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Monthly Update



New Sibley Professorship

Recently, friends, family and John Hopkins and Children's National leadership gathered for the dedication of The Moody D. Wharam, Jr., M.D., Professorship in Pediatric Radiation Oncology—the first professorship to come through Sibley Foundation.

Its inaugural recipient was Sibley physician Matthew M. Ladra, M.D., M.P.H. Dr. Ladra leads the dedicated pediatric team for the Johns Hopkins Proton Therapy Center and is the Director of pediatric radiation oncology for the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, a clinical collaboration with Children's National Medical Center, where Dr. Ladra serves as faculty in the department of pediatric oncology. He is also an assistant professor of radiation oncology and molecular radiation sciences at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

The professorship was named in honor of Dr. Wharam, a pioneer in the field of pediatric radiation oncology. He served as Professor of Radiation Oncology, Pediatrics, Neurosurgery, and Radiologic Science, as well as Director of the Department of Radiation Oncology and Molecular Radiation Sciences at Johns Hopkins from 1994 - 2000, and his seminal contributions to pediatric radiation oncology played a major role in delivering and developing better cures for children with cancers.

We are grateful to the generous donor family who made this professorship possible, and we congratulate Dr. Ladra for this singular recognition and on the growth—under his

Philanthropy Funds Geneticist Role at Sibley: Dr. Reem Saadeh-Haddad

As a clinical geneticist, Dr. Reem Saadeh-Haddad consults with her patients to provide vital information they need to make an informed decision about their cancer risk through genetic testing. She helps them gain a clear understanding of the relationship between genes and cancer, the benefits and current limitations of genetic testing, and treatment options should a test reveal a positive result.



Dr. Saadeh-Haddad says, "Patients come to me to get a better understanding of the possibility of a hereditary predisposition to cancer. We review their personal and family history and order genetic testing to include genes that increase an individual's susceptibility to specific cancers and other health risks. This information gives them a better awareness of the risks for them and family members as well as the surveillance guidelines we would recommend based on those results."

When asked what she loves about her job, she says, "There is nothing I don't love about my job. I love working closely with individuals and easing their concerns, supporting their decisions, and providing them with the information to empower themselves when it comes to cancer predisposition."

Philanthropy is vital to the important work that Dr. Saadeh-Haddad does. The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation supports the Sullivan Breast Center and the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley and directly funds Dr. Saadeh-Haddad's position. Says Dr. Saadeh-Haddad: "My role at Sibley would not exist without philanthropy—Judith Lese's foundation financially supported the genetic role that I am in now—and I am so grateful. Sibley's generous donor community allows the field of genetics as well as my role in supporting patients to be better understood."

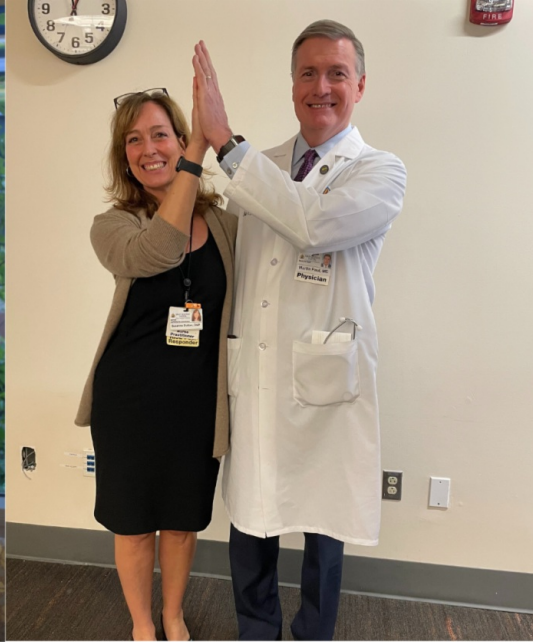
To support the important work that Dr. Saadeh-Haddad is doing, please contact Liz Levine at liz.levine@jhmi.edu.

Honor Your Dedicated Caregiver: The Sibley Foundation "High Five" Award!

The Sibley Foundation "High Five" program recognizes dedicated Sibley staff and physicians who have been honored by Foundation donors for their excellence and compassionate care. When you make a gift and honor a Sibley staff member or physician, they are presented with a special High Five pin and a letter saying you have made a gift in their honor.

Recently, several more pins were presented to Dr. ElOShami as well as Dr. Paul from Sibley's PRIME program (pictured with Suzanne Dutton, DNP, GNP-BC, RN Geriatric Advanced Practice Nurse/NICHE Coordinator). Thank you to our generous donors who honored their caregivers.

To honor your caregiver with a High Five Award, visit <https://secure.jhu.edu/form/highfive>.



CLIMB Program

When an individual is diagnosed with cancer, it can affect the whole family. With the generous support of our donor community--specifically the Carrino Hope Fund which was funded by former Sibley staff member Liz Carrino-Tamasi's mother Connie Carrino and her community of friends and relatives in memory of Dominic Carrino, beloved husband, father, and grandfather -- Sibley offers the CLIMB (Children's Lives Include Moments of Bravery) program to support families holistically through a cancer journey.

CLIMB is a six-week, group-based, evidence-backed program to empower children, teens, and families with knowledge and skills to navigate cancer. Each week families participate in group sessions—one for guardians and one for children which will cover positive coping and communication skills.

"The Carrino Hope Fund was started in memory of my dad, Dominic, the quintessential family man and has made significant contributions to help support children and families of people with cancer," said Liz Carrino-Tamasi, former Director, Sibley Oncology and Center for Patient and Family Services, National Capital Region. "The Carrino Hope Fund is thrilled to support CLIMB and Sibley's world-class cancer program.

Says Kara Woodshank, CLIMB program facilitator: "Children in the program are able to process tough emotions and gain new strategies to manage them. By the end of the series, they are able to describe various emotions, recognize those feelings in themselves, and identify different ways to cope. The program also provides an opportunity for the participants to meet other families who have a parent managing a cancer diagnosis—helping to normalize the cancer experience."

To support CLIMB, please contact Liz Levine at liz.levine@jhmi.edu. For more information, contact Kara Woodshank at 301-896-2718 or kwoodsh1@jhmi.edu.

CLIMB

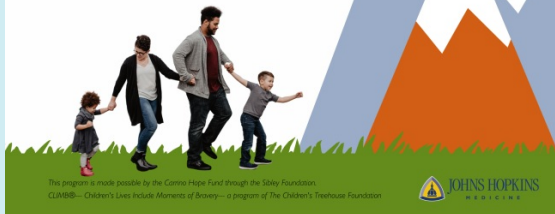
Children's Lives Include Moments of Bravery

CLIMB is free and open to all school-aged children with a loved one who is being treated for cancer or is within a year since last treatment.

FEB 20 - MAR 26
MONDAYS & TUESDAYS
5:30 - 6:30 | ZOOM

CLIMB is a six-week, group-based, evidence-backed program to empower children, teens, and families with knowledge and skills to navigate cancer. Each week families participate in group sessions, one for guardians and one for kids. The children's group will offer opportunities to learn more about cancer; communicate their feelings and find positive coping skills through play and art. The group for guardians will cover information on positive communication skills and helping their children cope with complex emotions.

To learn more or register, contact Kara Woodshank at kwoodsh1@jhmi.edu or 301-896-2718.



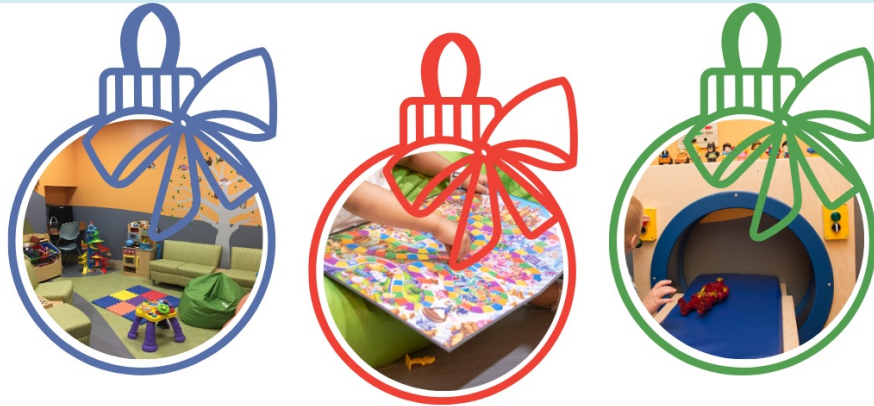
Generous Donors Fund Simulation Training

Recently, philanthropic funding was used to purchase necessary equipment to set up a simulation room in Sibley's perioperative area. Simulation training exposes dedicated staff to real-world scenarios which ensures they are equipped with the necessary skills and experience to expertly care for our patients.

Simulation training allows students, new providers, and experienced medical staff to practice invasive procedures with no danger of harm to patients. Training sessions are designed to improve the knowledge, skills and team performance of interdisciplinary teams managing emergencies. The trainings also help improve patient safety and outcomes by allowing staff to acquire the skills and confidence to respond effectively to situations that may arise in the clinical environment.



To support simulation training for Sibley's dedicated staff, contact Andrea Travis at atravis2@jhmi.edu.



TOY DRIVE



Please join the Sibley Memorial Hospital Young Professional's Board in supporting a toy drive benefitting pediatric oncology patients.
<https://tinyurl.com/sibleytoys2024>

Scan the QR code above to support children going through cancer treatment at Sibley!

In Case You Missed It... Foundation Donor E-newsletter

You can now find the Foundation's donor e-news archived on this page:
[Sibley Foundation Donor E-news | Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation](#)
 [\(hopkinsmedicine.org\)](http://hopkinsmedicine.org)

Your Sibley Community: Events

Yoga for Cancer Survivors, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Free

For Zoom link and other information please contact Pam Goetz, Oncology Survivorship Program Manager, at pgoetz4@jhmi.edu.

Support Group for Women with Bladder or Urothelial Cancer, 1st Thursday Monthly, 12 p.m., Free

Led by the Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley Memorial Hospital's Center for Patient and Family Services' program manager and genitourinary oncology social worker, this group is meant to help patients gain support and friendship by meeting others going through similar experiences. Space is limited; for Zoom link, please RSVP to Samantha Rockler, M.S.W. at srockle1@jhmi.edu.

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