, there is a new program to engage and retain talented healthcare professionals. The Elizabeth Ballantine Gardner, PhD, Scholar Program is now a part of the Integrated Care Management Program (iCMP) at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. The iCMP, a Partners HealthCare Program, coordinates the care of chronically compromised patients by matching these patients with a nurse or social worker. The Program’s goal is to help medically complex patients stay healthy and out of the hospital by providing the specialized healthcare and services that these high-risk patients need.

From Participant To Champion
A two-time cancer survivor with multiple medical conditions, Dr. Gardner has experienced the benefits of the Program first-hand as a Program participant. She is quick to credit the iCMP providers for the pivotal role they play in their patients’ lives.

Propelled by iCMP’s significant and positive effect on her own well-being, Dr. Gardner decided to do something meaningful for the iCMP providers at Newton-Wellesley by investing philanthropically. Working with the Charitable Foundation’s staff to structure an approach, Beth made a charitable gift to establish the Elizabeth Ballantine Gardner, PhD, Scholar Award. The Scholar Program will continue for a minimum of five years, benefitting five individual participants who are selected annually as Scholars.

A Unique Program Begins
A professor of biology at Pine Manor College, Dr. Gardner approached the idea of how best to help the iCMP providers with a scientist’s curiosity and analytical skill. She combined her interest in the iCMP with her passion for teaching and education, framed around a central question: How can I help? And so, guided by the needs of Program participants and practitioners, the unique Elizabeth Ballantine Gardner, PhD, Scholar Program was created. The annual award to a member of the iCMP team gives protected time to identify and work on a healthcare issue that will help our patients and our community.

“The iCMP gives patients an advocate. But there are not enough advocates! And it is not easy to find someone who will be a good fit as an advocate,” points out Dr. Gardner. “The Scholar Program gives the iCMP nurse an opportunity to go out and do something that she or he wants to do. That, in turn, gives another provider an opportunity for someone else to come in and learn what it is like to be an iCMP nurse. Patients and the community will benefit, just as I have.”

“IT was fabulous to work with Program Director Jennie Wright to have this program bubble up from those in the iCMP Program and its practitioners. Newton-Wellesley is a community hospital with a welcoming culture. The doctors and nurses are very patient-centered. People smile at you in the hallways. I decided to continue to get my care and to support NWH because of the culture. I am so very glad that I did.”

– Dr. Elizabeth Gardner

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Runners Raise $91,000 for Vernon Cancer Center Patients

TEAM NWH, and the generous donors who supported them, raised over $91,000 for the Vernon Cancer Center! These vital funds will help support the best treatment options and complementary therapies for our patients and their families. Ten members of Team NWH are employees who received their Marathon numbers through a lottery and the remaining ten TEAM NWH members are community runners who applied for their numbers through the Charitable Foundation.

“My mother-in-law lost her battle with breast cancer but the lessons I learned from her have been life-changing” said TEAM NWH member Courtney Allia. “Countless doctors, nurses, therapists, and other hospital workers at Newton-Wellesley Hospital have given my husband, my family, and me, the strength to positively move forward and honor her. My mother-in-law loved everyone she met through her care at NWH. I am thrilled to participate in the Boston Marathon and help cancer patients and their families at the Vernon Cancer Center.”

Every member of TEAM NWH crossed the finish line of the 2017 Boston Marathon with spirit and heart. They are:

**NWH Employee Runners**
- Edward Acheampong
- Melissa Ann Burke
- Kaitlyn Butler
- Siobhan Creedon
- Rachael Cross
- Lindsey McGeary
- Michael Natareno
- Colleen Picard
- Gregory Smith
- Jennifer Torrone

**Community Runners**
- Dan Alberghini
- Courtney Allia
- Frank Biello Jr.
- Elisabeth Brewer, MD, NWH
- Brian Delaney
- Adam Ernst
- Caroline Moynihan
- Christopher Moynihan
- Thomas Ronan
- Sarah Woods
Heather Colmore Mack has joined Newton-Wellesley Hospital (NWH) as Vice President, Development. In this key leadership role, Heather will drive strategic fundraising efforts for Newton-Wellesley Hospital and oversee all aspects of the philanthropy program, including events and other development activities.

Heather is a seasoned health care professional with more than 20 years of experience building and implementing strategic philanthropic programs. Most recently, Heather served as Senior Managing Director of Development at Massachusetts General Hospital, where she was a member of the senior team that planned and implemented the most recent campaign that surpassed the goal of $1.5 billion by $240 million.

Heather received her undergraduate degree at Goucher College in Towson, MD and her Masters of Business Administration from Loyola University in Baltimore, MD.

Heather and her family are residents of Newton and thus members of our community. She recognizes the strengths and value of a community hospital like NWH and has personally observed the tremendous pride that community members feel for this great organization.

Welcome, Heather!
Joan Archer has stepped down from her position as Vice President, Development at Newton-Wellesley Hospital after 19 dedicated years of service. Joan has helped to transform philanthropy at Newton-Wellesley and her efforts have supported the Hospital’s priorities. In the process, she helped to expand its campus, infrastructure, and programs. There is virtually no area of the Hospital that has not benefitted from Joan’s dedication and determined efforts.

Joan joined NWH in 1998 as Vice President for Development. Soon after her arrival, Joan worked with the Hospital’s Board of Trustees and key leaders to establish the NWH Charitable Foundation, which laid the foundation for a thriving culture of philanthropy. Joan has served as President of the Foundation since its inception.

Working closely with physician leaders, trustees, and her team, Joan raised nearly $125 million for the organization and secured funding ranging from 30% to 50% of all capital projects. These include the Blum Emergency Pavilion, the Vinik Pediatric Emergency Unit, the Vernon Cancer Center, the Ellers Cardiovascular Center, Manton Women’s Imaging Center, the Auerbach Breast Center, the Kaplan Joint Center, the Egan GI Center, the Slotnick Pavilion, the Slotnick Procedure Suite, the Shipley Fitness Center, the Shipley Simulation Center and a number of maternity expansions. She also strategically planned fundraising campaigns that led to the establishment of endowments for several important positions and programs.

Joan Archer's Legacy of Leadership and Philanthropy

Joan created a number of important events at NWH. The annual Gala and HopeWalks have become signature events that have raised financial support and awareness of key programs. Her work as the visionary curator of the beautiful and thought-provoking art works throughout NWH has helped to humanize the Hospital’s clinical environment by displaying images that provide messages of hope, healing, and beauty. The Hospital is widely recognized for its stunning art collection, representing a wide range of artists and mediums.

Joan’s legacy at NWH is firmly rooted in her ability and sincerity to establish trusting and long-lasting relationships, both internally and externally. She worked tirelessly to expand the Hospital’s base of friends while promoting the strengths of Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Through Joan’s vision, leadership, optimism, warmth, and unyielding commitment to NWH, she has transformed our fundraising efforts to support the Hospital’s mission.

Reflecting upon her many years at NWH, Joan said that “It has been a great privilege for me to have served in this capacity and the best part has been meeting so many wonderful people and working together to help make NWH the hospital it is today. I know that the Foundation will be in good hands with Heather and the whole team in the Development Office, and I firmly believe that the best is yet to be under the leadership of Dr. Michael R. Jaff and his team.”

The entire hospital community is enormously grateful to Joan and wishes her the best in the years ahead.

Local Donor Champions Unique Program to Engage and Retain Nurses and Social Workers

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Helping Our Patients and the Community

“It takes time to learn about the services that exist—and those that are needed for specific healthcare challenges,” explains Jennie Wright, iCMP Program Director. “This learning takes place as the scholar researches and interacts with health care teams and community groups. For example, many patients in the iCMP suffer with congestive heart failure. The Gardner Scholar could support a project to develop relationships and create formal communication channels with community partners to keep and treat patients with heart failure at home, which is the goal.”

“Positive working relationships among groups help to break down barriers and improve healthcare for patients,” says Wright. “It then is easier to connect our patients – our most important priority – with resources for treatment.”

To learn more about the Integrated Care Management Program, and how you can help, please contact Amy Hurley at alhurley@partners.org or at 617-243-6438.
Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 1, 2017
8th Annual HopeWalks

Thursday, November 16, 2017
Leadership Donor Reception

Saturday, June 2, 2018
19th Annual Gala, Westin Copley Place