

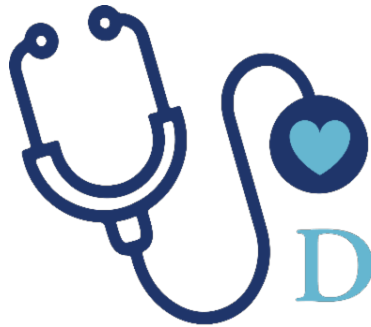
Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation

# YOUR IMPACT

*Philanthropy In Action*

March 2025

## Monthly Update



# NATIONAL DOCTORS' DAY

## SIBLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

**March 30 is Doctors' Day--a time to celebrate a physician whose expert and compassionate care made a difference for you at Sibley.**

Click the button below to make a gift.

**Honor Your Sibley Doctor!**



## Philanthropy Profile: Ami Shah and Jayneel Patel

Philanthropy has always been important to Ami Shah and Jayneel Patel. They have been donors to Sibley's sister hospital Suburban in recent years with Ami also serving on the Suburban Hospital Foundation Board. Recently, they made a gift to support three different areas at Sibley: Sibley's Emergency Department, the Maternal Health Access Program, and the pediatric Proton Center.

After a successful career in tech and engineering, Jayneel decided to pursue a second career in medicine. In advance of taking the MCAT and applying to medical school, and as a way to get hands-on experience in a clinical setting, he has been volunteering regularly in Sibley's bustling Emergency Department (ED) in addition to their philanthropic investment. Says Jayneel: "I have been inspired by the passion and dedication of the ED staff on a daily basis. Volunteering in Sibley's ED has been both personally fulfilling and professionally enriching."

Jayneel and Ami were also interested in finding a way to support new mothers and babies and became aware of Sibley's Maternal Health Access Program (MHAP). The MHAP, established by a generous investment in 2020 from the A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation ensures that all new mothers and babies receive the care they need and deserve. The program enhances 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. Ami's passion for maternal health is personal. She shared how her grandmother, who experienced 12 births with few resources and little support, would have benefitted from a program like the MHAP, saying "We directed part of our gift towards the MHAP because supporting moms and babies at risk really spoke to us."

Additionally, the Shah-Patel family made a generous donation to support pediatric patients at the Proton Center. A poignant moment outside the Center deeply affected them - they noticed a young child, post-proton therapy, resting quietly on a bench and were struck by the reality that, thanks to Sibley, children in our community have access to world-class proton therapy right here at home.

In reflecting on the impact of their gift on these three areas of the hospital, Ami sums it up this way: "To us, these areas honor the past, present, and future--the MHAP pays tribute to my grandmother's experience; the Emergency Department supports our community's health challenges today, and the Proton Center ensures that children in our community can grow up to be healthy and strong."

Thank you Jayneel and Ami for your leadership and thoughtful generosity. To support the area of your interest at Sibley, please contact Kristen Pruski at [kpruski@jhmi.edu](mailto:kpruski@jhmi.edu).

*Shah-Patel Family pictured above.*

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# PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

BENEFITTING THE JOHNS HOPKINS KIMMEL CANCER CENTER  
AT SIBLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

**SATURDAY  
MAY 10, 2025**



REGISTER TODAY

DINK TO SUPPORT  
GASTROINTESTINAL  
CANCER  
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**\$75  
PER PERSON**

ALL COMBINED DONATIONS  
WILL BE MATCHED UP TO  
\$10,000 BY PAULETTE AND  
STAN SHULMAN



DONATE TODAY

## Dinks and Donks

Grab your racket and lace up your shoes for a pickleball tournament to benefit the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley in support of gastrointestinal cancer research.

Saturday, May 10, 2025  
Dill Dinkers North Bethesda

**Donations will be matched up to \$10,000 by Paulette and Stan Shulman.**

Hear more from Paulette who was treated by Sibley physicians:

[Paulette's Story](#)

**Register  
Today!**



# CELEBRATING SIBLEY NURSING



# 5K

## WALK/RUN

TO SUPPORT NURSING  
EXCELLENCE  
REGISTRATION FEE: \$25  
(INCLUDES T-SHIRT)

Lace-up for fun and fitness at Sibley  
nursing's walk/run event!



**SATURDAY**

► **MAY 3, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.**



Register using the link or QR code:

[eventcreate.com/e/sibleynurses](https://eventcreate.com/e/sibleynurses)



Location:

Boathouse Pavilion  
Lake Needwood  
15700 Needwood Circle  
Rockville, Maryland 20855



SIBLEY MEMORIAL  
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JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICINE

**Join us at your own pace to celebrate Sibley nursing!**

All activity levels welcome.

Saturday, May 3 at 8:30 a.m.  
Lake Needwood, Boathouse Pavilion.

Scan the QR or click the link below to learn more.

**[Celebrating Sibley Nursing 5k Walk/Run](#)**



## 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. Li, Edwin Gonzalez, Dr. Zia and Caroline Shafa, and Dr. Chugh. Thank you to our generous donors who honored their caregivers.

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

## March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Sibley's GI team, pictured on "Wear Blue" day, reminds you that March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and that screening starting at age 45 can save lives.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States. However, the good news is that it is also one of the most preventable and treatable types of cancer when caught early.



Contact your Sibley provider today to schedule a screening!

## 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](#)

## 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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