



Our Community Our Hospital

Newton-Wellesley Hospital Names Dr. Michael Jaff as President

Newton-Wellesley Hospital (NWH) recently welcomed Dr. Michael R. Jaff as its 15th president. A native of New York, Dr. Jaff is a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) and an honors graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri. He trained in internal and vascular medicine at the Cleveland Clinic and began his career in private practice in community hospitals, including Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

Dr. Jaff established VasCore, which has become the world's largest clinical trials core lab for non-invasive vascular imaging. In 2004, he moved to Massachusetts General Hospital, where he led vascular medicine programs and served as the medical director of the Fireman Vascular Center. He also was active in the leadership of clinical process improvement across all clinical areas of MGH. Dr. Jaff is a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and an alumnus of the Harvard Business School's general management program.

Duke Collier, Chair of the Newton-Wellesley Hospital Board of Trustees and Co-Chair of the Search Committee, expressed that Dr. Jaff and NWH are a perfect fit. "Michael understands the importance of community hospitals. His enthusiasm for NWH and tackling the challenges ahead – combined with his hard work, problem-solving abilities, and approachability – make him the ideal choice."



Dr. Jaff already had a long-standing relationship with NWH before his arrival. A Newton resident since 2004, Dr. Jaff and his family rely on NWH for their health care and have a deep commitment to the Hospital. He looks forward to meeting the NWH family in the coming months. 🏥

The Elfers Cardiovascular Center Opens



Joan Archer, NWH Vice President for Development, Neal Foster, NWH Overseer, and Nancy Slotnick Foster, Director, NWH Charitable Foundation



Brian and Elizabeth Keane, NWH Overseer



John Spiliakos, NWH Overseer, Sophia Spiliakos, and Dr. Stefan Parpos, Assistant Chief of the Division of Cardiology



Dana Perry, Keith Perry, Lynn Perry, and Craig Perry

The wait is over! On September 8, 2016, Newton-Wellesley Hospital celebrated the completion of the new \$22 million, 20,000-square-foot Elfers Cardiovascular Center. More than two hundred donors, physicians, and members of the NWH community came together to mark the occasion with a ribbon-cutting, clinical presentation, and reception.

Thanks to the support of many visionary donors in our community, the Elfers Cardiovascular Center Campaign exceeded its goal and raised \$9.1 million to build this state-of-the-art facility, recruit additional clinical staff, and expand services. This Center will usher in a new era in cardiovascular care at NWH and is dedicated to the early diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of patients who have cardiovascular disease. A priority of the Center is disease prevention. The Center is a powerful clinical collaboration between Newton-Wellesley Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, providing outstanding primary and secondary cardiovascular care here in

the community, and assuring streamlined access to MGH for patients who need the most advanced tertiary and quaternary care.

Starting with a most generous lead gift from the Elfers Family, other benefactors rose to the challenge. They include:

- The Highland Street Foundation
- Louise & Alvin Slotnick & Family
- Gertrude Shelley
- The Taiclet Family
- Breazzano Family Charitable Trust
- Roxanne & David Breazzano
- Newton-Wellesley Hospital Auxiliary
- Roche Bros. Supermarkets

Reflecting upon the importance of the Elfers Cardiovascular Center and the successful conclusion of the capital campaign, Vice President for Development Joan Archer said, "We wouldn't be where we are without the support of our many friends. I hope that each and every donor feels a sense of pride and accomplishment. They made this Center accessible to our community. We are here today because of our donors' generosity!"



James and Carol Taiclet



James Loer and artist, Robert Shaw

Robert Shaw, an American-born painter who lives in Italy, recently donated three paintings to the Elfers Cardiovascular Center. The paintings depict the Tuscan hills where Robert and his wife have lived for the past thirty-six years. Displayed right outside the Center, the paintings inspire and bring light and joy to our community. They are a wonderful testimony to Robert's artistry and generosity to Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

The Elfers Family: Expanding Cardiovascular Services at Newton-Wellesley

Days after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, with all eyes on New York and Washington, DC, Bill Elfers felt compelled to do something to help. After much consideration, he followed his heart and made a generous gift to support Newton-Wellesley Hospital. “I have always believed that the best way to help the world is to help your own community,” declared Elfers.

Fifteen years later, Bill’s legacy continues at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Now the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Bill, an accomplished business leader, seasoned philanthropist, and devoted family man, contributes much of his time, energy, and philanthropic support to NWH. He has become a pillar of this institution.

In more recent years, Bill has concentrated his efforts to support the vision of the leadership of this hospital to improve treatment of heart disease - the number one killer in the country. “Cardiovascular disease affects so many, including my own family. We lost my father to a heart attack and my grandfather suffered a disabling stroke at the age of 61,” says Elfers. Bill’s father, William Elfers, is widely known as the founder of the venture capital industry. Those who knew him well regarded him as a selfless Renaissance man. To honor the memory of their father and his lifelong dedication to helping others, Bill and his sister, Jane Elfers Muther, together with their family, made the lead gift of \$2 million to establish the Elfers Cardiovascular Center. “My family and I believe the Elfers Cardiovascular Center will foster the same pursuit of excellence that my father embodied throughout his life. We are honored to help establish the dream of a leading cardiovascular center, right here in our community. It is a wonderful and fitting way to help our community.”

It is interesting to note that in the 1960’s, Anne and William Elfers chaired the Valentine’s Day Heart Ball to benefit Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Following in the family’s tradition of service,



Sandy Muther, Jane Elfers Muther, and Bill and Deborah Elfers

Bill has taken a hands-on role with the new Center, working closely with Dr. George Philippides, Chief of the Division of Cardiology and Director of the Elfers Cardiovascular Center, to mobilize a group of leadership volunteers to champion the cardiovascular program in the community and to ensure that the clinical team has the additional resources, networks, and support they need to position NWH as one of the premier cardiovascular centers in New England. With its focus on patient-centered care and cardiac disease prevention, the Elfers Cardiovascular Center will have a positive impact on the health of many people for generations to come. As Duke Collier, Chair of Newton-Wellesley Hospital’s Board of Trustees expressed, “A heart-filled thanks to everyone, especially our most generous donors who make it possible to deliver premier cardiovascular care to our community.”

Expanded Partnership Brings More Services To Vernon Cancer Center Patients

Since opening its doors in 2009, the Joan and James Vernon Cancer Center (VCC), in collaboration with Newton-Wellesley Hospital, New England Hematology/Oncology (NEHO), and Massachusetts General Hospital Radiation Oncology, has provided access to great cancer care and integrative support services for thousands of patients in a warm and welcoming setting close to home. In October, our partnership with the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center expanded to bring hematology/oncology physicians and nurse practitioners from MGH to NWH. Dr. Lawrence Blaszkowski, a hematologist/oncologist at MGH Cancer Center, has joined the VCC as its new medical director and Acting Chief of Hematology/Oncology at NWH.

This broader collaboration will provide more subspecialty cancer services and greater access to dozens of clinical trials for patients and their families. Our community will have seamless access to clinicians and specialized care.

The new team includes three medical oncologists from the founding NEHO practice: Dr. Revati Rao (thoracic), Dr. Omar Nadeem (hematology/oncology), and Dr. Chrissy Kournioti (genitourinary). These oncologists continue to practice as subspecialists, along with Dr. Blaszkowski in gastrointestinal cancers and Dr. Amy Commander in breast oncology.

“Our team carries forward the model of compassionate care, which is central to the VCC practice and to the Newton-Wellesley Hospital mission to treat every patient as a beloved family member,” says Dr. Blaszkowski.

This transition coincided with the seventh annual HopeWalks on October 2. One of NWH’s most beloved traditions, HopeWalks raises funds for the Integrative Support Services Program at the Vernon Cancer Center. The Program provides life-enhancing services to cancer patients, including nutrition and genetic counseling, art therapy, yoga, psycho-social services, and nurse navigation, as well as the PACT Program, which provides support for parents who are undergoing treatment and their families. These life-enhancing services for cancer patients are a



HopeWalks Chair, Melody Tortosa, 1st place individual fundraiser, with her team, Bodies by Melody, the 1st place fundraising team



Eastern Bank’s team Captain Hope Aldrich, NWH Overseer, front row, and team members

fundamental component of the Center’s abiding philosophy to treat the whole person as a unique individual, rather than treating only the disease.

Reflecting upon the history of the VCC, Dr. James Vernon articulated the central theme and approach of the Center, “Patients have always been at the heart of the Vernon Cancer Center’s work. They inspire us to seek new treatments and new collaborative approaches. Our partnership with MGH evolved as we worked together to provide the very best - in every way - for our patients.”

Hopewalkers Raise \$232,000 For Vernon Cancer Center!

On Sunday, October 2, despite the morning showers, more than 650 walkers joined together to support HopeWalks, Newton-Wellesley Hospital's annual 3.3 mile walk to benefit the Integrative Support Services Program at the Vernon Cancer Center. The seventh annual event raised more than \$232,000 and featured WCVB-Channel 5 news anchor Ed Harding as Master of Ceremonies. Other speakers included NWH President Dr. Michael Jaff, VCC Medical Director Dr. Lawrence Blaszkowski, and HopeWalks Chair Melody Tortosa, who shared her own inspiring story of hope after conquering cancer with the help of the dedicated team at the Vernon Cancer Center. "It is such an honor and privilege for me to give back to Newton-Wellesley Hospital which provides excellent treatment and wonderful supportive care for patients and their families when faced with a cancer diagnosis," said Melody.

HopeWalks is a day marked by inspiration, reflection, and encouragement as walkers unite as a community to send strong messages of hope to our cancer patients, caregivers, families, and friends. To learn how you can support the walk, please visit our site, nwh.org/hopewalks, or email hopewalks@partners.org.



Dr. Julia Ragland, first row center, NWH Director of Pain and Palliative Care, and 3rd place individual fundraiser



Team Rosemary, with captain Rosemary Dwyer, center, tied for 3rd place team fundraiser



HopeWalks Chair, Melody Tortosa, 1st place individual fundraiser, with NWHCF Chair Dr. Mark Belsky and Master of Ceremonies Ed Harding



Tom Antonellis, back row, 2nd place individual fundraiser and captain of Still A Team, the 2nd place team fundraiser, with NWHCF Chair Dr. Mark Belsky and Master of Ceremonies Ed Harding

HOPEWALKS Awards

Top Individual Fundraisers

1st Place: Melody Tortosa	\$10,255
2nd Place: Tom Antonellis	\$10,225
3rd Place: Julia Ragland	\$ 4,250

Top Team Fundraisers

1st Place: Bodies By Melody	\$18,835
2nd Place: Still A Team	\$12,000
3rd Place: Team Rosemary	\$ 4,751
Team Julie	\$ 4,751

Totals raised by 10/2/16



Team Julie, with captain Julie Nevins, center, tied for third place team fundraiser



Volunteers from the Wellesley Chapter of the National Charity League

Golf & Tennis Tournament is a Hit, Raising More Than \$200,000 for *The NWH Fund*!

The Newton-Wellesley Hospital Charitable Foundation hosted the 2016 Golf & Tennis Tournament at the Belmont Country Club on Monday, September 12. Jeff Thomas, Trustee Emeritus, chaired the enthusiastic Golf Committee, which helped to raise more than \$200,000 for *The NWH Fund* in support of the Hospital's most pressing budget needs. 🏌️



Jeff Thomas, Tournament Chair and Trustee Emeritus, Gary Lockberg, Bruce Epstein, and John Maloney



Tamilyn Levin, Dr. Steve Miller, Linda DeRenzo, NWH Trustee, and Scott Schuster, Overseer For Life



Jean Barringer, NWH Overseer, and Dr. David Jones, 1st place Tennis Team

Planned Giving Update

Corinne and Gene Reppucci Share Their Support and NWH is Twice as Lucky!

Corinne and Gene Reppucci, residents of Wayland for more than 30 years, have made a gift through their estate to benefit the NWH Palliative Care Program and the Elfers Cardiovascular Center.

Corinne is pleased that NWH has established a Palliative Care Program. "It's very important for families to have conversations about quality of life and goals of care for loved ones," explains Corinne. Corinne's late mother received excellent care at NWH during her long-term illness. Newton-Wellesley's Palliative Care Program provides patients relief from the pain and stress of a serious illness, and supports patients and their families as they make critical and complex decisions.

"We have a good sense of the need for support of both of these critical services," shares Gene. As a graduate of the NWH Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, Gene had the opportunity to experience first-hand the importance of a program that is tailored to his specific needs. He is very grateful for his devoted cardiac rehab team - nurses, physical therapists, and nutritionists who served as steadfast champions on his road to recovery.

Because of the positive care experiences they had with NWH, Corinne and Gene Reppucci will support areas they both care



Corinne and Gene Reppucci

about by making a bequest to Newton-Wellesley Hospital. They are proud to be members of the Eliza Kendall Society, which recognizes those who have chosen to support the mission of Newton-Wellesley by naming the Hospital as a beneficiary in their estate plans.

For more information on how to include NWH in your estate plans or other gift options, please contact Amy Hurley in the NWH Charitable Foundation at (617) 243-6438. 🏡

The 2016 Fund Year: \$7.5 Million Raised

Exceeding the goal of \$7 million, the Newton-Wellesley Hospital Charitable Foundation (NWHCF) reports a total of \$7.5 million raised this past fund year from almost 4,000 donors. Proceeds from the Fund Year, which closed on September 30, 2016, include *The NWH Fund*, which raised an unprecedented amount of \$1.46 Million. Members of The Pillar Society, NWH's leadership giving level, donated 92% of *The NWH Fund* dollars raised.

Also, the Campaign for the Elfers Cardiovascular Center was successfully completed by exceeding its fundraising goal of \$8 million. The four-year Campaign closed with a total of \$9.1 million raised. Thanks to our many donors and friends, the long-held dream of a cardiovascular center has become a reality.

On the programmatic side, the Charitable Foundation succeeded in increasing endowments for the Palliative Care Program, the

Integrated Support Services Program at the Vernon Cancer Center, the Shipley Medical Simulation Center, and the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Service. The impact on the Hospital – from supporting important programs to the opening of the Elfers Cardiovascular Center – is far-reaching.

Since its founding in 2000, the NWHCF has raised close to \$120 million to support the Hospital's operating budgets, clinical, and capital programs. Of all the capital projects undertaken in the last 15 years, the NWHCF has contributed in the 25% to 50% range of the capital costs.

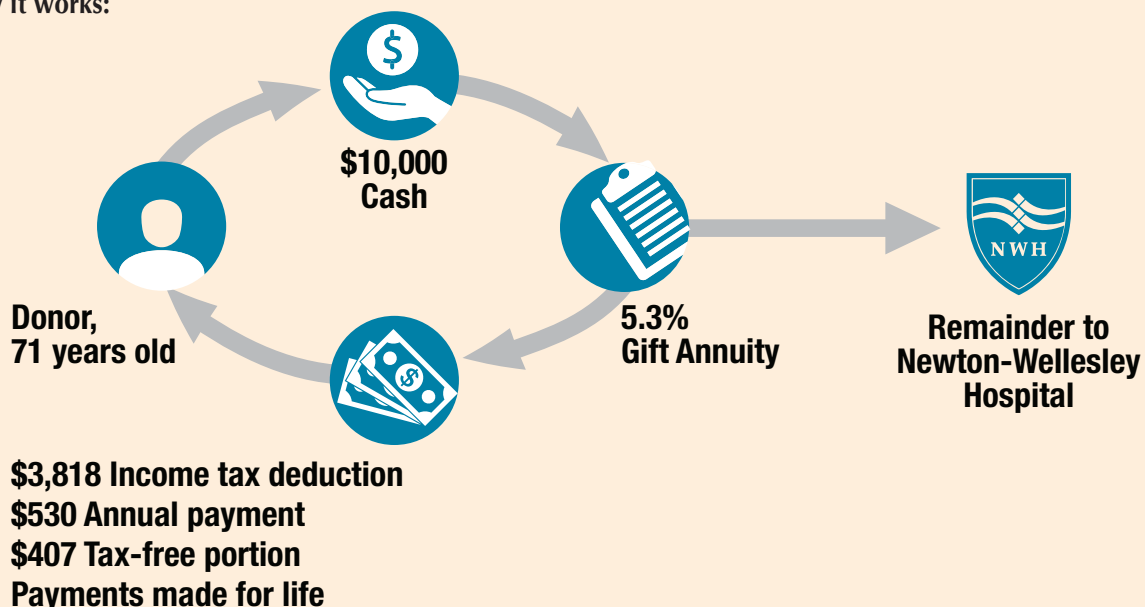
"We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for a successful year. We simply could not do it without your generous and enduring support," said Dr. Mark Belsky, Chair of the Charitable Foundation. "Your dedication inspires all of us." 🏡

A Gift that Pays You Back

Did you know you can receive a steady income stream and support NWH? In exchange for \$10,000 or more you can make a difference at NWH *and* receive these financial benefits:

- Secure fixed payments for life
- A charitable deduction in the year of the gift
- Tax-free treatment of a portion of each payment to you
- Reduced capital gains taxes for gifts funded with appreciated assets

How it works:



For more information contact, Amy Hurley at (617) 243-6438 or visit nwh.org/CGA.



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Upcoming Events

April 17, 2017	Boston Marathon
May 6, 2017	19th Annual Gala Westin Copley Place, Boston
June 7, 2017	Annual Meeting
September 11, 2017	Golf & Tennis Tournament Braeburn Country Club
October 15, 2017	8th Annual HopeWalks

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