

60th Anniversary Celebrated with Major Announcement!

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Northwest Community Healthcare (NCH) is opening a brand new Outpatient Care Center in Kildeer at Rand and Cuba Roads on January 8, 2020. Located at 21481 N. Rand Road in Kildeer, this new location will house clinicians and the latest technologies to provide exceptional care in the following areas: immediate care; imaging; mammography; lab services; occupational health; physical therapy; intensive cardiac rehab; as well as offices for primary care physicians and specialists. For more information visit nch.org/kildeer.

It's All About Community



Earlier this year NCH released its annual Community Benefit Report highlighting \$50.9 million in community benefit for 2018, including more than \$8.4 million in charity care. With the commitment of

generous donors and collaborative partnerships, NCH is able to invest resources in local outreach programs and services that have the greatest impact and increase access to care. View the full report at nch.org/communityservices.

Classic Helps Launch Campaign



The 22nd Annual Golf Classic at Medinah Country Club was another resounding success raising more than \$430,000 in proceeds for our new Cancer Vision Campaign. The Classic has raised nearly \$11 million in its 22-year history. Thank you to all of our supporters! Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's outing on Monday, July 13, 2020.

And the Winner is... YOU!

The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit organization committed to improving healthcare quality and safety for consumers and purchasers, just announced its Fall 2019 Safety Grades. NCH was awarded an 'A' rating once again. "Achieving an 'A' Hospital Safety Grade from Leapfrog acknowledges the commitment of our physicians and team members to providing safe, high quality care to every patient, every time," says NCH President and CEO Stephen Scogna.

To learn more about NCH's quality awards, visit nch.org/awards.

A NEW VISION FOR CANCER CARE

"It is a great time in our history to really elevate the level of cancer care in this region."

- Stephen Nigh, M.D.

One of the highlights of the 60th Anniversary Celebration on September 21 was the announcement that NCH is pursuing the expansion of its cancer program to meet the growing needs of the community and to offer patients and families an unparalleled level of care.

According to NCH President and CEO Stephen Scogna, "The journey that we're on is to spend the next 10 months planning and working with the community, physicians and others to develop critical elements of a program that includes the pursuit of a cancer center."

NCH Foundation already held a special listening session this past summer to gather ideas and learn what is most important to the community during an open dialogue with the cancer care leadership team (photo below). It was a valuable exercise that produced six pages of recommendations that will be used in the months ahead.



Although a potential stand-alone cancer center is being pursued as a centerpiece of the plan, the vision for cancer care is much more than just a physical location or a building. Mr. Scogna

emphasizes, "It's the way you take care of the patient and how you embrace the patient and the family. This is what makes a difference for patients at NCH."

Stephen Nigh, M.D., Medical Director of Oncology at NCH agrees. Patients want to have seamless communication; they want to know that they can reach their doctor, their care team, and to know that those team members are communicating on a regular basis about their particular case. They want the highest technology available, right here in their community."

This vision for cancer care brings our excellent clinicians and amazing technology all under one roof. It creates one phone number to call, one door to welcome, and one hand to hold as a patient and his or her family journey through treatment to recovery and wellness.

This vision will require significant investment from NCH, its partners and our community. A \$25 million campaign was announced as part of recent fundraising efforts that have already secured the Halcyon linear accelerator in Radiation Oncology (see page 6). As NCH continues its dialogue with physicians and the community, creates more detailed plans, and secures the necessary approvals, construction of a potential center could begin late in 2020 with an anticipated completion date around late 2022.

If you have questions about the campaign or cancer vision, or have ideas to share about excellent cancer care, please call us at **847-618-4260**.

60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA



Stephen Scogna, NCH President and CEO.



Malcolm and Cathy MacCoun



Stephen Nigh, M.D., Mary Nigh, Shirley Fish, and Mike and Tina Carstens

Through the generous support of the community, Northwest Community Hospital's 60th Anniversary Gala raised more than \$1 million before the ballroom doors even opened.

A Legacy of Caring and Community was the theme of this sophisticated affair which took place on Saturday, September 21 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel. After dinner, nationally known comedian Alonzo Bodden entertained a captivated audience of nearly 600 guests. The George and June Block Family Foundation, Leopardo Construction, and SEI Investments generously served as lead sponsors.

Incoming NCH Board Chair Mary Sheahan served as host to a program featuring remarks from current Board Chair Diane Hill, NCH Foundation Board Chair Dick Hoffman, NCH President

and CEO Stephen Scogna, and NCH Foundation Executive Director David Ungurean. Matt Boler of The Boler Family Foundation reflected on the compassionate care shown to his and all families at NCH. Guests were also the first to hear about NCH's exciting cancer vision announcement which included an inspirational and informative video.

Among the notable attendees were NCH's former and longest-serving President and CEO Malcolm MacCoun and his wife Cathy, who were joined by a number of retired NCH physicians. They reminisced about their time at NCH as a slideshow with historic photographs displayed throughout the dinner.



Gala Chairs E. Quinn Regan, M.D., Lea Regan, Diane Hill and Richard Hoffman

Proceeds from the Gala will benefit NCH's ambitious vision to transform the way we deliver cancer care as we pursue a state-of-the-art cancer center. "This evening shows how important the support of the community is in furthering our vision," Scogna said at the event, as he underscored his gratitude and spoke to the friends of NCH in attendance.

THE REST IS NCH HISTORY

It's been an eventful 60 years here at NCH. Our commitment has always been to create a healthier community. We take that responsibility very seriously, but that doesn't mean we haven't had fun doing it! Here are some fun tidbits that will surely give you a healthy smile.

During the famed blizzard of '79, Stanley Zydlo, M.D., was staffing the Emergency Room when a patient came in and needed to be admitted. Because of the extreme weather, none of the on-call physicians were able to make it to the hospital, as all nearby roads were shut down. Alan Hollett, M.D., was at



Courtesy of Daily Herald

home enjoying a quiet evening off when he received a call from Dr. Zydlo, who knew Dr. Hollett lived nearby. Dr. Hollett explained that he got in his car and tried the impossible task of getting out of his driveway to get to the hospital. After quickly realizing that he wouldn't be able to drive due to the blizzard-like conditions, he used a little creativity to get to the patient in need. Dr. Hollett strapped on his cross country skis and headed for NCH, where he admitted and cared for the patient. As Dr. Hollett explains, "the trek back home was much easier because there was a little bit of a decline on Fernandez Avenue."

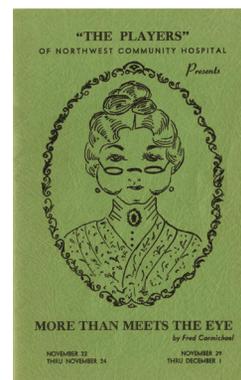


Do you know how the Hospital's Mallard Room (adjacent to the Oasis Cafeteria) got its name? For several years, beginning in the mid 1980s, a family of ducks called this area home before the space was rebuilt and enclosed. Employees helped the momma duck and her ducklings by feeding them and giving them a wading pool complete with a ramp. What once was a gathering place for feathered friends is now used for meetings and private dinners.



NCH used to have a mascot! CARE Bear was a representation of the caring treatment our patients received from all employees. CARE Bear made bedside visits and attended hospital activities and community events – even board meetings!

In January 1963, The Players of Northwest Community Hospital, a theater group comprised of doctors, nurses and staff, put on their first play "See How They Run" in front of a sold-out crowd. The play, which ultimately turned into a series of plays, was among the hospital's early fundraising events.



Speaking of early fundraising events, a young Ronald Regan, before becoming President of the United States, attended an NCH fundraiser held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in 1956. Comedian Jimmy Durante provided the entertainment for the First Annual Benefit Ball in 1966.



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK: DEDICATIONS AND OUTCOMES

Our 2018 Foundation News publication highlighted two special fundraising initiatives: the Halcyon Linear Accelerator and the new Hybrid Catheterization Lab/Operating Suite (view our past publications at nch.org/foundation). Since that time more than \$5.5 million was raised to bring these projects to life. A special dedication was held on February 28, 2019 for the Linear Accelerator and on May 9, 2019 for the Atherton Family Hybrid Suite. Thank you to all who contributed to these efforts that are saving and improving the lives of residents affected by cancer and heart disease.



Members of the board of directors for George M. Eisenberg Foundation for Charities stand next to the newly dedicated waiting room in Radiation Oncology in recognition of their \$1 million commitment to the Halcyon.

Physicians representing Midwest Anesthesia Partners with a plaque recognizing the group's \$1 million commitment to the hybrid suite.



Shirley Fish with a plaque honoring her and her late husband Mert's significant commitments to the Halcyon and the Cancer Vision Campaign.

Martha Atherton listens to Maen Nusair, M.D., in the new Atherton Family Hybrid Suite named after her family foundation which contributed \$1 million to the project.



Halcyon Linear Accelerator

In the first 11 months:

237 Patients
4,281 Treatments

Types of cancers treated include: breast, prostate, gynecologic, brain, head and neck, stomach, rectum, pancreas, and lung

Benefits: Fast set-up and treatment speeds translates to less time a patient is on the Halcyon and less chance for a patient to move, making treatment more precise than ever. Combined with its amazing imaging capabilities, certain specialized treatments that took 30 to 90 minutes can be done in only 10 minutes – just one example of the many advantages of Halcyon.



Halcyon Linear Accelerator at NCH

Hybrid Suite

In the first 4 months:

20 transcatheter aortic valve replacements (TAVR) with an average patient age of nearly 83 years old. Traditionally, they would require an open-heart procedure with almost a week in the hospital and months of recovery. Now, most are going home the next day! Learn more at nch.org/valves.

15 Watchman procedures to reduce the risk of stroke for A-fib patients and free them from the risks and burden of prescription blood thinners.



Inside the hybrid suite, as manager Chris Buzzard demonstrates the amazing Pheno Robotic arm that provides real-time imaging for complex, non-invasive procedures

RETIRED PHYSICIAN CONTINUES TO HELP FAMILIES, COMMUNITY



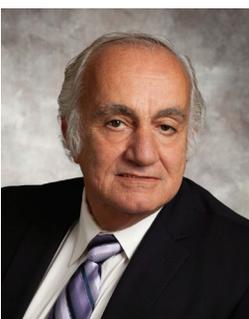
The Geittmann family

Retired obstetrician and gynecologist Peter Geittmann, M.D., is warmly remembered by patients and staff for his compassion and skill during his 36 years of service at NCH. Now the foundation that he and his wife Margie created will also be recognized for its generous support of women and children thanks to a permanent plaque on the hospital's mother-baby floor. On July 23, the Geittmanns gathered with family, friends, and former colleagues to unveil the new plaque across from the nurses' station. Funds from the Dr. Peter Geittmann Foundation have helped to support women facing financial difficulties due to mounting medical bills from serious diagnoses and to provide prenatal care for underserved women, leading to hundreds of healthy deliveries.

WELCOME NEW NCH FOUNDATION TRUSTEES



Henry Dominicus, M.D., has served women and families of the northwest suburbs for more than 25 years. He is well-known and respected not only for his expertise and a successful OB/GYN practice but also for his long-standing compassion toward youth and the underserved. Now retired from his medical practice, Dr. Dominicus has transitioned from medical director of the Women's and Children's service line at NCH to becoming Physician Director of Ambulatory Services. He notes that "there is nothing better than this hospital's commitment to community." Dr. Dominicus looks forward to diving into his passion of helping the underserved and making those important connections between donors and the opportunities that exist to help others in our community.



Louis Gatta, PhD is recognized as a leader in systems analysis, organizational change, business relations, strategic planning and innovative research design. He served for 27 years as a member of Northwest Community Healthcare's Board of Directors and was Chair of the Board from 2003 to 2010. Dr. Gatta is the founder of ECRA Group, Inc., a research, strategic planning and leadership training consulting firm dedicated to helping educational organizations, healthcare systems and other non-profit organizations improve performance. He now serves as ECRA's Chairman. Over the years, Dr. Gatta has partnered with the Foundation to build important relationships and assist in fundraising requests.



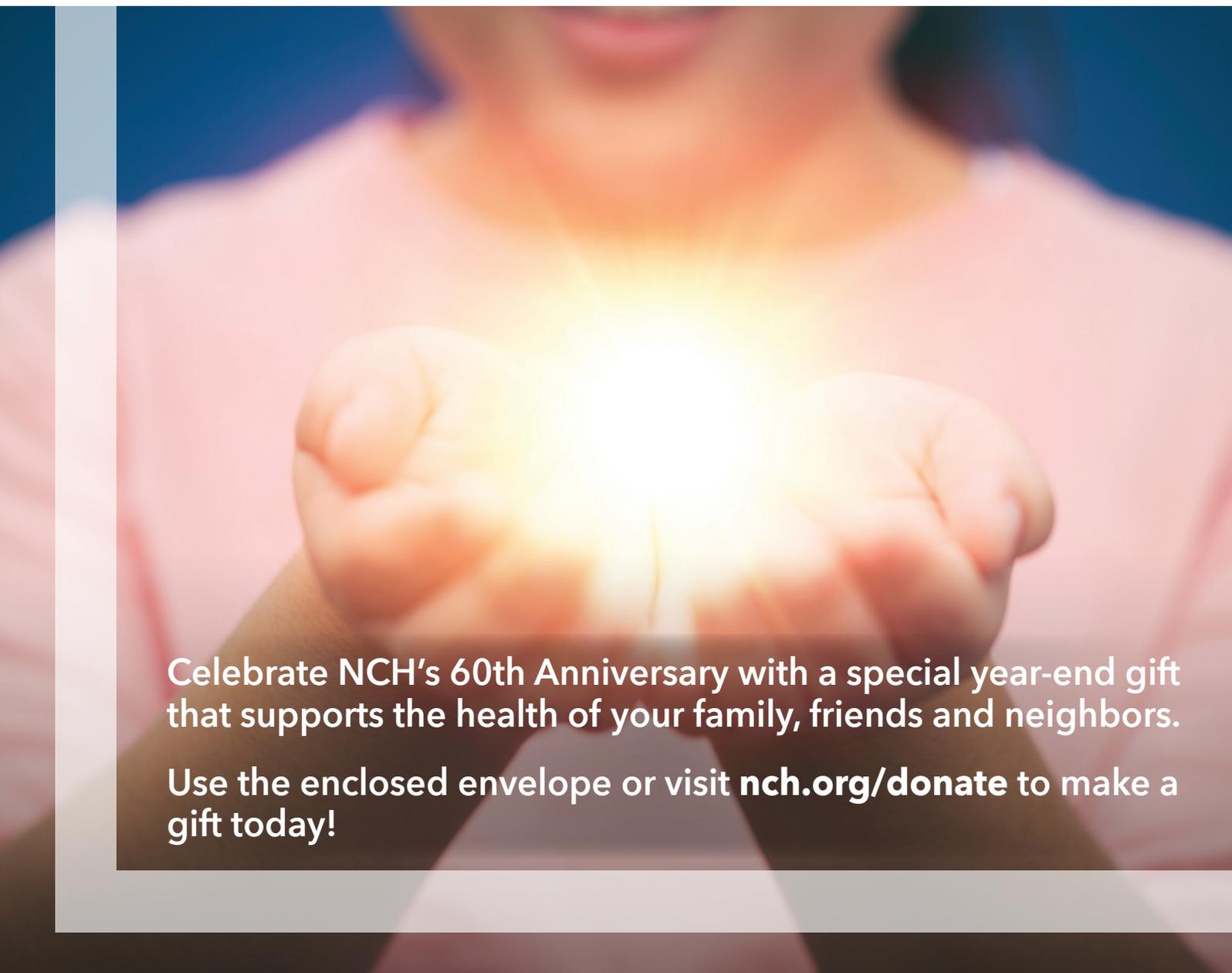
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