

Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation

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Monthly Update

Gold Family Supports Expanded Access to Maternal Health Services

To Rich and Maria Gold and their family, Sibley truly is their community hospital. Emergency department visits were part of their children's youth, and more recently, their daughter Sofia delivered grandchild number four last August. "Her experience was nothing short of amazing," Rich says.

Rich grew up in the Jackson Heights neighborhood of Queens, New York—the son of an obstetrician/gynecologist at Physicians Hospital—where he was also hospital president. He recalls that Jackson Heights was then a neighborhood in transition with a large immigrant population and working-class people. With that transition, his father saw many other physicians moving their practices out of the community, but Rich's father was absolutely committed to staying and ensuring his neighbors could access the care they needed. Rich has a clear memory of the house phone ringing, and his father answering a call for help—responding: "I'll be there in 20 minutes."

Maria mentioned that their daughter works as a lawyer in the civil rights space and is the "conscience of our family," so she and Rich, inspired by Rich's father's dedication to his patients and his own daughter's outstanding birth experience at Sibley last summer, recently made a generous gift to support expanded access to maternal healthcare at Sibley for everyone in our community—especially those in need. Rich emphasized: "Access to maternal health services can be a challenge for some, and those who believe that everyone deserves expert and compassionate care need to step forward."

Thank you, Rich and Maria, for your generous gift. We welcome you to the Sibley family. To support expanded access to maternal health services, please contact Kristen Pruski at kpruski1@jh.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.

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 Dr. Maureen O'Donnell, NP Megan Schollenberger, Dr. Evan Lipson, NP Sophie Chemseddine and Nurse Navigator Joyce Hamba. 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>.

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Watch a message [HERE](#) from Mildred Chernofsky, MD, FACOG, Gynecologic Oncologist in the Anne and Donald Grant Kelly Center for Gynecologic Oncology and Advanced Pelvic Surgery at Sibley regarding the services it offers.

Dr. Chernofsky reminds you that screening saves lives, so contact your Sibley provider today.

To support the gynecologic program at Sibley, please contact Andrea Travis at atravis2@jhmi.edu.



New Staff Certification: In Hyun

In Hyun, a biomedical technologist, recently received their biomedical equipment technician

certification through Sibley's Employee Certification Reimbursement Program and was recognized by their manager David Carpenter, regional director of clinical engineering, and Tiffany Pratt, vice president of human resources for the National Capital Region.



"I am so incredibly grateful to the donors who enabled me to achieve the certification and step forward in my career at Sibley. We are doing more with your support. Thank you," says In.

We are grateful to Foundation donors whose philanthropy ensures Sibley staff can continually advance their careers to benefit their patients. Congratulations In!

Young Professionals Board Toy Drive

Thank you to everyone who brightened the holidays for our pediatric oncology patients.

Through your generosity, we collected 56 gifts which were sent and delivered to patients aged 17 months to 18 years as well as siblings of patients.

We are grateful to each person who helped us surpass our goal!



**TOY
DRIVE**



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



Sibley Foundation Named National Grant Winner by Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Alzheimer's Foundation of America chose the Sibley Foundation as a national grant winner from organizations across the country. The grant will support the Sibley Senior Association's (SSA) Club Memory® program which is a stigma-free supportive social group for people with mild cognitive impairment or Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their care partners.

To learn more about this program and support groups, please contact Jihan Starr, Community Dementia Program Manager, at jstarr12@jhmi.edu.

For philanthropic opportunities, please contact Mariel Fox at mfox40@jhmi.edu or 202-537-4024.



Free to Attend In-Person or Virtually!

Friday, February 7 – Saturday, February 8, 2025

A two-day educational event focusing on the latest information and updates in gastrointestinal cancers.

Featuring Sibley's Michael Pishvaian, MD, PhD

Director of Gastrointestinal, Developmental Therapeutics, and Clinical Research Programs for the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley

Hyatt Regency Bethesda
7400 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

To register: [2025 Johns Hopkins Updates in Gastrointestinal Cancers](#)

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 \(hopkinsmedicine.org\)](#)

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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