

Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation

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*Philanthropy In Action*

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## Monthly Update

### Philanthropy Profile: Coby Scherr

Coby Scherr is not just a Sibley donor—he also volunteers on the inpatient oncology unit’s front desk on Wednesdays and is a long time Sibley Senior Association (SSA) member. He and his wife Alice have a long history with Sibley. Alice was treated for Myeloma for nineteen years, including eight years at Sibley by Dr. Bruce Kressel, whom Coby calls an incredibly caring physician. “During her treatment, what I saw at Sibley was a supportive and patient-centric environment,” said Coby.



As a way to honor Alice, who passed in January, Coby volunteers and provides philanthropic support. He has given both to the Dr. Kressel Cancer Survivorship Fund as well as to the ice cream program in the infusion center. The ice cream freezer has become a well-loved resource for patients and families when undergoing cancer treatments. “I wanted to fill that freezer as often as I could afford to! I enjoy supporting Sibley because it has been a most welcome source of comfort for my wife and me at very challenging moments.”

Thank you, Coby, for supporting Sibley in so many ways. To support the oncology ice cream campaign, [click here.](#)

### Sibley Soiree Sponsorships are Available!

The 2025 Sibley Soiree, hosted by the Sibley Young Professionals Board, will raise funds for the Maternal Health Access Program at Sibley—a collaborative effort to care for expectant mothers who are at high risk for pregnancy-related complications. The program allows Sibley to expand access to prenatal and high-risk care by partnering with community-based providers to improve hospital services for the most fragile newborns, address adverse social drivers of health, train staff in health equity, and

enhance outreach and education.

Additionally, through a generous commitment from The A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation, every dollar donated will be matched up to \$1,000,000 towards the Soiree, benefitting the Maternal Health Access Program. Double your impact on moms and babies from parts of the DC region that disproportionately experience maternal morbidity and adverse birth outcomes.

Join The Clark Foundation and Sibley's Maternal Health Access Program as we work together to remove barriers to high quality, needs-responsive maternity care in our city.



**Save the Date: National Portrait Gallery on Thursday, November 6th**

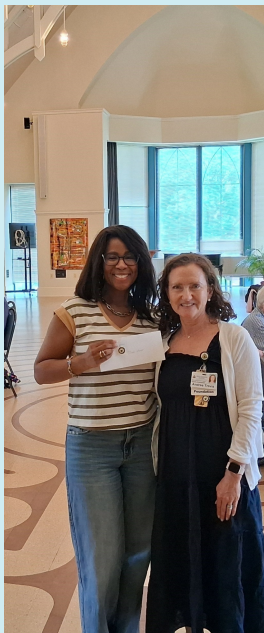
**To view sponsorship opportunities, visit [2025 Sibley Soiree!](#)**

## Lids Foundation Fund Supports Patients

In September 2023, the Lids Foundation established the Lids Foundation Fund at Sibley to support expanded access to cancer treatment across our community ([Philanthropy In Action | Sibley Memorial Hospital](#)). The Lids Foundation understands that simply accessing care can be a challenge for some patients due to a variety of factors that could cause an individual to delay or discontinue treatment including the costs around childcare, transportation, prescription medications, and groceries. Since then, the Fund has fund has supplied nearly 1,500 rides for patients to treatment appointments.



Continuity of care improves health outcomes for patients, and we are grateful to the Lids Foundation for helping us support patients undergoing cancer treatment. To support cancer patients in need, contact Liz Levine at [liz.levine@jhmi.edu](mailto: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 to 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, Community Dementia Program Manager Jihan Starr with the Sibley Senior Association, was honored (pictured with Foundation team member Andrea Travis).

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

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## The Guidelines® Award

The American Heart Association recently recognized Sibley's Stroke Team (pictured at right) with an achievement award for providing high-quality care to stroke patients. Get with the Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus with Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll honors Sibley for continual improvement in patient care and adherence to the latest research-driven guidelines for stroke patients.



The Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll award recognizes Sibley for ensuring patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

Congratulations to our stroke team and thank you for delivering excellence and compassionate care to our patients! To make a donation to support the Stroke program at Sibley and to learn more about funding opportunities that will help improve patient care, please contact Andrea Travis at [atravis2@jhmi.edu](mailto:atravis2@jhmi.edu).

## 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 Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley'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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