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**Partners in Philanthropy—  
Honoring the Past and Envisioning the Future**

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## IN GRATITUDE

**At the University of Maryland Medical Center partnerships are integral to everything we do.** Partnerships between our expert physicians, nurses, and staff yield extraordinary results. Partnerships also strengthen our ability to offer the very best clinical care informed by the latest research and innovative therapies.

As our new President and CEO, Dr. Mohan Suntha, takes the helm of UMMC, the impact of philanthropic partnerships is in sharper focus. In this issue of Impact we highlight transformational changes and new connections powered by philanthropy throughout UMMC. From contributions by UMMC patients, legacy gifts from generous community members, and incredible charity events that bring together thousands, the spirit of generosity and giving has never been more clear.

On behalf of the entire UMMC community, thank you for your continued partnership and support.



Janice Eisele  
Senior Vice President  
UMMS Foundation



“This designation is a tremendous achievement for our entire team and will significantly enhance our ability to translate discoveries in the laboratory into better treatments for cancer patients in Maryland and beyond.”

Kevin J. Cullen, MD

*Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Distinguished Professor of Oncology,  
University of Maryland School of Medicine*

*Director, University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center*

## UMGCCC Receives Highest Designation of ‘Comprehensive’ from National Cancer Institute



The University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer

Center has been awarded the National Cancer Institute’s highest designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center. This prestigious distinction recognizes the cancer center’s high caliber of scientific leadership and robust programs in basic, clinical and population science research, placing it in the top tier of cancer centers nationwide.

We are grateful to the many donors who helped us achieve this status by

providing our investigators with the opportunity to pursue groundbreaking research, which led to new treatments and discoveries that ultimately benefit our patients. UMGCCC is one of only 46 NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the United States.

“We are extremely proud to have met the NCI’s exacting standards to be recognized as a Comprehensive Cancer Center and to be ranked in the very top echelon of cancer centers in the country,” says Kevin J. Cullen, MD, the Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Distinguished Professor of Oncology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the cancer center’s director.

To many people living in the Baltimore metropolitan area, J. Richard Awalt is best known as a Howard County home builder and real estate developer. But to the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) Foundation, he is remembered for something else—his generosity.

Mr. Awalt passed away of complications from Parkinson’s disease in May 2016. Through a bequest, he donated \$1 million to the University of

Planned gifts have supported capital projects, cutting-edge research, continuing education, and much more. “Thoughtful planning creates a win-win scenario between the donor and charity,” explains Eisele. “Along with potential tax benefits, you will leave a profound impact on our institution. Knowing that your assets are going toward the future health needs of countless men, women and children, will bring great satisfaction.”

Mr. Awalt’s generosity is certainly felt at UMCH, where Dr. Steven Czinn is Physician-in-Chief and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. “Our physicians, nurses and staff are deeply grateful to Mr. Awalt for thinking of the children we treat, and how we can better serve them,” says Dr. Czinn. “Mr. Awalt had a particular interest in the general health and well-being of children, and his gift will support and promote general pediatric health.”

## Leaving Behind a Lasting Legacy

Maryland Children’s Hospital (UMCH) and \$250,000 to the UMMS Foundation for Parkinson’s disease research.

“The generosity of Mr. Awalt and his family stretches far beyond the walls of this hospital,” says Janice Eisele, senior vice president for development at the UMMS Foundation. “This bequest will impact the lives of countless people—from children struggling to overcome a serious illness to adults with Parkinson’s disease seeking other forms of treatment. Mr. Awalt has left a deeply meaningful legacy on the entire University of Maryland community.”

Through planned giving, donors can strategize a method of charitable giving that works best for them.



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Your financial and philanthropic goals can inform how and when to make your planned gift, which may include a bequest, charitable gift annuity, retained life estate, and more. To learn about the planned giving opportunities offered by the UMMS Foundation and how they might benefit you, please contact us at 410.328.5770 or visit [www.ummsfoundation.org/plannedgiving](http://www.ummsfoundation.org/plannedgiving).





# A Loving Embrace

Honoring daughter Cara's legacy connects Jill Becker and her sisters to the University of Maryland Medical Center

A few months after Jill Becker lost her beloved daughter Cara to leukemia in 2012, she received a special handmade gift from her sister and jewelry designer, Jenny Benschner. Jenny had designed a one-of-a-kind bracelet cuff "to symbolize her love and support for me even when we weren't together," says Jill. The cuff, emblazoned with a protective eye, is crafted from shagreen leather (stingray skin) in orange, Cara's favorite color. Because of the way a cuff naturally envelops the wrist, "it's almost an embrace," notes Jenny.

Inspired by the many compliments Jill received on the bracelet, now known as the Karma for Cara cuff, the sisters partnered to sell the cuffs at a fundraiser. "We sold out so fast," recalls Jenny, "we were encouraged to start a business." LEMA J Design represents love, empowerment, motion and adventure and "was an opportunity for me to focus on something during the early stages of the grieving process," Jill recalls. "100 percent of our profits go to the Karma for Cara Foundation, a charity that Cara started before she passed."

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Jill Becker

According to Cara's aunt, Sherri Cohen, "Cara was so passionate about volunteering and giving back and she encouraged our family and friends to join her. Her enthusiasm for making a difference lives on in the Karma for Cara Foundation." With a trifold mission, the Foundation "promotes and supports youth engagement, works to reduce the suffering of cancer patients and their families, and provides recognition to unsung heroes for the impact they make in service to others," says Jill.

At the University of Maryland Medical Center, the impact of Cara's legacy can be felt across the organization. Last year, Karma for Cara presented Excellence in Nursing Awards to Harold Hardinger and Sue Ramzy, nurses at the world-renowned R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

Also in June of 2015, the Becker family and friends were present for the ribbon-cutting and dedication of the state-of-the-art Drs. Rouben and Violet Jiji Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

at the University of Maryland Children's Hospital (UMCH). In an emotional tribute to Cara, her close friend Adam Klein and the Klein family named an area in the NICU in her memory.

Within the *Cara Becker Neighborhood* and throughout the NICU, premature and critically-ill infants receive expert and compassionate care from multidisciplinary teams comprised of neonatologists, nurses and support teams who incorporate the latest research and technology into caring for the tiniest and most vulnerable patients.

Upon a recent visit to the NICU just a year after the dedication, Jill, Jenny and Sherri were able to witness the activity within the *Cara Becker Neighborhood*. Given that "Cara really had an affinity for children and babies, it's really wonderful to see her name here," says Jill.

With an eye to the future, Jill, Jenny and Sherri are hopeful that Cara's legacy will continue to inspire others to make a difference.



Left to Right: Jenny Benschner, Jill Becker and Sherri Cohen reminisce about Cara's philanthropic spirit.

Below: The Becker family and friends celebrate the dedication of the Cara Becker Neighborhood.







# Powered by Philanthropy

## New CEO builds on philanthropic partnerships to advance our mission

**W**ith rapport transcending the typical physician/patient relationship, Dana Deighton and Dr. Mohan Suntha don't hesitate to share their mutual respect and admiration for each other. Had it not been for the white coat, passersby would think they were witnessing the reunion of longtime friends.

But their paths only crossed about three years ago after Dana received a devastating diagnosis of stage-4 esophageal cancer. Describing the finding as "unfathomable," Dana traveled the East Coast looking for a treatment plan that gave her the best chance of survival.

Unfortunately, several physicians at area hospitals closed the proverbial

door on anything other than palliative chemotherapy; a treatment designed to prolong survival and ease symptoms, but not eradicate the disease.

Patients diagnosed with esophageal cancer are commonly older men with unhealthy habits, such as smoking. As a younger woman with a healthy lifestyle, Dana fell outside the demographics of a typical patient. Since research on cases like Dana's was sparse, physicians placed her in the same category as every other esophageal cancer patient. "That's what really got to me," Dana explains. "I was otherwise healthy, could run circles around those doctors and was unwilling to be part of a bucket I did not belong in."

### A Beacon of Hope

Through a friend, Dana met Dr. Suntha, who became president and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical Center in September (see sidebar). For Dana, the encounter opened a new window. "Dr. Suntha and the team at the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC) were a beacon of hope after so many other places refused to take on my case," Dana says.

According to Dana, "Dr. Suntha didn't waste any time, which I love. Every day, every minute counts when you are in this situation. I knew we had to find longer-term treatment options to keep winning. It's all a race and I knew we had to stay ahead of it or the anxiety

would certainly kill me before the cancer did."

Once under his care, Dr. Suntha put Dana on a new treatment regimen and kept alternative options on the table, an important consideration that other medical institutions dismissed. "Dr. Suntha was laser focused, put up with my excessive questions and Friday night panic calls, and always had an arsenal of answers, clinical tools and compassion," Dana says.

At the same time that Dana met Dr. Suntha, she also met Tiffani Tyer, a nurse practitioner in the Department of Radiation Oncology. They connected on many levels, including their passion for running, which has now yielded a new partnership in philanthropy. (See page 8 for more on Dana and Tiffani's story). "Tiffani's expertise and dedication is indicative of the compassionate care I've received from everyone here," says Dana. "It's a really special place."

Recently awarded a "comprehensive" designation by the National Cancer Institute (see page 2), "UMGCCC, like the medical center as a whole, specializes in the most complex and challenging cases," notes Dr. Suntha. "Across UMMC we are proud to leverage incredible physician expertise combined with nationally-recognized nursing care, leading-edge technology, state-of-the-art facilities, and access to the latest research and innovative therapies in a broad range of devastating diseases."

Dana's faith in Dr. Suntha and UMGCCC inspires her to continue fighting the cancer battle. She now undergoes immunotherapy every two weeks.

### Harnessing the Power of Partnership

Among many highlights at UMMC, "our multi-faceted partnerships, powered by philanthropy, enable us to offer these resources and, more importantly, hope, to patients like Dana," notes Dr. Suntha. "I've been blessed to be part of the University of Maryland Medical Center and the School of Medicine for my entire professional career, over 20 years. And while the majority of that time I've been part of the world-class cancer program that exists here at the University of

Maryland, I now have the opportunity to sit in a seat that allows me a vantage point to see all the amazing clinical care that goes on in this organization," says Dr. Suntha.

While the health care environment continues to evolve, UMMC's mission is constant. "We are national leaders in the health care conversations that are going on throughout this country," Dr. Suntha shares.

"When we consider the patients that we care for in every discipline, we certainly are very proud in the role that we play with our partners in delivering health care to the state of Maryland. Many of our programs have a national reach and when patients come to us, whether it's from around the corner in West Baltimore or around the world, our focus is on the patient and their families to ensure they have the finest healthcare experience in our organization," says Dr. Suntha.

### Focus on Philanthropy

Philanthropic partners have funded some of the most critical and transformative projects in the history of UMMC. Dr. Suntha quickly notes that "as CEO, I've been in awe as I've learned more about the remarkable benefactors whose gifts have really transformed our institution." From funding capital projects to innovative new therapies, "we can trace our key achievements in every area, from the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Critical Care Tower to the University of Maryland Children's Hospital Drs. Rouben and Violet Jiji Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, to philanthropic support," states Dr. Suntha. Throughout UMMC's rich history, "our donors have shown tremendous confidence in us and I'm proud to steward and build on this incredible legacy of philanthropic partnerships to help UMMC reach greater heights."

**MEET MOHAN SUNTHA, MD, MBA**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*  
*University of Maryland Medical Center*



A physician leader with more than 20 years of medical and administrative experience within the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), Dr. Suntha assumed the role of President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) effective Sept. 1, 2016.

"On behalf of the Board, I look forward to a productive and engaging relationship with Dr. Suntha to chart a course for even greater excellence at the Medical Center," said **Louise Michaux Gonzales**, Chair of the UMMC Board of Directors and Co-chair of the UMMC CEO Search Committee.

Dr. Suntha joined the Department of Radiation Oncology as a resident in 1991. He is currently Vice Chairman of the Department, as well as the Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Professor of Radiation Oncology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

"Dr. Suntha brings a superior blend of experience in compassionate patient care and hospital administrative expertise to lead UMMC into the future," said **Robert A. Chrencik**, MBA, CPA, President and Chief Executive Officer, UMMS, "Throughout his career, he has demonstrated his acumen for clinical care and hospital management, which will serve UMMC well at a time of evolution in health care delivery in Maryland and throughout the country."

Dr. Suntha obtained his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College, his MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and his undergraduate degree from Brown University. He lives in Baltimore County with his wife and two daughters.



**W**hen faced with a challenge, Dana Deighton does not shy away—she confronts it head on.

About three years ago, Dana received a devastating stage-4 esophageal cancer diagnosis, a rare disease commonly seen in older, less active men. As a younger woman with a healthy lifestyle, Dana refused to settle for standard treatments that only prolong survival. Instead, she thoroughly researched esophageal cancer, sought multiple medical opinions, and eventually found trust in Dr. Mohan Suntha at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

duo also fundraised for UMGCCC and initially set a goal of \$5,000. To their delight and surprise, they raised more than \$10,000 for the cancer center.

“When people know you are doing something genuinely and for a cause that really matters, they want to be a part of it too,” Dana says. “Friends and family as well as people who had no relationship with us came out of the woodwork and made a donation. People with a similar experience as me understand the value of their contribution to a place that makes a big difference.”

Dana and Tiffani not only met their

moment they both will not soon forget.

“I’ve always exercised. It is part of who I am,” Dana explains. “Not being able to do the things you are used to doing—whether daily chores or exercising—is just a bad reminder of what is going on. Being able to do the things you are used to is a really positive thing and a huge part of the mental battle.”

Three and a half years since her original diagnosis, Dana still fights the cancer battle. Every two weeks at UMGCCC, Dana receives immunotherapy treatments, which harnesses the power of a patient’s

# Outrunning Cancer

A patient and her caregiver complete the Maryland Half Marathon and raise more than \$10,000 for UMGCCC

While on Dr. Suntha’s treatment plan (see cover story), Dana met Tiffani Tyer, a nurse practitioner in the Radiation Oncology department. Dana and Tiffani quickly bonded, especially over their shared passion for running.

For the past several years, Tiffani participated in the Maryland Half Marathon and 5K, an annual event that benefits the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC). Dana made a donation on Tiffani’s behalf and committed to running the race with her the following year if her health improved—which, it did.

This past spring, Dana and Tiffani trained for the race. While mostly running independently, they provided accountability to one another by sharing their training experience during Dana’s treatments. The

fundraising goal, but they met their running goal as well. On May 14, they completed the hilly 13.1-mile run and crossed the finish line together—a

immune system to fight the cancer.

Dana’s diagnosis is serious, Tiffani acknowledges, but through it all, continues to persevere and live for the

moment. “Dana knows how significant her diagnosis is, but she never stops asking questions about what she can do to help herself,” Tiffani says. “The most impressive thing about her is that she continues to advocate for herself. Even if it is scary, she asks the questions that you may not want to know the answers to.”

For now, Dana and Tiffani continue to run races together and most recently completed the Philadelphia Half Marathon in November.

While the road ahead may be uncertain, their bond is undeniable. Whether training for a half marathon or continuing the fight against cancer, Dana and Tiffani take each day one step at a time.



## Hundreds Run for a Cause during BALTIMORE RUNNING FESTIVAL

Hundreds of people participated in the Baltimore Running Festival on Oct. 15 in support of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center’s Trauma Survivors Network and the University of Maryland Children’s Heart Program.

Participants ran anywhere between a 5K to a full marathon, while raising funds and promoting awareness for these vital programs. After crossing the finish line, 268 runners helped the Shock Trauma Running Team raise more than \$23,000 and 159 runners helped the Children’s Heart Program Running Team raise approximately \$45,000.

All proceeds from the Children’s Heart Program Running Team support first-in-the-world research trials that are aimed at finding a stem cell-based treatment for children with hypoplastic left heart syndrome and other congenital heart diseases. Funds from the Shock Trauma Running Team supports the Trauma Survivors Network, which is dedicated to helping trauma survivors and their family members rebuild their lives after a serious injury.

The University of Maryland Medical System Foundation is grateful to everyone—from our enthusiastic runners to our dedicated donors and sponsors—for their support.

For more information about our running events, including the Shock Trauma Running Team, Children’s Heart Program Running Team, and the Maryland Half Marathon and 5K, please visit [www.ummsfoundation.org](http://www.ummsfoundation.org).



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# A Second Chance at Life

Cancer patients with deep-seated tumors can soon access a new treatment at the University of Maryland Department of Radiation Oncology thanks to a generous gift from philanthropists, Jack and Emily Howell.

The *Pyrexar BSD-2000 Deep Regional Hyperthermia System* targets tumors with heat therapy, allowing the tumor to potentially become more receptive to chemotherapy and/or radiation. This state-of-the-art technology can help to improve the odds of people with cancer in the abdomen, pelvis and other areas of the body. The new hyperthermia system is part of the University of Maryland's expanding Thermal Oncology Program, led by Zeljko Vujaskovic, M.D., Ph.D., professor of radiation oncology for the University of Maryland School of Medicine and internationally recognized leader in the field of hyperthermia cancer treatment.

Jack and Emily, who reside in Florida, generously donated the funds for the deep regional hyperthermia system after Jack underwent his own cycle of cancer treatments.

Jack was first diagnosed with bladder cancer in July 2012. Choosing not to have chemotherapy, he sought other forms of treatment, which

worked well for more than two years. But in September 2014, Jack developed a serious cough that worsened over the next few months. That November, a biopsy on two nodes in Jack's chest revealed stage-4 cancer.

As Jack and Emily debated their next move, hyperthermia treatment came to mind. Emily knew of several people with cancer, including her sister, who had positive outcomes with hyperthermia treatments in Germany. Jack and Emily researched hospitals in the United States that used hyperthermia therapy, which led them to Dr. Vujaskovic.

Unfortunately, Jack's life-threatening cancer node, which pressed on his thorax, sat too deeply for the type of hyperthermia treatment available at the time. The equipment was only capable of treating "superficial tumors" that were no more than two inches below the skin's surface.

Dr. Vujaskovic, however, still thought he could improve Jack's condition. He treated the node with 10 rounds of pinpoint radiation with great success. Dr. Vujaskovic also treated Jack for pneumonia and helped him enroll in an immunotherapy trial program at Emory University.

Since his initial visit, Jack's health has tremendously improved. "We are now

enjoying our life and counting our blessings every day," Emily says. "We strongly believe in the importance of eating clean and healthy foods in order to get well and stay well."

Even though Jack was not a candidate for hyperthermia treatment, he and Emily believe in the benefits of hyperthermia therapy and are grateful for Dr. Vujaskovic's lifesaving care. It's why they felt compelled to support the Thermal Oncology Program and give patients, with cases similar to Jack, the chance to benefit from heat therapy.

"I absolutely have had a second chance at life," says Jack. "There is no doubt in my mind that I want to give back because Dr. Vujaskovic saved my life. I'm interested in hypothermia, and if I ever need it again, it would be available."

"I am expecting the University of Maryland to be trailblazers in this field," adds Emily. "It's so exciting to contribute and we believe in Dr. Vujaskovic and what's he's doing."

The new deep regional hyperthermia system is one piece of the Thermal Oncology Program. The Department of Radiation Oncology continues to seek additional philanthropic support to help renovate and expand the clinical space, provide resources for studies and trainings, and fund a new endowed professorship.

"We will be the first institution in the U.S. to have the capability to treat cancer patients with proton and thermal therapy at one location," says Dr. Vujaskovic. Proton therapy is a highly advanced and precise form of radiation that limits the dose to surrounding healthy organs.

Dr. Vujaskovic is extremely grateful to the Howell family and looks forward to further developing the Thermal Oncology Program. "Without the generous support from philanthropy, our patients that have deep internal tumors can get the treatment they need to improve their chances of survival," says Dr. Vujaskovic. "We cannot move forward with new treatments without this cutting-edge technology."



## Golf tournament raises nearly \$500K for Cancer Center

**IT WAS TRULY A FANTASTIC DAY** on Oct. 17 as 28 foursomes played golf in this year's Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center Golf Tournament, a benefit for the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC). That evening, more than 150 golfers and guests enjoyed socializing over a delicious dinner, bidding on live and silent auction items, and listening to talks on the future of cancer care.

By the end of the event, more than \$471,000 was raised for UMGCCC.

"I'm proud that we have had such a great turnout to support the important work of the physicians and researchers at UMGCCC," says Bobby Ginsberg, CEO of Chesapeake Contracting Group, the golf tournament's Champion Sponsor. "As a board member and longtime supporter, it's a really good feeling to know that we are helping patients and programs. Chesapeake

Contracting Group is proud to support this cause and continues to make a difference in the lives of people who are fighting cancer."

This year's tournament and dinner took place at Caves Valley Golf Club, a premiere golf course in Owings Mills, Md. that sits nestled among towering trees and rolling hills.

The golf tournament kicked off just after lunch and finished with three teams tied for first place with a score of 53. A tiebreaker settled the score, awarding first place to John Wildrick, Chris Miller, Levi Lloyd and Norm Butler from Dixie Construction. Second place was presented to Michael Craig, Drew Brumbach, Michael Sweet and Eric Follman from Travelers; and third place went to Barry Stoler, Michael Meagher, Greg Wilkins and Daryl Smith from Lexus of Towson.

During the evening program, guests were warmly welcomed by University of Maryland Medical Center's (UMMC) newly appointed President and CEO, Dr. Mohan Suntha, and UMGCCC's Director, Dr. Kevin J. Cullen. Dr. Graeme Woodworth, director of the Brain Tumor Treatment and Research Center

at UMMC, also shared highlights of his research on focused ultrasound technology. This revolutionary piece of medical equipment could profoundly impact those living with brain cancer and other serious neurological diseases.

Special thanks to all of our sponsors, especially our Champion Sponsor, Chesapeake Contracting Group. We would also like to recognize our Birdie Sponsors, which include: Bopat Electric Company, Inc., CohnReznik, Dixie Construction, Greenebaum Enterprises, Klein Enterprises, Live Green Landscape Associates, LLC, Maryland Proton Treatment Center, and University of Maryland Medical Center Department of Radiation Oncology.

And a big thank you to our golfers, attendees, and donors for making this year's Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center Golf Tournament a major success. Your combined support will immensely impact the lives of countless men, women and children facing a cancer diagnosis.

Visit the *UMMS Foundation* on Facebook to view the complete tournament album.





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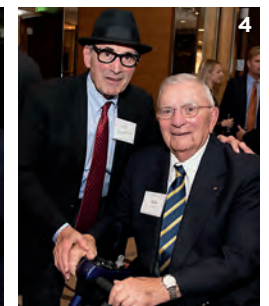
## Recognizing our Partners in Philanthropy

The University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) honored several philanthropic partners during its 5th annual Donor Recognition Event on Nov. 29 at the Four Seasons Baltimore. Individuals, corporations and foundations were acknowledged for their outstanding leadership, generosity and impact on UMMC.

“This event recognized our closest donors and friends, whose generosity helps UMMC sustain and advance our commitment to excellence in patient care, education and discovery,” says Louise Gonzales, chair of UMMC’s Board of Directors. “We are grateful for our philanthropic partnerships, which undoubtedly benefit the patients we serve.”

Philanthropic gifts ensures that UMMC, and in turn its patients, have access to the most advanced equipment, technology and facilities. These partnerships provide investigators with the opportunity to pursue groundbreaking medical research, which leads to new treatment and discoveries.

“Our partners in philanthropy have allowed us to achieve significant milestones across our areas of distinction,” says Janice Eisele, senior vice president for development at the University of Maryland Medical System Foundation. “We are extremely grateful to all of our dedicated donors who put our patients first by supporting our mission.”



**1.** Donors featured in the evening’s special video presentation, (L to R) Jack and Emily Howell, George Doetsch, Emily and Stan Kotler, Donna Marie and D’Arcy Bramble with Dr. Mohan Suntha, President and CEO, UMMC  
**2.** Brent Myers and Dr. Suntha  
**3.** Dr. Edward Rusche and Robert Chrencik, President and CEO, UMMS  
**4.** Dr. Morton Rapoport and Hank Butta  
**5.** Steve Burch, Chair, UMMS Board of Director, and Louise Michaux Gonzales, Chair, UMMC Board of Director



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