

Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation

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*Philanthropy In Action*

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## Monthly Update

### **Philanthropy Profile: Janet Bullinger**

Janet Bullinger has had deep ties to the Palisades community and Sibley Memorial Hospital for decades.

Originally from Ohio, Janet moved to Washington, DC in 1965, and she has enjoyed life in the Palisades neighborhood since 1976. Janet's dedication to her neighborhood runs deep; in 2007, she was one of the original organizers of Palisades Village – an organization focused on helping older adults live independently, comfortably, and safely in their own homes. The group first met in extra space on the Sibley campus.



A legal assistant for more than two decades, Janet lives a very full and busy life in her retirement, primarily focused on volunteering and caring for her dog, Leo. She was a long-time volunteer at Sibley—spurred on in part by her dear friend Cerlene—with whom she fondly remembers caroling on the halls at Sibley. Currently, Janet is a docent at the U.S. Supreme Court, and she just passed the baton as the treasurer of Widowed Persons Outreach, a bereavement organization created in collaboration with Sibley. She is also actively involved with a lawyers' wives' group on a local and national level.

Last summer, Janet decided to make a planned gift to Sibley to honor the community she has enjoyed as a volunteer. She said that she is grateful to have such a wonderful hospital in her community—grateful to have needed the expert care that Sibley offers only a couple of times and for the safety net it provides.

Thank you, Janet, for your generous gifts of time and treasure. Sibley is thankful that you are part of our family. To learn more about making a planned gift at Sibley, contact Andrea Travis at [atravis2@jhmi.edu](mailto:atravis2@jhmi.edu) or (202)256-6833.



## 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.

You, our generous donor community, continue to shower our dedicated physicians and staff with gratitude for their expert care. Most recently, several more pins were presented to (upper left, clockwise) Dr. Nirav Patel, Dr. Steven Broderick, Dr. Jim Williams and Annie Williams Newcomer, and Dr. Rachit Kumar. Thank you to our generous donors who honored their caregivers.

To honor your caregiver with a High Five Award, visit [High Five Award](#) today!



## Donor Support Launches Virtual Nursing Pilot

Thanks to a generous investment from the A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation, Sibley will launch a pilot hybrid virtual nurse role as we aim to reduce length of stay and reduce

readmission of patients on post-operative surgical Unit 6B. This will ultimately help improve the efficiency of nurse workflow and ensure excellent and compassionate care. Installation of required technology started in late January, and we look forward to launching the pilot program in March 2025.

*Photo: Unit 6B team, nursing leadership, and IT team.*



### Staff Certification Profile: Yolanda Mullings

In her capacity as Director of Nutrition Services, Yolanda oversees the food services for Sibley. Her job is particularly focused on patient and customer experience.

Her passion and dedication to her job shine through when she talks about it. “My job is focused on helping people—not just patients, but also our staff and visitors. Whether it’s a warm delicious meal, a hot cup of coffee, a special gift for a loved one, or a friendly and safe transport to a medical test, our customers can experience care—every person, every time.”

Yolanda said she was drawn to a patient experience certification, because “as someone who has been in the hospital and had loved ones in the hospital, I tend to reflect on my experiences.”

The training emphasized that every member of the staff can be a champion of patient experience, and Yolanda has been able convey the importance of what each staff member does every day to create ownership at the frontline. She believes that the impact of philanthropy on her work is paramount. “Had it not been for donor support, I might have delayed pursuing this certification. I’m grateful to the Foundation donors for their generosity!”

Congratulations Yolanda on this certification! To support Sibley staff as they grow in their profession, contact Kristen Pruski at [kpruski@jhmi.edu](mailto:kpruski@jhmi.edu).

### Care for Sibley's Dedicated Staff

Thank you to the generous donors who have supported Sibley's Frontline Fund to help provide meals to ED staff on a particularly busy evening!

To learn how you can support Sibley's dedicated staff, contact Kristen Pruski at [kpruski@jhmi.edu](mailto:kpruski@jhmi.edu).



### 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)

### 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 Samantha Rockler, M.S.W. at [srockle1@jhmi.edu](mailto:srockle1@jhmi.edu).

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