

From the Heart

A Generous Gift in Memory of a Loved One

Susan's spirit lives on

Patients and staff in our new infusion therapy center will benefit from a gift of \$100,000 from the Susan Lucianna Breast Cancer Fund, a charitable family foundation.

Cancer changed Susan Lucianna's life, but it never broke her spirit or lessened her enthusiasm for living. Susan was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer in 1997. Cancer almost seemed a thing of the past when, seven years later, she learned the disease had not just returned, but spread. She died on August 20, 2007 after a valiant three-year battle.

Through it all, Susan held on dearly to the things that she cared about most—family, friends, working with her father Frank and sister Diane in the family law firm, and something very much a priority in her life, doing for others. "Susan loved to help people," said Diane. "She worried more about us than about herself. Even at our office, she loved to help solve clients' problems, and the more assistance needed the better."



Susan in Peru on one of her many trips abroad

Susan did not dwell on her sickness, and avoided talking about it. Most people didn't know she was sick, although she endured setbacks, complications, and physical challenges. If you knew Susan was fighting cancer, it was easy to believe that she was going to

be fine. She exuded a positive attitude and lived life to the fullest.

Susan refused to put her life on hold. She adopted Molly, a Cavalier King Charles Puppy, making the dog a cherished part of her life and a living symbol of her hope for the future. She continued to work long after most people would have gone on disability. She often took trips to celebrate "good" reports from her doctor, even when the findings were not so favorable. An enthusiastic world traveler, she visited Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands in

November of 2006 on a break from the rigors of treatment. She vacationed on St. Martin in the Caribbean in July 2007 shortly before she died. That was the same month she closed on a new

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Griffin's Gift

A family remembers and helps others

Pamela and Paul Caine and their children are sharing their love and experience with loss through the work of Griffin's Giving Fund, a charitable fund named in memory of their son and brother who died as a newborn in 1996.

Griffin's Giving Fund was established with a donation from the Caines to create a lasting memorial to their son. The fund provides specialized children's



Pamela and Paul Caine and their children are sharing their love and experience with loss through Griffin's Giving Fund. *Standing:* Ryan, Samantha, and Paul *Seated:* Pamela and Gavin

books, a memory book for parents of premies, and educational aids to families faced with the illness or death of a child. The Caines and their three children, Samantha, 14, Ryan, 11, and Gavin, 9, selected the program's materials, which are available free of charge at Englewood Hospital.

The Fund also supports an educational station located outside the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), offering hands-on learning and preparation for children who may feel confused and overwhelmed by the sight of a baby in the midst of medical equipment.

"It was our dream to create an ongoing community-based program to assist families like ours," explained Pamela. "Griffin's Giving Fund will help keep Griffin a vital part of our family and keep open the connection to him. In a very real way, we are incorporating our love for Griffin into the project."

"It can be hard to know what words to use to explain scary or upsetting things to your children, especially when you yourself are feeling overwhelmed with emotion and grief," she continued.

"The right book can provide these words, along with a sense of comfort in knowing that other families have coped with similar situations."

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From the Heart is a publication of Englewood Hospital and Medical Center Foundation. Established in 1995, the Foundation is the non-profit organization that develops private resources to support the capital, endowment, and annual operating needs of Englewood Hospital and Medical Center. The Foundation's fundraising programs, special events, and outreach activities foster investment in the Medical Center's healthcare programs and services.

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Faithful Friends



Dear Friends,

At the Foundation, we are privileged to be in the company of giving people. *From the Heart* tells you about some of these people and why they have chosen to donate to Englewood Hospital and Medical Center.

The newsletter also provides an opportunity to thank all of our benefactors. This year has been a particularly exciting time, one which has been

both challenging and rewarding. We've passed the halfway mark to our \$35 million goal for Lifeline to Tomorrow—Our Campaign for an Emergency Care Center. This ambitious capital campaign runs side-by-side with our ongoing annual effort to raise crucial funds to maintain and add essential programs and services.

I thank you all for your generosity and ask for your continuing support. You can be sure that each gift makes a difference. Without faithful friends, the Foundation would not be the Medical Center's financial lifeline. Please include us in your end-of-year charitable giving. I hope you will call me directly if you would like suggestions regarding donating.

I also ask that you take a moment to read about one very special fundraiser, the **Walk for Awareness: Our Fight Against Breast Cancer**, which observes its 10th anniversary this year. The Walk

for Awareness was founded in 1999 by survivor Jill Fader and her husband, Paul Fader, then mayor of Englewood. It has evolved into one of the Foundation's three signature events.

The Walk for Awareness has raised more than \$850,000 while spreading awareness of the importance of early detection in the fight against breast cancer to an incalculable number of people. We thank Jill and Paul and everyone who has made it a successful event and a popular celebration of life and love.

With heartfelt appreciation and thanks,

Margaret C. Bridge
Executive Vice President

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Susan and "best friend" Molly

condo, purchased when she decided one-level living would be best as she recovered.

In recognition of the gift, one of the six-chair patient treatment areas in the new infusion therapy center will be named in Susan's memory. The center will open soon in the Russell and Angelica Berrie Center for Humanistic Care, Englewood's outpatient building. Patients will receive the hospital's state-of-the-art infusion services in a space designed for comfort and privacy. Each patient area will feature a comfortable chair for a family member or friend.

The gift honors Susan's memory and all of the exceptional healthcare professionals who cared for her from 2000 until her death. "My mother and my sister were at Englewood Hospital, usually at the infusion center, almost weekly for the last three years of Susan's life as she underwent various treatments," said Diane. "People were so kind and good that the visits became

friendly get-togethers with some medical treatment on the side. We're glad to be able to support a hospital that has always been there for us."

The Lucianna family is quite familiar with the need for outstanding, comprehensive services for breast cancer patients. Wife and mother Dolores is a breast cancer survivor. Diane was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer in 2003, and has had surgery to remove her breasts and ovaries. Sister Nancy has chosen to have surgery to remove her breasts, a medical intervention to stop the disease before it starts. Both Diane and Nancy have had reconstructive breast surgery.

Susan's legacy of caring will be incorporated into the Walk for Awareness, with the addition of the Susan Lucianna Memorial Dog Walk this year. "We want to pay tribute to my sister and keep her name and memory alive. Also, we know first-hand the joy a loving pet can bring, and how therapeutic that relationship is," said Diane, whose family adopted Molly after Susan died. "Of course, helping spread awareness about the importance of early detection in the fight against breast cancer is of utmost importance."

For more information about the Susan Lucianna Memorial Dog Walk or to donate in Susan's memory, call (201) 894-3725 or email foundation@ehmc.com.

Honoring a Giver

Dr. Frank Forte will be the honoree at an evening of music and celebration at the Medical Center on October 25. The physician will be recognized for his service as one of Englewood Hospital's most distinguished physicians and for his dedication to personally providing and coordinating medical care for uninsured jazz physicians from around the world.

The event will also mark the opening of the new Infusion Therapy Center, and the 15th anniversaries of the Dizzy Gillespie Cancer Institute and the Dizzy Gillespie Memorial Fund. The program is open to the Medical Center's extended family. Call (201) 894-3725 for more information.



Richard Wyands, Dr. Frank Forte, Calvin Hill, and Roni Ben-Hur in the Main Lobby of the Medical Center, where professional jazz musicians perform every weekday from noon to 2pm.

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The project has further strengthened the ties between the Caines and hospital staff. "This initiative is very important to our family," said Paul. "It is so wonderful to know that the team at Englewood is not only excited about it, but very supportive of our family."

To donate to Griffin's Giving Fund, contact the Foundation at (201) 894-3725 or foundation@ehmc.com

Englewood Hospital Honors its Own

A record-breaking number of 570 guests celebrated the 120th anniversary of the founding of Englewood Hospital and honored President and CEO Douglas A. Duchak for exceptional leadership, his many contributions in healthcare, and his outstanding four-year tenure as head of the Medical Center. Close to \$750,000 was raised at the elegant affair, the 2008 Black Tie Gala, which was held at the Rockleigh Country Club.



Douglas A. Duchak receives the congratulations and warm wishes of the guests.



Former Medical Staff President Dr. Kenneth P. Rubin and Carol Rubin with Committee Members Dr. Judy Willner and Medical Staff President Dr. Joseph A. Willner.



The Duchak Family—Dean, Stacey, Doug, Merri, and Cory.



Foundation Chairman Richard J. Kurtz and Patti Kurtz, gala co-chairs, with Foundation Trustee and Ad Journal Vice Chair Sharon Kurtz and Jeff Kurtz.



Gala Co-chairs Medical Center Chairman Jay Nadel and Beth Nadel; Ad Journal Chairman and Foundation Trustee Bernie Koster; Norma Wellington Koster; ABC news anchor and Medical Center Trustee Lori Stokes; Douglas A. Duchak; and Honorary Chair Merri Duchak.

The Kennedy Funding Invitational Continues the Fight

The Kennedy Funding Invitational raised \$500,000 for The Leslie Simon Breast Care and Cytodiagnosis Center thanks to Co-executive Directors Kevin Wolfer, Mitch Klein, and James Miller and a host of other dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and enthusiastic top-rated tennis players from around the world. Tennis legend John McEnroe beat Justin Gimelstob in front of a packed stadium in a high-spirited celebrity match.



John McEnroe with the directors of The Kennedy Funding Invitational. *Back:* Jeffrey Wolfer and Gregg Wolfer *Front:* Dr. Cliff Simon, husband of the late Leslie Simon; Scott Friedman; David Green; James Miller; John McEnroe; Mitch Klein; Kevin Wolfer; Eric Aroesty; Laurette Klein; and Paul Kissner.



Murray Beer and Lovey Beer, title sponsors of the Men's Tournament, with Carol Wolfer and Joe Wolfer.

Thanks Again!



Douglas A. Duchak and Andiamo Run Co-founders Donald Dickstein, Foundation trustee, and Alan Dickstein on an early summer visit to the construction site for The Kaplen Pavilion, where the emergency care center will be located.

The Andiamo Benefit Motorcycle Run pledged \$250,000 to Lifeline to Tomorrow—Our Campaign for an Emergency Care Center. The Andiamo Run has benefited the Medical Center since 2002, with contributions to The Leslie Simon Breast Care and Cytodiagnosis Center, the Family Birthplace, and the new emergency care center.

Classic Commitment

A gorgeous September day was the perfect setting for good friends to get together at the 14th annual **Englewood Classic**, which was held at the beautiful Alpine Country Club. From the welcoming morning brunch, to the particularly well-received awards dinner in the new clubhouse, the smiles were as big as the generosity of the event's sponsors, participants, and other donors. The largesse of the supporters resulted in proceeds of \$185,000. Lexus of Englewood was Title Sponsor for the fourth year in a row.



Tennis Co-chairs Ronald H. Rollieson and Joanne English Rollieson, Foundation trustee, with Kenneth Kovaly, golf chair and Foundation trustee.

Ten Years of Hope and Inspiration

The Walk for Awareness: Our Fight Against Breast Cancer

Ten years after she was diagnosed with breast cancer, Jill Fader and her husband, Paul, marvel at how good life has been to them and their four children.

High school senior Jack is 17, full of the future as he looks at colleges. When did he get old enough to drive, his mom wonders. Lucas, 15, is combining the challenges of being a competitive swimmer with the academic rigors of his sophomore year of high school. Sisters Morgan and Sydney, 11 years old and in the 6th grade, are never left in the dust by their eager brothers. A recent venture—adventure—was sleep-away camp in New Hampshire, where they pursued waterskiing, sailing, tennis, and gymnastics.

Surely these active, healthy, happy children take after their parents. In addition to the hard work of keeping up with their four offspring, Jill is a workers' compensation judge for the State of New Jersey, and Paul is a partner with the law firm Florio, Perruci, Steinhardt & Fader. He also is a member of the Board of Trustees of Englewood Healthcare System, the parent organization of the Medical Center.

Life did not always look so promising.



Back: Lucas and Jack Front: Sydney, Jill, Paul, and Morgan

“When Jill was diagnosed with breast cancer, my mind—not to mention my heart and soul—must have gone in a thousand directions,” said Paul in an interview in 2001. The couple was utterly shocked when Jill, just 38 years old, discovered, quite by chance, a lump in her breast. Within days she became a cancer patient requiring surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy.

“I never even thought of myself at risk, because no one in my family ever had breast cancer,” said Jill. “I now know most women who have breast cancer do not have a family history of the disease. I also know that early detection is the greatest weapon in fighting it.”

The Faders started the Walk for Awareness in 1999 to show their appreciation for the care Jill received at the Medical Center and to help spread awareness of the importance of early detection. The event benefits The Leslie Simon Breast Care and Cytodiagnosis Center. Proceeds have funded state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment and paid for mammograms and other related services for uninsured and underinsured women.

“Looking back on these past 10 years, I feel incredibly lucky,” said Jill. “Lucky to be healthy and able to enjoy all the ‘large’ and ‘small’ moments with my family and friends. Lucky to have outstanding medical resources right in our own backyard. Grateful that so many positive things, like the Walk for Awareness, have emerged from that initial, scary diagnosis. Hopefully, we’ve been able to encourage and inspire others as much as this community has encouraged and inspired us.”

Dizzy’s Gift Continues to Inspire

Jazz lovers are marking their calendars for the release of *Smile* on November 11, the first CD pairing of Roni Ben-Hur and Gene Bertoncini. The recording is the first in the series *Jazz Therapy* produced by Motéma Music. Proceeds will benefit the Dizzy Gillespie Memorial Fund, which has helped pay for millions of dollars of medical care for jazz musicians in need since it was founded in memory of the legendary musician, who called Englewood

Hospital “his hospital.” Dizzy asked that his name be used to assist colleagues not as fortunate as he to have access to quality healthcare. His physician, Dr. Francis Forte, leads the effort, which includes pro-bono work by numerous physicians and services donated by Englewood Hospital.

Smile is dedicated to the late bassist Earl May, a co-creator of the project. Many members of the jazz community have contributed generously of their



time, talent, and resources to make the album possible. Visit motema.com for more information.

**The 10th Walk for Awareness:
Our Fight Against Breast Cancer**
Englewood Field Club
341 Engle Street
Englewood, NJ 07631
Sunday, October 26
Pre-Event Activities: 11am
Registration: 12 noon
Kick-Off: 1pm
NEW: Susan Luciana Memorial Dog Walk
Call (201) 894-3485
or visit walkforawareness.org
for more information.

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