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IMPACT REPORT



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PERSEVERANCE

runs in the family



NEIL SUDHAKARAN WITH HIS SISTER, RACHEL (LEFT), AND WIFE, MADISON

When **Neil Sudhakaran** was born, he had a 50-50 chance of testing positive for recessive polycystic kidney disease (PKD). The rare genetic disorder causes cysts to grow inside the kidneys and liver, leading to organ damage and loss of function. “My oldest sister, **Rachel**, had enlarged kidneys when she was little and that led to her diagnosis,” said Neil. “My sister, Christina, tested negative so, when I was born, I had to tip the scale one way or the other – I tested positive.”

For years, the Ashland, Ohio family was relatively unaffected by the PKD diagnoses. Then, in middle school, Rachel’s kidneys began to decline. She avoided dialysis, narrowly, thanks to an organ donor. Neil made it midway through his junior year before his own kidneys began to fail. Unlike his sister, he was placed on dialysis and waited more than a year for a transplant.



“Over all these years, the UH nephrology and transplant teams have come to know us and our individual idiosyncrasies. That personal touch really makes a difference.”

NEIL SUDHAKARAN

“I got a new kidney the summer after I graduated from high school,” he said. “It’s no one’s fault, but it didn’t last. Within two years I was back on dialysis. Thankfully, I also inherited my mother’s grit and determination.”

Despite his health, Neil moved to Cleveland where he enrolled at the Ohio Center for Broadcasting and secured an internship with iHeartMedia.

“I was also working full-time, so I did nocturnal dialysis three days a week,” he explained. “I would arrive at 8 pm and get treated overnight. I finished around 5 am, went home and got ready for work. It was rough, but it became my new normal.”

During this time, Rachel was teaching fourth grade and again in kidney failure. “I was on dialysis and, like Neil, moved to Cleveland to be closer to quality care,” she said. “I was incredibly fortunate though.

The father of one of my students was a match and he selflessly donated a kidney to me. It was a miracle.”

Meanwhile, Neil developed liver issues and frequent infections, causing a string of hospitalizations. Then, in 2015, nearly ten years after his first transplant failed, Neil was matched with an organ donor and received a dual kidney and liver transplant. Two years later, he married his wife, Madison.

“When you have a chronic illness, it’s easy to compare your life to others and feel depressed,” said Rachel, now a teacher administrator for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. “But you can’t let your circumstances rob you of the joy, happiness and purpose life offers.”

“Neil and I may have been dealt some bad cards,” she continued. “But we play the game with the cards we have. We persevere.”

Renowned liver transplant surgeon Kenneth D. Chavin, MD, PhD, FACS, was recruited to UH in 2017 as the inaugural JAMES A. SCHULAK, MD ENDOWED DIRECTOR, UH TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE.

Life in the OPEN AIR



Rich Cochran's love for the outdoors is more than a passion, it's a way of life.

A nationally recognized conservationist, Rich has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy since 2006. "I'm fortunate that my career aligns so closely with my interests in healthy and active lifestyles," he said. "I'm also incredibly lucky that my wife and daughters enjoy nature. We love the different seasons in Cleveland and take advantage of them as much as possible."

For the Cochrans, a Cleveland winter brings the opportunity to ski, sled and enjoy the snow. So it came as no surprise one cold, snowy evening in 2015 that Rich and his family took to the slopes to do just that.

"Unfortunately, something happened while I was speeding down that hill," said Rich, who remembers trying to use his arm to slow his pace. "My hand must have hit a hole or a divot; my arm stopped and my body kept going. In an instant I felt searing pain and knew I was hurt badly."

In the days that followed, however, Rich's pain became more manageable. "It felt like things were improving, but my wife is a physician and she reminded me that I, myself, am not a doctor," he laughed. "She implored me to see a specialist to get checked out."

Rich met with **Robert J. Gillespie, MD**, Michael and Grace Drusinsky Chair in Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine and Chief, Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, UH Cleveland Medical Center.

"Right away, I knew that Rich had a pretty severe rotator cuff injury," said Dr. Gillespie, whose primary location is at UH Ahuja Medical Center. "He thought the pain was subsiding but he continued to have very poor function of his shoulder and could not sleep at night. It is one of the more complex and difficult cases that I see in my practice."

After surgery, Rich followed his personal rehabilitation plan to the letter and is still amazed by his recovery. "I am so grateful to Dr. Gillespie and the entire orthopedics team at UH Ahuja Medical Center," he said. "They got me back outside, living life to the fullest. And, should I or anyone in my family get hurt while we're out there, we know exactly where to turn for remarkable care."





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**The MICHAEL AND GRACE DRUSINSKY ENDOWED CHAIR
IN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY AND SPORTS MEDICINE
was established June 21, 2017.**



A history to OVERCOME

STEPHANIE GREEN (RIGHT) AND HER MOTHER, MARY TATE

A family's FIGHT

Stephanie Green does not have cancer, but there is a strong history of the disease in her family.

Her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer at a young age and she has aunts – both maternal and paternal – that have had either breast or ovarian cancer. “I know I have a higher risk of getting breast cancer myself,” she said. “But my physicians have done an amazing job of staying vigilant.”

Since 2014, the 34-year-old, full-time working mother has been a patient at the Center for Breast Cancer Prevention at UH Seidman Cancer Center. There, she has received genetic counseling and a personalized prevention plan. “I go every six months for a high-risk exam, which isn’t always easy when you have kids at home,” said Stephanie, currently pregnant with her third child. “But they are a big reason why I take this so seriously.”

Stephanie’s mom, **Mary Tate**, knows exactly how her daughter feels. “I was 29 when I was diagnosed with breast cancer,” she said. “I was a young mom at the time and was absolutely terrified, but UH was there to give me the care and support I needed to fight back. Because of UH, I got to be a mom to Stephanie and, now, I get to dote on my grandkids.”

Mary is grateful for the advanced care available to high-risk patients like her daughter. “It means the world to me that UH is looking out for my girl,” she said. “I hope Stephanie never has to face a cancer diagnosis, but it brings me comfort to know that UH is already in her corner if she does.”



DONNA M. PLECHA, MD, DIRECTOR, BREAST CANCER IMAGING, UH SEIDMAN CANCER CENTER (LEFT) AND JILL R. DIETZ, MD, DIRECTOR, UH BREAST CENTER OPERATIONS

Bill Herzog and his sister, **Charlotte**, carry a mutated BRCA gene – the most common indicator of hereditary breast cancer. As parents, they know they passed that gene on to their children, elevating the risk that they or their own children will have the disease.

“Whether because of genetics, family history or some other factor, patients who find themselves at high risk need to have someone who can answer their questions and address their concerns about breast cancer,” said Bill. “I may not be able to change the genes I gave my kids, but I can help make sure they have somewhere to turn if and when they need to.”

To that end, the **Herzog Family Foundation** established a fund in 2015 to support a new genetics navigator – **Joy Knight** – at UH Center for Breast Cancer Prevention. “Thanks to the Herzog family’s generous support, high-risk patients like Stephanie are being identified and getting the customized care and education they deserve,” said Joy.

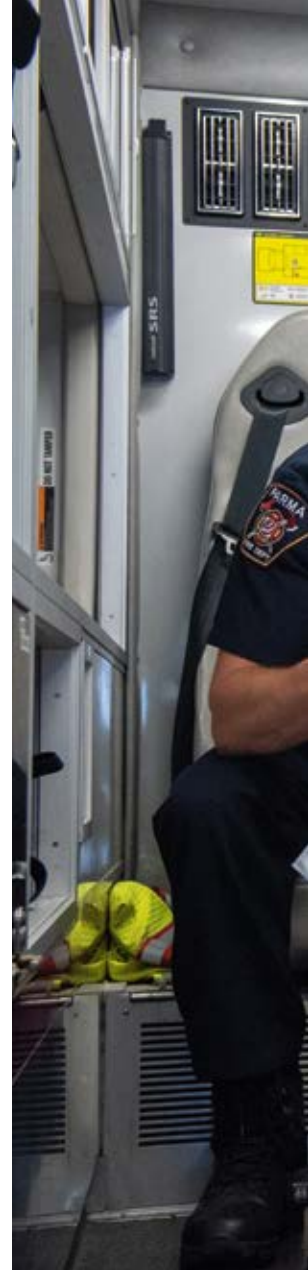
“In the last two years, more than 400 high-risk patients have been referred to the center. Each has benefitted directly from the Herzog family’s compassion and foresight.”

JOY KNIGHT

When every MOMENT counts



FROM LEFT: JOSEPH TOH; LEWIS DAVIS; BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FIRE CHIEF JOE STEFANKO; DAN ELLENBERGER; PARMA FIRE CHIEF MIKE LASKY; AND ASSISTANT PARMA FIRE CHIEF TONY DALESIO



In the last 35 years, UH Parma Medical Center has expanded its service area and, with it, the number of **Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** personnel it trains.

Through the hospital's EMS Education Department, a team of 16 nationally or locally registered paramedics – each of whom is active full-time in the field of paramedicine and firefighting – trains approximately 4,000 people each year. Programs include basic paramedic and emergency medical technician (EMT) training, continuing education for area fire departments, emergency preparedness courses in the community and CPR training at all of the local high schools.

"We are proud to train our first responders, as well as the community at large, in the latest techniques and standards to provide life-saving aid in emergent situations," said **Joseph W. Toth, MBA, NRP, EMSI,**

Manager, UH EMS Training & Disaster Preparedness Institute. "It is our duty to heal and to teach; we take both very seriously."

"The program at UH Parma is one of the best in Ohio," said **Lewis G. Davis, EMT-P, EMSI, FSI, HMI,** training captain for the Parma Fire Department. "All of our paramedics have completed the 13-month training program there as well as certification programs in protocols like Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Advanced Stroke Life Support. This allows our paramedics to begin providing UH quality care as soon as they arrive on the scene and ensures a smoother, more efficient transition with emergency department staff when they arrive at the hospital."

Parma paramedic **Jeff Hriczik** is grateful for the training he has received and knows first-hand how precious time is. "Through the program, we hone the critical thinking skills and quick decision-making that the job demands," he said. "Earlier this year, my squad responded to a call about an accidental electrocution – the patient had no heartbeat, no breathing, nothing. We worked together and brought the patient back, but without our training, the patient likely would have died. There just wasn't enough time to get to the hospital."



PARMA PARAMEDICS JEFF HRICZIK (LEFT) AND KEVIN CROW

2,000+ COMMUNITY MEMBERS supported UH Parma Medical Center in 2017, helping the hospital provide programs and services like EMS training.



GAME PLAN with heart

“Rainbow is a place of miracles. We will never be able to thank them enough for the phenomenal care and attention they gave us.”

KRISTIN KEPREOS

When **Sarah Kepreos** was born at UH Geauga Medical Center in 2004, she was perfectly healthy, except for a slight heart murmur not uncommon in newborns.

Her parents, **Kristin** and **Jeff**, followed up with their pediatrician as prescribed. "We weren't incredibly worried on our way in, but it was quickly apparent that we should be," explained Kristin. "One look at the doctor's face and we knew nothing would be the same again."

Sarah was diagnosed with non-Williams familial arteriopathy, a profoundly rare heart defect that affects the arteries and can spread to the lungs. "When she was admitted to UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, they were shocked Sarah was even alive. They immediately started calling doctors around the country to consult with specialists that had treated patients with her condition," said Kristin. "At just two months old, she had open heart surgery. It was the longest 12 hours of our lives."

In the weeks that followed, Sarah's health was touch and go but a dedicated team of Rainbow nurses and staff was there around-the-clock to support the Kepreos family. "The people at Rainbow are absolutely unbelievable," emphasized Kristin. "The nurses became a second family to us and one of the fellows that worked on Sarah's service is now one of my best friends. To this day, they still check in on Sarah."



KRISTIN KEPREOS AND HER DAUGHTER, SARAH

Now in the eighth grade, Sarah has had three open heart surgeries and a handful of heart catheterizations. As she ages and her physical development slows, she should need fewer medical interventions. "She has limitations, but you wouldn't know it meeting her," said Jeff. "She's 5'10" and a crazy competitive volleyball player. She stays active, monitors her own body and maintains an unbelievable level of optimism."

"She's just an amazing person," added Kristin. "She has the kindest, biggest heart even though, physically, her heart is the most complicated one in the room."

**JEROME LIEBMAN, MD ENDOWED
LECTURE IN INNOVATIVE PEDIATRIC
CARDIOLOGY AND HEALTH POLICY,**
established in 2018, will promote
leading-edge discoveries and research
in pediatric cardiology.



NEW LOOK at brain health



ANDREW A. PIEPER, MD, PHD

Nerve degeneration is a normal part of aging that can contribute to declining cognitive function, and this process is accelerated in diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and depression. But what if scientists could make nerve cells live longer? That's the question leading neuroscientist Andrew A. Pieper, MD, PhD is trying to answer.

"There are currently no available medicines that block neurodegeneration in patients suffering from any of the wide number of neurological and psychiatric conditions related to nerve cell death in the brain," said Dr. Pieper, recruited this year to UH Neurological Institute as the inaugural Morley-Mather Chair in Neuropsychiatry. "If we could help nerve cells live longer and function better, we could broadly improve life and brain health in a tremendous number of patients."

Dr. Pieper, who joined the Harrington Discovery Institute as Director of the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation-Harrington Scholar Program and Gund-Harrington Scholar Program, has dedicated much of his career to this area of study. Recently, his team identified a new class of small drug-like molecules that protect nerve cells from dying by boosting their ability to generate energy in times of crisis. Known as the P7C3 class of molecules, he and others have now shown efficacy in multiple models of neurodegeneration, including

Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, depression and traumatic brain injury.

"These diseases and conditions of neurodegeneration are multifactorial, and need to be addressed with out of the box approaches to discover new therapies," said Dr. Pieper. "With the Harrington Discovery Institute, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to help identify and support other researchers around the world who are applying novel and sometimes high-risk/high-reward approaches to discovering new ways to treat Alzheimer's disease."

Moving drugs FORWARD

Jerri M. Rook, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at Vanderbilt University, was one of the first Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation-Harrington Scholars at the Harrington Discovery Institute. When her project was selected for funding in 2015, she hit the ground running.

"We had already identified a drug with the potential to improve the function of synapses in the brain," said Dr. Rook. "We knew it could have a tremendous impact on those with Alzheimer's disease and schizophrenia and were ready to move into clinical trials, but first we needed to complete a variety of studies to secure FDA approval. That process is incredibly complex, but Harrington Discovery Institute and its Innovation Support Center advisors were there to guide us every step of the way."

In 2017, Vanderbilt University entered Phase 1 human trials. "The funding and expertise Harrington Discovery Institute provided was invaluable and truly propelled our program forward," she said. "Our team is that much closer to bringing this drug to market because of this remarkable program."



JERRI M. ROOK, PHD

"We are striving to create a new model for the world of philanthropy, to become a nationally significant organization, and a force for improving global human health."

JONATHAN S. STAMLER, MD, PRESIDENT, HARRINGTON DISCOVERY INSTITUTE



MOTHER knows best

Eugene DiNardo casually mentioned to his 88-year-old mother that indigestion had been slowing him down. He assured her that he had gone to urgent care and was taking antacids as directed, but motherly instincts prevailed. “She said when her father died of a heart attack, his primary symptom was an upset stomach,” said Gene. “She told me to get back to the doctor ASAP.”

It was after 11 pm and snowing sideways when Gene and his wife, **Cathy**, reluctantly left their home in Troy Township and drove to UH Geauga Medical Center.

“I felt foolish complaining about a stomachache, but everyone in the ER was kind,” he said. “They ran routine tests and, based on my history, I assumed I’d be home in an hour.”

That plan, however, changed drastically when tests revealed that Gene was suffering a major heart attack. Stunned, the couple listened as a team of physicians and nurses from UH Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute explained next steps.

“UH Geauga is phenomenal. First, they saved my life and then they gave me the tools to change my lifestyle.”

EUGENE DINARDO

“Their skill and compassion was enormously comforting,” said Gene. “Every person who entered my room made me feel that I was their highest priority.”

The next morning, Gene underwent a successful heart catheterization performed by **Gregory T. Stefano, MD**, Vice Chairman, Department of Medicine and Division Chief, Cardiology at UH Geauga Medical Center. Dr. Stefano found 98% arterial blockage and implanted two life-saving stents.

Over the following months, Gene had a challenging recovery but was committed to his physical rehabilitation schedule, visiting the hospital's Cardiovascular Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center three times a week.

“On my first day, **Barbara Eyring, RN** told me, ‘Exercise is medicine.’ That really stuck with me,” said Gene. “I took every class they offered.”

Two years later, Gene works out at the rehab center once a week to keep himself on track. “It’s a wonderful program that has truly changed my life,” he said. “I am 63 pounds lighter, try to walk at least four miles a day, enjoy a healthy diet and no longer require any heart medications. Many people think they have to drive to Cleveland for their medical needs, but we have first-class care right here in our backyard.”



EUGENE DINARDO (CENTER) WITH UH GEAUGA MEDICAL CENTER STAFF (FROM LEFT) BARBARA A. EYRING, RN; ROBERT J. ROSNECK, MA, RRT; MARISSA LECHENE; AND DALE L. BOLLES-THOMAS, CRN

\$1.3 MILLION+ RAISED since July 2017 to support current expansion efforts at UH Geauga Medical Center, including renovation of the Cardiovascular Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center.

EDUCATION worth moving for



“For those of us trained here – wherever we go – we take the expertise of UH with us.”

YAMILET HUERTA, MD

Growing up in Mexico, **Yamilet Huerta** never imagined that one day she would be conducting innovative pediatric cancer research in Cleveland, Ohio. But having won a prestigious grant from the **St. Baldrick’s Foundation** earlier this year, she finds herself doing just that.

“I came to the United States eight years ago because this country has the best hospitals in the world,” said Dr. Huerta, who completed her residency at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital in Miami before accepting a fellowship at University Hospitals. “It was the best decision I ever made.”

Working in the lab of **Alex Y. Huang, MD, PhD**, Theresia G.& Stuart F. Kline Family Foundation Chair in Pediatric Oncology and Director, Hematology-Oncology Fellowship Program at UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital, Dr. Huerta discovered her passion. “I absolutely fell in love with research,” she laughed. “I enjoy seeing patients, but I think that I could work quietly in the lab forever and never get bored. The constant trouble-shooting and analytic thinking has me hooked.”

Dr. Huerta is one of just seven fellows in the country awarded grant support from the **St. Baldrick’s Foundation**

in 2018. Her research explores the use of immunotherapy to treat acute myeloid leukemia (AML), the second most common leukemia in children.

“In Mexico, there is little research being done,” she explained. “I had limited lab experience so they had to train me basically from zero. To go from that to winning this grant in just three years speaks to the amazing mentorship and education UH provides its fellows.”

After her research year, Dr. Huerta does not know where she will practice, but she is confident she acquired the tools to succeed. “My experience at UH has surpassed all my expectations and prepared me to be both a clinician and a scientist,” she said. “Without a doubt, this fellowship has been the greatest opportunity of my life.”



YAMILET HUERTA, MD

“Dr. Huerta’s research is incredibly promising and we are excited to support her efforts. The work she and her colleagues are doing at the Angie Fowler Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Institute at UH Rainbow is moving us closer to a cure for childhood cancers.”

BECKY WEAVER, CHIEF MISSION OFFICER, ST. BALDRICK’S FOUNDATION



SUPPORT on and off the field

Early in the 2017-2018 season, the Hawken varsity football team lost one of its key players when senior defensive tackle **Erick Willis-Jordan** suffered a torn ACL in his left knee. “I knew right away it was bad,” said Erick. “I was a three-sport athlete, competitive in football, basketball and track. But at that moment, I knew all of that was over. I was crushed.”

From the sidelines, it was clear that Erick was in pain. “He wasn’t one to complain about bumps or bruises, so when Erick walked off the field and said that his knee didn’t feel right I knew that something was seriously wrong,” said **Sarah Royan**, a certified athletic trainer at UH Sports Medicine Institute who has served as Hawken’s Head Athletic Trainer since 2015. “An injury like Erick’s can be

career-ending for an athlete, so the sooner you get the proper attention and treatment, the greater the chance for a full recovery.”

Fortunately, Hawken is among a growing list of schools that have joined with UH to provide leading edge sports medicine care for student-athletes.

“50+ area high schools and universities are served by UH Sports Medicine Institute. We are proud to help them care for student-athletes throughout the region.”

JACK AND MARY HERRICK

“In addition to on-site medical care for games, practices and competitions, these schools also have access to support services, such as nutritionists and sports psychologists,” explained **James E. Voos, MD**, Jack and Mary Herrick Endowed Director, UH Sports Medicine Institute and Head Team Physician for the Cleveland Browns. “Student-athletes push themselves hard and their injuries are real. They may not be professionals, but that does not make them any less deserving of the best sports medicine has to offer.”

In Dr. Voos, Erick found both comfort and inspiration. “Dr. Voos is the head team physician at Hawken. But he’s also the head team physician for the Browns,” said Erick. “That’s really cool. And it definitely helps keep you calm knowing you’re in expert hands.”

Over the course of Erick’s recovery, he and Dr. Voos had many conversations about careers in sports medicine. “He and Sarah both challenged me to think differently about my future,” shared Erick. “They showed me that I can have a successful job that I love and help people while I do it.”

Now a freshman at The Ohio State University, Erick is studying business and is in a pre-med track. “I want to be an orthopedic surgeon and a team physician like Dr. Voos,” he said. “Right now, that’s the dream.”



ERICK WILLIS-JORDAN WITH ATHLETIC TRAINER SARAH ROYAN

TIME

selflessly given



BARBARA NALETTE (LEFT) AND DEE KLEINMAN

"I stopped and realized my nest was empty. My kids were grown and I suddenly had free time to fill," said Dee. "I wanted to do something meaningful, and we had always loved UH so it was a natural fit. That was in 1977, and I've been volunteering ever since."

Over the years, Dee has watched the health system expand and, with it, UH Volunteer Services, led by program director **Barbara Nalette**. "Barbara has worked at UH for nearly 25 years and

I have been in awe of her tenacity and drive since day one. Under her leadership, the volunteer program has been elevated from an add-on service to one that is integral to the health system," said Dee, who earlier this year established the Dee Kleinman Endowed Director of Volunteer Services in recognition of Barbara's efforts. "That level of commitment deserves to be recognized."

For Barbara, the endowed position is deeply meaningful. "I started working

A dedicated wife, mother and homemaker, **Dee Kleinman** was always busy. She had school functions to bake for, lunches to pack, sporting events to attend – there was constant activity in her home until, one day, there wasn't.

at UH after I lost my son," she shared. "He was a Rainbow patient and our family was forever impacted by the kindness and sincerity of the volunteers that supported us. I continue to be inspired by people like Dee, who so generously give of themselves for the betterment of our patients. It is my great honor to get to work with them every day."

100 endowed chairs, master clinicians and directors
2,345 philanthropic funds

SMART MOVE against stress

Lauren Rich Fine, CFA, knows the importance of self-care, particularly in the fast-paced fields of investing and financial planning.

“Each day brings a gamut of emotions,” she said. “The intensity of your meetings often reflects the volatility of the market. Day in and day out, that takes a toll.”

A partner at Cleveland-based investment and wealth management firm Gries Financial, Lauren sought a meaningful way to boost stress resilience in the office. “We wanted to provide something value-added for our employees that addresses that intensity,” she explained.

Lauren ultimately enrolled the firm in UH Connor Integrative Health Network’s Stress Management and Resilience Training (SMART) program, an 8-session course that provides participants with practical tools and techniques to self-manage stress. Among several other UH programs, SMART has been integrated into corporate wellness initiatives throughout Greater Cleveland.

“From the top executive to the person answering phones, stress has a way of leveling the playing field. We all feel it,” said **Francoise Adan, MD**, Christopher M. and Sara H. Connor Chair in Integrative Health and Medical Director, UH Connor Integrative Health Network.

“At its core, the program illustrates the need for self-care. We emphasize the short and long-term impact of stress on the body, mind, and spirit and provide practical tools to build resilience,” Dr. Adan continued. “We can never rid our lives of stress, but with the right habits, we can improve our quality of life and enhance our effectiveness in a very short time.”

Lauren, who has since become an active member of the UH Connor Integrative Health Network Leadership Council



LAUREN RICH FINE

agrees. “We selected this program specifically as a way to take care of our people,” she said. “It allows us to say thank you, acknowledge how hard they work and show that we care about their wellbeing.”

“As a company, we wanted to show that is OK to stop, take a break and take care of ourselves.”

LAUREN RICH FINE

BETTERING Cleveland's communities

A fixture of the Fairfax neighborhood, **UH Otis Moss, Jr. Health Center** holds a special place in the hearts of those it serves, inspiring hope for a better, healthier tomorrow.

As a child, **Ken Hardy** ran the halls of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland's Fairfax neighborhood. The strong sense of community there made a lasting impression, ultimately drawing him back to the area years later with his wife, **Rose**. Today, he is the CEO of Bonnie Speed Logistics, a transportation company that serves multiple locations, and serves on the UH Board of Trustees.

As Ken's business has grown, so, too, has the couple's connection to the community. They recently affirmed their commitment to the vibrant yet vulnerable Fairfax neighborhood with a generous gift to the UH Otis Moss Jr. Health Center, a community health clinic established in conjunction with Olivet in 1997.

"Despite the availability of outstanding healthcare in Cleveland, too many city residents struggle with preventable health problems like diabetes, hypertension, and obesity," said **Margaret Larkins-Pettigrew, MD, MEd, MPPM, FACOG**, Edgar B. Jackson Jr., MD, Chair for Clinical Excellence and Diversity; and Director, Center for Community Impact, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion. She explains that the city's highest concentrations of comorbidities – people living with multiple chronic conditions – are in the Fairfax, Glenville,

and Hough neighborhoods, the primary service area for UH Otis Moss Jr. Health Center.

"When you don't know where your next paycheck is coming from or whether you can house and feed your family, healthcare becomes a luxury," said Dr. Larkins-Pettigrew. "Our patients need quality care, but to improve the community's overall health, they also need hope that they can do better and a commitment from us to help them get there."

For Dr. Larkins-Pettigrew, the renovated UH Otis Moss Jr. Health Center will be the beacon of light the community needs. "Thanks to the support of people like Ken and Rose, the center will deliver expanded services and benefit countless patients and families. The impact the center will have cannot be overstated."

"We are committed to philanthropy in healthcare and our community. This gift will serve both."

KEN AND ROSE HARDY





MARGARET LARKINS-PETTIGREW, MD MED, MPPM, FACOG



After renovations, UH Otis Moss Jr. Health Center will feature:

- Primary care, free family medicine walk-in clinic, psychiatric and men's health specialty care
- On-site diagnostic and laboratory services
- Workforce Development and Community Impact Center, offering job training, continuing education and spiritual care
- Preventative Food Market in collaboration with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, providing patients with a supply of healthy food

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