

Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation

YOUR IMPACT

Philanthropy In Action

Summer 2026



Pictured above: Sibley hospitalist, Dr. Amee Garg, and family recently visited our Proton Therapy Center to deliver a kind donation to our Pediatric Radiation Oncology Program. Read more below in "Little Hands, Big Hearts."

Dear Friends,

Summer is a welcome opportunity to recharge, reflect, and prepare for the exciting year ahead. Sibley is currently buzzing with transformation. Construction is underway on our new **Behavioral Health Emergency Department** space, and we are eagerly preparing to open the **Gildenhorn Institute for Bone & Joint Health** outpatient clinic next month.

Preparation is also in motion for the **Sibley Soirée**, once again benefiting the Maternal Health Access Program (MHAP) at Sibley. We anticipate another sold-out night and would love for you to **join us**. Check out the details below to explore sponsorship opportunities and secure your spot.

Generosity comes in all forms and sizes, and every contribution advances our mission. Your meaningful partnership ensures our team has the resources needed to deliver world-class care every single day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

With deepest gratitude,

Kristen Pruski, C.F.R.E

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Join us in celebrating further acknowledgement for our incredible team! We are proud to announce that Sibley has been recognized as a **Top 10 D.C. Metropolitan Hospital** in the 2026-27 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, including a #3 regional spot in orthopaedics and high-performing distinctions (top 10% in the country) across two specialties - **orthopaedics** and **pulmonary and lung surgery** - and nine common care categories. Milestones like this happen because of our remarkable healthcare providers and the dedicated donors who invest in our hospital's future.



Little Hands, Big Hearts

On a warm summer afternoon, young cousins Eila (10), Esha (11), Aman (9), and Naina (10) set up a lemonade, bracelet, and bake stand with a big dream: raising funds - and smiles - for brave young cancer patients at Sibley.



Holistic Care for Sarcoma and Myeloma Patients

At Sibley, we care for the whole person - and the loved ones standing beside them. Patients with sarcoma and myeloma often experience long and complex treatment journeys. Understanding the shared emotional and physical burdens of sarcoma and myeloma,

Inspired to give back, they raised an impressive \$250 for **pediatric cancer patients** undergoing treatment at Sibley Memorial Hospital!

Visiting the hospital to drop off their gift showed them firsthand how much teamwork and kindness can achieve, and further inspired their growing altruism.

We are deeply grateful for their incredible generosity and community spirit. Their huge hearts prove that you are never too small to make a vast impact. To learn more about supporting Sibley's Pediatric Radiation Oncology program, please contact **Liz Levine**.

[Read More](#)

Sibley advances care through **supportive integrative services**.

We nurture both patient and caregiver wellness through tailored programs, from yoga and mindfulness to nature and art therapy. Learn more about upcoming workshops [here](#), or below in our events section.

These comprehensive, compassionate services are made possible thanks to philanthropy. Donor support fuels this whole person approach, providing vital comfort, resilience, and community when it is needed most. To learn more about investing in Sibley's cancer support programs, please contact **Liz Levine**.

[Explore Workshops](#)



Extraordinary Care in Action: Dr. Olaya Brewer Gutierrez

Known for her deep expertise in gastroenterology - from managing complex conditions like GERD and Barrett's esophagus to performing advanced endoscopic procedures - **Dr. Olaya Brewer Gutierrez** is widely celebrated by her patients for her compassionate care. Her clinical excellence and dedication bring world-class medicine and comfort to the Sibley community every day.

In recognition of her extraordinary impact, Dr. Brewer Gutierrez was



Summer Celebration of Sibley Excellence

To honor the extraordinary dedication of our staff and celebrate Sibley's recent remarkable achievements - simultaneously holding a CMS 5-Star rating, Leapfrog "A" Hospital Safety Grade, Magnet® designation, and being named among *Forbes'* top hospitals - we recently gathered for an all-employee **summer BBQ**.

Earning these national benchmarks for quality, safety, and nursing care is an incredible milestone, making this gathering all the more

recently honored with a **Sibley Foundation High Five Award** thanks to some grateful patients.

The High Five program offers patients and families a meaningful way to recognize Sibley physicians and staff who go above and beyond. When you make a gift in honor of a caregiver who made a difference in your journey, the honoree receives a special High Five pin and a personal letter notifying them of your thoughtful gesture.

Honor a Staff Member with a High Five Award

meaningful as we recognized our team's daily commitment to excellence.

Thanks to the **Dunn Employee Celebration Fund**, team members enjoyed delicious food, games, live music, and well-deserved time connecting with colleagues. We are deeply grateful to the donors who make moments of celebration and recognition like this possible.

Learn More about Staff Recognition and Morale Boosting Efforts at Sibley



Pictured above (left to right): Dr. Brett Parker, Dr. Mena Louis (second fellow), Dr. Keshav Kooraguyala (third fellow), and Dr. John Keyloun (first fellow).

Johns Hopkins Medicine's Advanced GI/MIS Fellowship

Fueled by philanthropy

Led by **Brett Parker, M.D.**, the Advanced GI/MIS (Gastrointestinal/Minimally Invasive Surgery) Fellowship at Sibley offers a rigorous, **one-year training experience** designed to prepare surgeons for independent practice in advanced minimally invasive surgery. Since its inception in 2023, three fellows have completed the program which is made possible by philanthropy from grateful donors through the Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The fellowship provides comprehensive training in general minimally invasive surgery, foregut surgery, bariatric surgery and abdominal wall reconstruction. Fellows gain extensive hands-on experience in advanced laparoscopy, robotic surgery and therapeutic flexible endoscopy, while developing expertise in complex procedures and foregut physiology testing.

The program's **transition-to-practice model** combines mentorship with progressively greater clinical autonomy, allowing fellows to build confidence and surgical decision-making skills in a high-volume setting without competition from

surgical residents. Fellows also benefit from dedicated research time, access to the Johns Hopkins Minimally Invasive Surgery Training & Innovation Center (MISTIC), and opportunities to contribute to clinical outcomes and innovation research.

With a strong focus on surgical excellence, innovation, and patient-centered care, the fellowship ultimately equips graduates with the technical expertise and leadership skills needed to excel in today's rapidly evolving field of minimally invasive surgery.

We are deeply grateful to the donors whose generosity makes this program possible. To learn more about philanthropic opportunities to support Sibley's Department of Surgery, please contact **Andrea Travis**, 202-364-7696.

August is National Make a Will Month

Help shape the future of healthcare at Sibley Memorial Hospital

Celebrate **National Make a Will Month** with us by including Sibley Memorial Hospital in your estate plans. Joining the **Sibley Legacy Society** helps ensure exceptional, compassionate healthcare and cutting-edge medical advancements remain available to our community for generations to come.



Establishing a planned gift is simple and adaptable to your unique financial and family goals. Our expert team is happy to talk with you about how you can best meet your objectives.



Your Sibley Legacy Today and Tomorrow

Support Sibley Memorial Hospital with a qualified legacy gift, and 10% will be matched with an outright gift – up to \$25,000 now through December 31, 2026, or while matching funds are available.

Help ensure exceptional care for patients today and for generations to come by including Sibley in your legacy with a gift from a:

- Will or Trust
- Beneficiary Designation
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust



To learn more, please contact Kristen Pruski, Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation at 202-537-4257 or KPruski@jhmi.edu.

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Partner with Us: Sponsor the Sibley Soirée

Thursday, November 5th, 2026



Pictured above: A convivial scene from the 2025 Soiree held at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

We invite you to join us as a sponsor for the Sibley Young Professionals Board's signature and highly anticipated **Sibley Soirée** on **Thursday, November 5th** at the **National Museum of Women in the Arts**.

Partnering with us provides:

- **A win for your company:** Put your business in front of 600+ highly engaged civic, corporate, and young professional leaders.
- **A win for the community:** Enjoy an incredibly fun, high-energy night of networking, celebration, and impact.
- **A win for expectant mothers in the DMV:** 100% of proceeds support Sibley's Maternal Health Access Program, a vital collaborative effort caring for expectant mothers at high risk for pregnancy-related complications.

Sponsorship opportunities are officially open, but they are filling up fast! Securing your package today is the best way to guarantee your presence, as tickets for the general public will be highly limited when they go on sale 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

Nature Therapy: Bringing Restorative Qualities of Nature Indoors For Cancer Patients, Survivors and Caregivers*

Thursday, August 20 | 6:00-7:00 p.m. (EST)

Location: Zoom

Join this one-hour webinar with a nature-informed psychotherapist to explore how the restorative qualities of nature can be brought into indoor spaces to support well-being, reduce stress, and foster a deeper sense of connection and calm.

To register contact: **Margo Calkin**, 202-660-6954

Virtual Childbirth Preparation

Wednesday, September 2 | 6:00 p.m. (EST)

Location: Zoom

This 3.5 hour live-online class is designed to help expecting parents build confidence for the big day. The class will prepare you for a medicated or un-medicated birth and answer your questions in a small intimate group.

Register [online](#) | View additional Sibley [classes and events](#)

Women and Bladder Cancer: Practical Strategies for Responding to Fears of Recurrence and Progression*

Wednesday, September 16 | 6:00 p.m. (EST)

Location: Zoom

Join the Greenberg Bladder Cancer Institute at Sibley to learn practical strategies for responding to fears of recurrence and progression. Fear and anxiety around recurrence are some of the most common emotional concerns for cancer patients. While they may not be avoidable, there are tools that can help.

Register [online](#)

An Evening of Art Therapy for Those Living with Sarcoma and Myeloma*
Friday, October 2 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Marilyn's Garden, Sibley Memorial Hospital

Join Art Therapist Anais Lugo-Axtmann to explore thoughts and emotions through guided art-making. This Group offers a supportive space to reduce stress, build coping skills, and connect with others. No art experience needed. Dinner included. This event is made possible by **The Kristen P. Cabbage Fund**. Simultaneously, caregivers may participate in a restorative Nature Therapy program - see below.

To register contact: [Margo Calkin](#), 202-660-6954

A Restorative Evening for Caregivers*

Friday, October 2 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Marilyn's Garden, Sibley Memorial Hospital

For those of you who are or have been caring for a loved one during their cancer journey, you are invited to join Nature-Informed Psychotherapist Tania M. Lanning, MS., LCPC for a grounding and connecting evening in the beautiful new Marilyn's Garden at Sibley Memorial Hospital. A light dinner will be provided. This event is made possible by **The Kristen P. Cabbage Fund**.

To register contact: [Margo Calkin](#), 202-660-6954

Sibley Senior Association's Meditation and Mindfulness
Tuesdays | 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays | 1:00 p.m., (EST)

Location: Zoom

If you would like to prioritize your mental and physical health, please consider adding the Sibley Senior Association's Meditation and Mindfulness to your list. The practice helps people cultivate gratitude, manage stress, and improve sleep. Both first-time and experienced meditators are welcome!

Register for Tuesdays [online](#) | Register for Thursdays [online](#)

For more information on the SSA, contact: [Heritage Ojeikere](#), 202-364-7602 or view the full [program calendar](#).

**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. For a full list of our support programs view the [event calendar](#).*



Become a Monthly Donor: Set-and-Forget!

Your recurring support ensures we are always ready to care for our community.

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 healthcare.

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In Case You Missed It...

You can now find the Foundation's monthly donor **e-news archived here.**



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