

Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation

YOUR IMPACT

Philanthropy In Action

May 2025

Monthly Update

Philanthropy Profile: Judy Lese

Judy Lese is a D.C. native--born at the original Sibley. In 2003, after an arduous battle with breast cancer, Judy and her husband Laurence launched The Judith A. Lese Breast Cancer Foundation whose mission is “the pursuit of education and cure for breast cancer.”

After recovering from her breast cancer treatment, Judy became passionate about making sure that patients have access to vital equipment and resources when they are diagnosed with breast cancer. “Education and knowledge are important to me; I can’t go to medical school, but if I can ensure others get the information and breast cancer treatment and support they need, I’m happy to help!”



Judy’s Foundation hosts fundraising events throughout the year including an upcoming dinner in June and a “Walk to Win the Battle Against Breast Cancer” in October. When Judy learned that she could direct the funds she raises to an area of her choosing, she found it most meaningful to support ongoing clinical trials and to provide tangible supplies and medical technology and equipment at the Sullivan Breast Center. She continues to work with Dr. Pouneh Razavi, Director for Breast Imaging in the National Capital Region (NCR) to identify high priority needs, and her most recent gift to the Sullivan Breast Center at Sibley will support the purchase of an additional ultrasound machine.

Says Dr. Razavi, “Judy’s support over more than two decades is remarkable, and it showcases one of the many ways our generous donors can make an impact on the breast cancer care we offer our patients: pick an area in which you are truly invested and mobilize your network.”

Thank you, Judy, for your decades of generosity and advocacy. To learn more about supporting the Sullivan Breast Center at Sibley, contact Liza Boyd at LizaBoyd@jhmi.edu.

**Planned Giving Lunch and Stroke
Awareness Month**



Recently, Sibley Foundation hosted its annual Sibley Legacy Society luncheon to thank our planned giving donors. Sibley's stroke team gave a presentation in recognition of Stroke Awareness Month.

Sibley's stroke team (pictured below) has grown its stroke care program into a Stroke Center of Excellence--one of just a handful nationally. One of the ways that Sibley stands apart from other hospitals is that it is an MRI-first organization which allows

physicians to obtain a more accurate time frame of when a stroke has occurred which enables them to more precisely treat stroke patients and improve outcomes.

Donor support provides continuing education opportunities for the entire stroke team to ensure they are aware of the latest medications and treatments for stroke. It also provides important equipment such as a stretcher in the emergency department which weighs patients, so they are provided with the appropriate life-saving medication. Additionally, donor support helps fund community outreach materials like the BEFAST (balance, eyes, face, arms, speech and time) visual reminder magnets, which raise awareness about the signs of stroke and the importance of early intervention.

We are deeply grateful to our donor community for helping Sibley lead the way in stroke care. To support Sibley's stroke program or learn about making a planned gift to become part of Sibley's Legacy Society, contact Andrea Travis at atravis2@jhmi.edu





Young Professionals Board Spring Events

The Sibley Young Professionals Board (YPB) hosted their annual events the first week of May which were attended by more than 300 people and both featured Sibley physicians who offered tips & tricks to maintaining a healthy lifestyle—all in support of the Maternal Health Access Program at Sibley. Fueled by a bit of friendly competition, their efforts together raised nearly \$100,000--bringing all-time YPB funds raised to more than \$3,000,000.

The YPB thanks each individual who supported these events and their efforts to bring Sibley's expert and compassionate care to underserved areas of our community.

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
 BENEFITTING THE JOHNS HOPKINS KIMMEL CANCER CENTER AT SIBLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

SATURDAY MAY 10, 2025

REGISTER TODAY

DILL DINKERS NORTH BETHESDA
 4842 BOILING BROOK PKWY
 NORTH BETHESDA, MD 20852

MEN'S, WOMEN'S & MIXED DOUBLES
 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM: DUPR 3.5-4.0 & 4.0+
 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM: DUPR 2.5-3.0 & 3.0-3.5

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

DINK TO SUPPORT GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER RESEARCH

\$75 PER PERSON

DONATE TODAY

Dinks and Donks

More than 50 people came out to the second annual pickleball tournament at Dill Dinkers North Bethesda to benefit the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley in support of gastrointestinal cancer research.

The event raised nearly \$12,000 surpassing its goal with donations matched up to \$10,000 by generous supporters Paulette and Stan Shulman for a total of \$22,000!

Thank you to everyone who supported this fun community event.

Hear more from Paulette who was treated by Sibley physicians:

[Paulette's Story](#)



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, Dr. Mildred Chernofsky, Gynecologic Oncologist, Sibley Center for Gynecologic Oncology and Advanced Pelvic Surgery, and Assistant Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Johns Hopkins Medicine.

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

Thank you to the more than 100 people came out to celebrate Sibley nurses on Saturday, May 3 at Lake Needwood for our first 5K!



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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