Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of another year, I’m so pleased to share this Philanthropy Impact Report with you, with highlights of what you’ve helped us achieve at Sibley Memorial Hospital in 2019. From the recent opening of the new Johns Hopkins National Proton Center, to the dedication of the Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Institute for Bone and Joint Health — so much of what happens at Sibley is made possible through contributions from generous people like you.

As a member of the Johns Hopkins Health System, Sibley Memorial Hospital is here to provide you and your loved ones with world-class care. Your gifts help Sibley fund those aspects of care that are not covered through insurance or other traditional payer sources, from helping us expand and improve our facilities, to providing assistance to oncology and other patients in need.

Thanks to you, we’ve been able to bring proton therapy to our campus with the most advanced technology available to treat cancer. You help us provide patients in need with financial counseling as well as taxi rides to and from treatments, grocery cards for healthy meals during their treatments and financial assistance for prescription medications. Your support for continuing education programs allows our dedicated nurses to pursue specialty certifications and other training opportunities that help them improve patient care. With your support, Sibley physicians are able to pursue research projects here on our campus, our Sibley Senior Association is able to offer support programs for people with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia and their caregivers, and our Ward Infinity program is helping neighborhood leaders find innovative solutions to health challenges.

We are so grateful for the incredible community of donors who support Sibley and allow us to be a leader in health care in the greater Washington region. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, our physicians and nurses and the rest of the Sibley team — but most importantly, on behalf of our patients and their families — we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

With Gratitude,

Carol Shannon
Vice President, Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation
Thanks to the generous support of PEOPLE LIKE YOU, the Johns Hopkins National Proton Center began treating patients in October 2019. The center offers the most advanced pencil beam proton therapy technology available. With one treatment area open now, the center will house three proton therapy treatment rooms and one research room, all open by 2021. Through a collaboration with Children’s National, it’s the only proton center in the region to have a dedicated pediatric team. Facilities for research will help Johns Hopkins physicians and researchers define the future of cancer care here at Sibley. Proton therapy is particularly important for children and for patients with tumors near critical organs. We are incredibly grateful to DONORS LIKE YOU who have helped us bring this first-of-its kind technology to our community.

Our strong focus on research at the Johns Hopkins National Proton Center sets us apart. Our doctors and researchers will be leading novel clinical trials to assess several aspects of proton therapy for a range of cancer types.

—Akila Viswanathan, M.D., M.P.H., Interim Director, Johns Hopkins Radiation Oncology and Molecular Radiation Sciences

LEFT: Heng Li, physicist, in one of the four gantries at the new Johns Hopkins National Proton Center. PHOTO BY: CHRISTOPHER MYERS
Emmy came to the U.S. for treatment of stage 4 breast cancer, after being misdiagnosed and going years without treatment. By the time she came to Sibley, Emmy was in so much pain that she had difficulty walking and moving one of her arms. The multidisciplinary team at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley quickly determined exactly where Emmy’s cancer was and the specific type of breast cancer she had. She started treatment, receiving a new type of drug that significantly improves outcomes in metastatic, hormone-receptor-positive breast cancer. Unfortunately, Emmy wasn’t sure how she would be able to afford her medication. Thanks to generous donor support for Patty’s Fund at Sibley, the Center for Patient and Family Services (CPFS) was able to cover the cost of Emmy’s medication. Today Emmy has completed her treatment and is on her way to recovery. We are so grateful for the support of PEOPLE LIKE YOU who provide hope to patients like Emmy.

Your Support Provides Needed Treatment and Services for Cancer Patients

Thanks to generous support from DONORS LIKE YOU, Sibley’s Center for Patient and Family Services (CPFS) is able to provide financial assistance through the Patricia Liberatore Fund, which helps cancer patients in need. Patty believed that everyone should have access to quality cancer care. Through Patty’s Fund CPFS provides transportation to and from treatments, grocery cards for healthy meals during treatments, durable medical equipment, and financial assistance for prescription medications.

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We don’t just stop at medical care. Donor funding for the Center for Patient and Family Services means we have the resources to support patients and families as they go through their treatment.

—Elisabeth Carrino-Tamasi, M.S.W., Assistant Director, Oncology and Center for Patient and Family Services

TOP: Emmy (left, with Karen Smith, M.D., M.P.H.) was honored at Sibley’s 2019 Hope & Progress Gala, which raised more than $800,000 in support of the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley and Patty’s Fund. BOTTOM: (back row, from left) Elisabeth Carrino-Tamasi, M.S.W., Samantha Rockler, M.S.W., Eula Keen-Woods, R.N., Jacqueline Buschmann, M.S.W., Jennie Tarica, R.N., M.S.N.; (front row, from left) Ariel Ford, Sarde Moody, Candice Graham-Adderton, R.N., Nicole Ollis, F.N.P.-B.C., A.C.H.P.N., Pam Goetz, Meagan Paulk, M.S.W.
Last June, in collaboration with Unity Health Care, Sibley Memorial Hospital established the Johns Hopkins Cancer Clinic within the Parkside Health Center located in Ward 7. The clinic will act as a much-needed care facility and resource to expand quality cancer services to underserved patients in the area. An on-site nurse navigator and nurse practitioner will help coordinate patient care from diagnosis through treatment and beyond, working closely with a multidisciplinary medical team to develop treatment plans. They will also be available for urgent care and follow-ups.

Once patients are connected to cancer care at Sibley, a team of social workers, navigators, nutritionists and palliative care specialists within the Center for Patient and Family Services will provide support to patients and their families throughout treatment and into survivorship. Cancer services will initially focus on access to treatment for prostate and gynecologic cancers; however, Sibley welcomes all patients.

“Coming together is the beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success. I'm so proud to be part of a team that is working together to provide this life-saving cancer care that wasn't widely available in Wards 7 and 8 before. I know we are making a real difference in people's lives.”

—Ruth Williams, Oncology Nurse Navigator, Sibley Memorial Hospital

Ward Infinity Plants the Seeds of Innovation

Generous donors help Sibley extend care beyond our campus. Our Ward Infinity program selects community health innovators from Washington, D.C.’s Wards 7 and 8 to partner with Sibley to develop creative solutions for some of the city’s most urgent health-related issues. While Ward Infinity just completed its second year, year-one participants are still hard at work bringing their ideas to scale. Mary Blackford, a 2018 community health innovator, continues to grow her initiative, Market 7 — a healthy food and retail marketplace featuring minority-owned businesses in Ward 7. Market 7 has won grants from the District of Columbia to help continue to serve the community through this innovative solution. Congratulations, Mary, and THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS for helping innovative ideas grow!
As Sibley continues to expand our services to serve the greater Washington area, we need highly qualified nurses and technicians with specialized training. Donors provide crucial support for nurse continuing education programs, including support for nurses who pursue specialty certifications or a bachelors degree, simulation training programs for doctors and nurses in our Emergency Department, and other training programs.

“Funding for nursing education keeps us at the top of our game,” says orthopaedic nurse Lisa Kirk, who recently received her orthopaedic nursing certification, thanks to support from DONORS LIKE YOU.

Lisa has been an R.N. with the Sibley orthopaedics team for nearly 20 years. She loves the collaborative environment and the way patients treat her like family. Even with years of experience, the decision to pursue certification was a big commitment for Lisa. A significant amount of study time is required and exam fees and other costs can add up. Your contributions help offset the cost of exam fees, study materials and review courses for nurses like Lisa, who choose to demonstrate their commitment to nursing excellence through certification. Your investment helps ensure that patients receive the best care possible from highly skilled nurses.
In fiscal year 2019, your philanthropic contributions helped support critical programs and services at Sibley Memorial Hospital. Because of you, care partners for people with dementia were able to attend support groups, physicians pursued advances in cancer research and our Emergency Department team conducted life-saving simulation training sessions. Here’s a glance at some of the things you made possible.

- Nearly 42,000 patients visited Sibley’s Emergency Department (ED) over the last year. Thanks to donors, our ED staff conducts simulation training with robotic patients each month, allowing them to rehearse their response to the most challenging cases.

- In 2019, the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center at Sibley provided 155 radiation and medical oncology treatments each day. Your support helped provide 1,500 rides for oncology patients in need, to help them access their treatments at Sibley, including patients from medically underserved areas of Washington.

- The Sibley Senior Association’s (SSA) flagship Club Memory™ program, a stigma-free social club for people with early-stage Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia and their spouses and caregivers, served more than 800 members in all eight wards of the city.

- With donor support, the SSA offered 12 different support groups to community members, from care partners of persons living with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia to bereavement support groups.

- Sibley was ranked as a high performer in total hip and knee replacement nationally in U.S. News & World Report’s annual Best Hospitals list for 2019.

- Donor support allowed more than 700 people to learn more about their health and treatment options by attending free educational seminars through the Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Institute for Bone and Joint Health.

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- Thanks to you, 12 nurses pursued specialty certifications this year, 30 novice nurses gained important skills through the nurse residency program and 40 nurses attended conferences where they shared their innovative work and brought back new ideas.

- Donors help support the search for causes and cures. There are currently 50 active clinical trials underway at Sibley in behavioral health, gastroenterology, hepatology, neurosurgery and oncology.
We are grateful to everyone who chooses to support Sibley through a generous contribution. Our patients, their family members and our Sibley care team all benefit from your kindness.

Thank YOU!