

Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation

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Philanthropy In Action

June 2026



A fiscal year-end moment of gratitude: *Left to right: Kristen Pruski, Oak Strawbridge, and Dr. Hasan Zia.*

Dear Friends,

As we close out our fiscal year at the end of the month, we are looking back with immense gratitude. Your incredible partnership has contributed \$26 million to Sibley, ensuring expert and compassionate care. Inside this issue you'll find a look at what your generosity has accomplished over the past year, as well as a preview of what lies ahead.

- **Recent Highlights:** Sibley being named to Forbes' inaugural Top Hospitals list with a 4-star overall rating, the official dedication of Marilyn's Garden, a new High Five inductee, and a beautiful new plaque honoring Patty's Fund.
- **Current Needs:** Help "Fill our Freezer" for patients getting treatment in Sibley's Infusion Center or honor Dr. Bruce Kressel's 48-year career.
- **What's Ahead:** Secure your sponsorship for the highly-anticipated 2026 Sibley Soirée this November!

I also want to take a moment to thank Oak Strawbridge for his exceptional term as Board Chair as his tenure comes to a close. Trustees and friends were able to gather together recently to celebrate (pictured above). Oak's leadership and dedication have left a lasting impact on our mission, and we remain grateful for his ongoing support.

With deepest gratitude,

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Sibley Named on Forbes' Inaugural Top Hospital List

A Testament to our team and our community



We are proud to share that Sibley Memorial Hospital has been recognized on **Forbes' inaugural Top Hospitals** list with a 4-star overall rating. Out of approximately 5,400 eligible general acute care hospitals nationwide, only 520 hospitals earned a 4-star rating — placing Sibley among an outstanding group of top-performing hospitals in the United States.

Alongside our CMS 5-Star rating, **Leapfrog "A" Hospital Safety Grade**, and **Magnet® designation**, this recognition reflects the exceptional care, dedication, and teamwork demonstrated every day across our hospital. It is also a powerful reminder of the impact of philanthropy, which fuels our efforts and provides vital resources that allow us to serve excellence and compassionate care to our community.

Read more about the acknowledgment and Forbes' criteria [here](#).

Marilyn's Garden: A New Oasis at Sibley

How a visionary gift transformed our campus with a beautiful new sanctuary of healing, peace, and respite



If you have been to Sibley's campus over the past year, you will have undoubtedly noticed the construction taking place. Well, on Monday night, the fencing came down and we had the honor of officially dedicating the beautiful space behind it: **Marilyn's Garden**.

This tranquil oasis was made possible through a generous philanthropic gift by **Michael Glosserman**, created in memory of his late wife, Marilyn (pictured right). The garden is a living reflection of *"Marilyn's lifelong love of year-round gardens, her desire to nurture both the earth and our souls, her deep gratitude for every day of sunshine, and her abiding hope for the coming Spring."*



We were overjoyed to celebrate this milestone with Marilyn's family and friends. We are equally excited for the peace, comfort, and quiet reflection this space will offer our patients, families, and staff.

Bringing a sanctuary of this scale to life requires a true community. Beyond Michael's visionary leadership, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Glosserman Family and their **dedicated group of friends** listed below who stepped forward to support this project, and are ensuring that it will be well taken care of for many years to come.

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The next time you find yourself at Sibley, we invite you to spend some time in the garden. To learn more about its unique, year-round features or how to lend your support, please contact [Liz Levine](#).



Small Gestures, Big Impact

Simple acts of kindness from **Jesseana “Jae” Mitchell** of Sibley’s Nutrition Services made a lasting impact during a difficult time for one patient’s family member during some recent long days in the hospital.

The visitor found their spirits lifted whenever they saw Jae in the cafeteria. With a friendly smile and quiet conversation, Jae brought a sense of ease to an otherwise stressful situation.

In gratitude, the family member made a contribution to the Sibley



A Scoop of Comfort During Cancer Treatment

The Fill the Freezer Campaign supports patients at Sibley Hospital’s Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center infusion clinic by providing **free ice cream, snacks, and nutritional support**.

With over 23,000 annual infusion appointments, these simple comforts are a meaningful part of the patient experience.

Initially grant-funded, this program has been sustained for three years by generous patient and community donors. These small treats ease

Foundation's High Five recognition program in Jae's honor.

Our staff members pour their hearts into everything they do, and nothing means more to them than knowing their efforts make a difference.

You too can honor a Sibley staff member who went above and beyond by recognizing them with a High Five award while simultaneously supporting a program of your choosing. It's a deeply meaningful way to say thank you, and recipients receive a special pin that they proudly wear as a symbol of your appreciation.

Honor a Staff Member

treatment side effects, lift spirits, and offer joy on difficult days.

Today, continued philanthropic support is vital to keeping the freezer stocked. Your ongoing gifts ensure this meaningful comfort remains available, making each patient's day a little brighter.

To learn more about the campaign and its impact, please contact [Sarah Jane Keegan](#).

Help Fill the Freezer Today



New Grant Powering the Expansion of Club Memory®

On June 17th, Sibley's Community Health leaders **Sharon Sellers** (pictured above) and **Andrea Miranda** attended a launch event to celebrate the award of a collaborative grant from **The Washington Home**.

This generous philanthropic funding unites partner organizations across Wards 5 and 6 to enhance support for seniors with memory impairments and their caregivers.

Sharon and her team were celebrated for the work they will be doing in Ward 5, including: growing the Sibley Senior Association's signature Club Memory® program, increasing the number of memory screenings conducted, providing their Dealing with Dementia training to caregivers, and expanding health and digital literacy.



Recognizing Patty's Fund

A beautiful new plaque now hangs outside the **Center for Patient and Family Services** within the **Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley**. It honors Patty Liberatore and the incredible impact of **Patty's Fund**.

During her cancer battle, Patty became passionate about supporting financially challenged patients. Following her passing, her husband Rob—a Sibley trustee—along with family and friends, established the fund in 2012.

Barriers like transportation, childcare, and medication costs can devastate health outcomes. Patty's Fund directly removes these hurdles for vulnerable patients.

To learn how philanthropy impacts these vital programs, please reach out to **Andrea Travis** or view the resources below.

Community Health at Sibley

Over the years, generous donors to Patty's Fund have given nearly \$1.4 million, ensuring patients receive lifesaving treatment without delay, regardless of their financial situation.

Rob recently endowed the fund to secure these vital wrap-around services in perpetuity, but as patient volume grows, the urgent need for donor support continues.

To learn more about Patty's Fund and its impact, please contact **Liz Levine**.

Support Cancer Patients in Need

Honoring a Legacy of Care: Dr. Bruce Kressel Retires

Celebrating 48 years of extraordinary oncology service

After nearly five decades of profound commitment to his patients and colleagues, **Dr. Bruce Kressel** (pictured right) is retiring this June.

As a cornerstone of the **Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center** at Sibley, Dr. Kressel has spent **48 years** providing world-class, compassionate care as an expert in hematologic malignancies and general oncology, while heavily championing Sibley's vital survivorship programming.



Regularly recognized as one of America's Top Doctors, his impact on our community is immeasurable.

We invite you to pay tribute to Dr. Kressel's remarkable legacy by supporting a cause close to his heart: **Sibley's Cancer Research Program**. Cancer research at Sibley fuels daily medical discoveries that expand treatment options and brings hope to patients.

To learn more about honoring Dr. Kressel and his incredible legacy, please contact **Liz Levine** or click the link below.

Honor Dr. Kressel

2026 Sibley Soirée Sponsorships Now Available!

*Celebrate with us on Thursday, November 5th at
the National Museum of Women in the Arts
benefiting Sibley's Maternal Health Access Program*



We invite you to join us for Sibley's Young Professionals Board's signature and highly-anticipated Sibley Soirée on Thursday, November 5th. The event raises money to support Sibley's Maternal Health Access Program, which is a collaborative effort to care for expectant mothers who are at high risk for pregnancy-related complications. Sponsorship opportunities are now available! Limited tickets will be available for purchase later this fall.

Please contact [Annie Newcomer](#) to learn more about this event or go online to save your spot with a sponsorship today.

[Become a Sibley Soirée Sponsor](#)

Upcoming Events

Palisades Fourth of July Parade

Saturday, July 4 | 11:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom

Come walk with a small contingent from the SSA and friends from the Palisades Village. Groups line up on MacArthur Boulevard/Whitehaven Parkway in NW D.C. around 10:30am, and the parade kicks off at 11am.

To learn more, email [Tania Sechriest](#).

Eating Well Through Cancer Care and Beyond*

Wednesday, July 8 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Registered Dietitian, Isabella Nelson, will focus on simple nutrition strategies, the importance of hydrating, and realistic ways to support your body day to day.

To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Upcoming Blood Drives

Location: See below

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Sign up to give a lifesaving blood donation at an upcoming Johns Hopkins blood drive:

- East Baltimore campus: June 24
- Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center: June 26
- Suburban Hospital: July 15

- Sibley Memorial Hospital: July 30
- To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Ongoing Cancer Support Programs*

For a full list of our support programs view our [program calendar](#) or for questions and more information please contact [Margo Calkin](#), National Capital Region Oncology Coordinator.

**Cancer support groups are for Sibley / Johns Hopkins Medicine cancer patients and caregivers only, and are free of charge thanks to generous support from our donors.*

View Additional Sibley Memorial Hospital Classes and Events



In Case You Missed It...

You can now find the Foundation's monthly donor [e-news archived here](#).

Watch the Sibley Senior Association's recent 11th Annual *Journey to Hope* - DC conference, held for Alzheimer's family care partners, [recording here](#).

Support Sibley Today!

Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation provides philanthropic support for the mission and vision of Sibley Memorial Hospital. We invite you to join us on our journey to shape the future of care.



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