

Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation

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*Philanthropy In Action*

December 2025

## Monthly Update



### Philanthropy Profile: Leo and Judy Zickler

Leo and Judy Zickler are long-time Sibley supporters, and when they learned of the critical need for a new piece of equipment in our pulmonary bronchoscopy suite run by Dr. Andrew Lerner (pictured with Saj Rambob, Respiratory Care Services Manager), they decided to act. The piece of equipment is called the Cryotherapy probe and is quickly becoming the standard for performing lung biopsies. It allows doctors to obtain larger samples for advanced testing of lung cancers and other pulmonary diseases, including those related to smoking and COPD.

Said Judy, “Leo and I have the utmost respect for Dr. Lerner, and we’re delighted to know that the equipment we’ve supported will be used to support his work.”

“I’m grateful to the Zicklers for recognizing the impact that this technology will have on pulmonary patients at Sibley,” said Dr. Lerner.

### Staff Certification: Alivia Peay

Sibley staff continue to take advantage of the donor-supported Staff Certification program, and recently Alivia Peay, Volunteer Manager, chose to pursue the Certified Administrator of Volunteer Services certification. Support from Sibley Foundation donors allowed Alivia to take the exam without worrying about covering the costs of the exam and preparatory materials.

Alivia explains: “This certificate is a great way to assess my knowledge of best practices within healthcare volunteer management. I chose to pursue the certification to enhance my leadership and understanding on a national level while also identifying opportunities to grow our volunteer program.”



Thank you Foundation donors whose generosity ensures Sibley staff can grow professionally and continually improve the care they offer their patients. Congratulations Alivia!

If you are interested in volunteering at Sibley, please contact Alivia at [aipay5@jhmi.edu](mailto:aipay5@jhmi.edu).



## DAISY Award for Nursing Excellence

The DAISY Award is given to recognize nursing excellence at Sibley. Recently, Unit 7A nurse Emmah Kargbo received a DAISY Award for extraordinary care.

Says Mahtab Nipu, her nursing manager: "Emmah Kargbo's journey with Sibley is a true testament to dedication, resilience, and the heart of nursing. Emmah recently completed our New Graduate Residency Program and is now a proud RN II. Throughout her journey, one thing has never changed: her extraordinary compassion. Emmah consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that our patients feel safe, heard, and genuinely cared for. She

embodies empathy, excellence, and professionalism in every interaction. Emmah is deeply deserving of the DAISY Award. She represents the very essence of exceptional nursing—quiet yet powerful leadership, compassionate care, and an unwavering commitment to the people we serve."

The DAISY Award is supported by philanthropy. To learn more, contact Kristen Pruski at [kpruski@jhmi.edu](mailto:kpruski@jhmi.edu).

## Sibley Senior Association Club Memory® Program

Since its inception in 2011, Club Memory® has grown exponentially in response to member and community needs. The stigma-free programming and this vibrant community today supports more than 1,000 people in all eight Wards in the District of Columbia, as well as in the surrounding areas of Maryland and Virginia. The activities, resources and discussions help our members, and their care partners adjust to life with memory or cognitive impairment and caring for loved ones. This community has made an indelible impact on the lives and families of so many.

**Thanks to philanthropy, we have recently been able to expand our Club Memory® Program into dining sites and senior housing sites in DC—allowing us to begin offering programming in Spanish and better serve our diverse community.** This is a major step forward in making Club Memory® more inclusive and accessible to all.

But we're not stopping there. With your support, we can:

- Welcome more members into our community
- Provide dementia education to more faith communities and senior centers
- Deliver enhanced training for caregivers
- Host respite opportunities for caregivers

Philanthropy has been instrumental in the development and expansion of Club Memory® for more than a decade. Every contribution helps us grow—not just as a program, but as a compassionate and inclusive community. If you would like to discuss how you can make a difference, please contact Jennifer Barton at 202.537.4149 or [jbarto29@jh.edu](mailto:jbarto29@jh.edu).

## Supporting Those Who Care for You

To support our dedicated and hardworking staff as they care for our community, chair back massagers have been delivered and set up in the designated break areas in 5A, Proton, Photon and Infusion center.



Says resilience nurse Darleen Dagey: "We hope these additions make our team's breaks more relaxing and help boost resilience throughout the day. Sometimes, small changes can make a big difference in energy and morale - and this is one of them!"

Thank you for supporting our efforts to care for those who care for you!

## 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, Katie Kurzius, CRNP, was honored. 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>.



## 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 \(hopkinsmedicine.org\)](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/sibley-foundation-donor-e-news)

## Center for Patient and Family Services: Cancer Support Programs

### Winter Mood Booster: Intentional Self-Care for Brighter Days

Wednesday, January 7 | 6-6:30 pm

Presented by Margo Calkin, M.S. (Sibley/Suburban's Program Coordinator for CPFS)

Virtual on ZOOM: Register: <https://winter-mood-booster-010726.events.sibley.org/>

**Happy Holidays from the Sibley Foundation Team!**



## 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](mailto: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 Molly Vencel, MSW at [mvencel1@jhmi.edu](mailto:mvencel1@jhmi.edu).

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