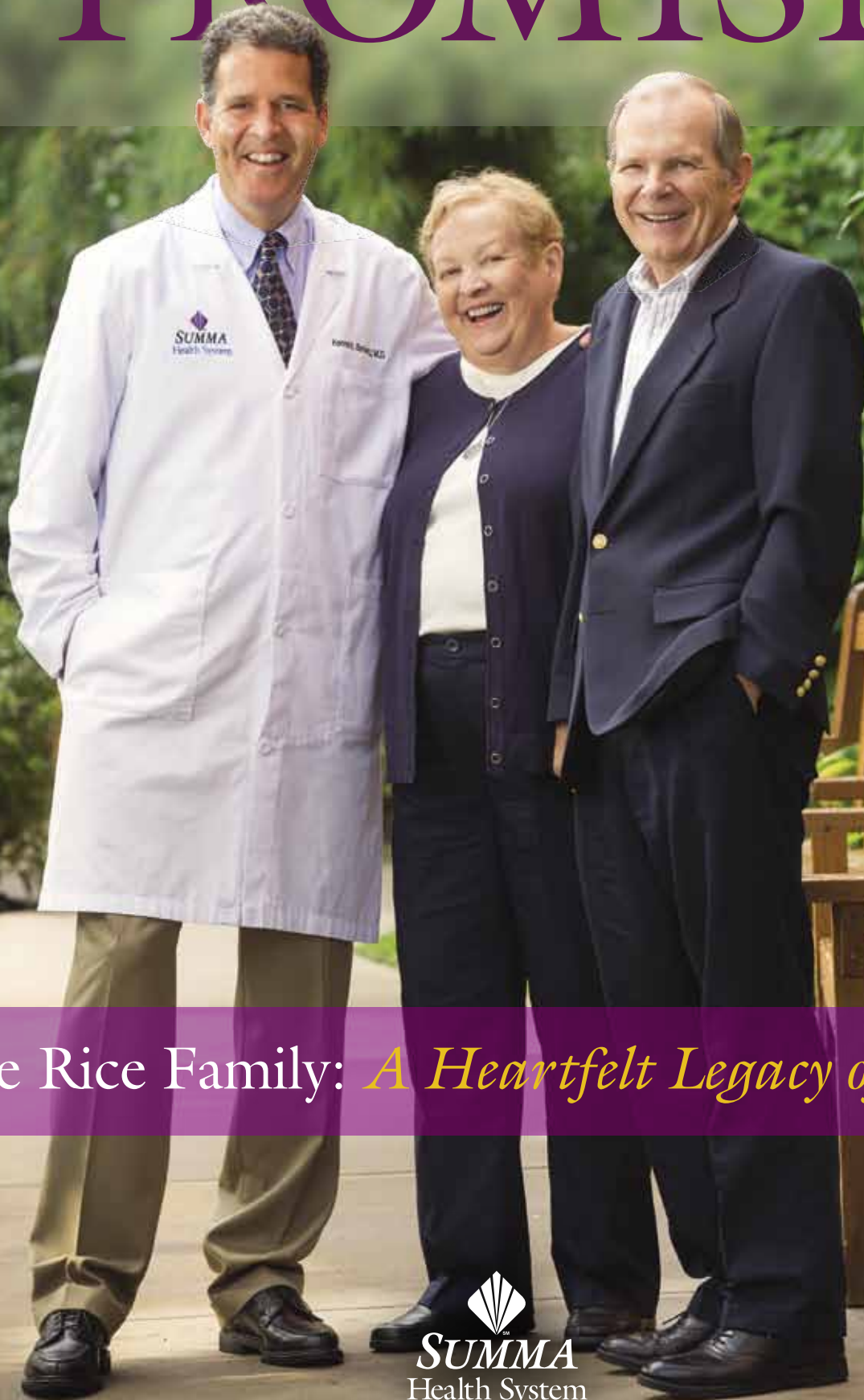


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The Rice Family: *A Heartfelt Legacy of Giving*


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“On behalf of all of us at Summa and the patients we serve, thank you for your passionate support.”

– Thomas J. Strauss

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Dear Friends,

Philanthropy is deeply valued at Summa Health System and intricately tied to our history. For well over a century, the unwavering support of our community has enabled Summa to deliver on its promise to provide outstanding care, educate the next generation of medical professionals and advance medical discovery.

With this inaugural issue of *Promise*, we celebrate the impact of philanthropy and the promise of gifts large and small to make a real difference in the lives of our patients and their families. We invite you to discover the stories behind some of the recent gifts that are elevating and enhancing the health of the communities Summa is privileged to serve.

Our feature story highlights how the power of philanthropy is transforming the delivery of cardiovascular care at Summa. A magnificent gift from Yvonne and Richard M. Hamlin, the largest private donation in the history of Summa, is enabling our team of exceptional cardiovascular specialists to treat complex cases using advanced, minimally invasive methods.

We received additional generous support from Joyce and Bob Rice, extending their family's remarkable legacy of giving and helping launch our cardiovascular fellowship training program.

Without question, philanthropic investment is helping to propel Summa Cardiovascular Institute into a new era of care.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as President and CEO of Summa Health System for more than 15 years. One of the most rewarding aspects of my career has been partnering with generous individuals and organizations who help to advance Summa. My passion for our health system remains strong, and I look forward to my continued friendship with you in our mutual support for this tremendous organization and the indispensable role it plays in our community.

With sincere gratitude,



Thomas J. Strauss
President and Chief Executive Officer
Summa Health System

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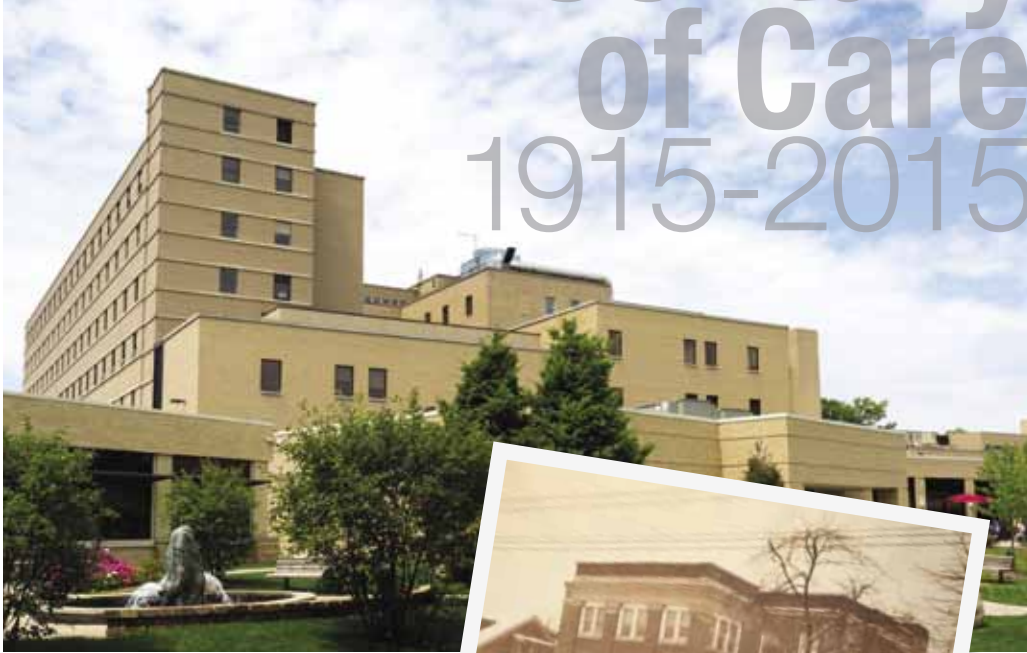
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A Century of Care


1915-2015



Summa Barberton Hospital


Summa Barberton Hospital will mark its 100th anniversary in 2015. Part of Summa Health System since 2007, the hospital was founded in 1915 as Barberton Hospital. As the community grew, so did the hospital, with additions and renovations providing room for advanced healthcare services. Located on Fifth Street Northeast since 1954, the full-service hospital provides comprehensive cancer care at Parkview Center and serves the community through its newly renovated Emergency Department. 

RITZMAN PHARMACIES GIFT HONORS BARBERTON HOSPITAL

A generous gift from Ritzman Pharmacies ushers in a new era of care at Summa Barberton Hospital. The gift coincides with the hospital's centennial in 2015, celebrating 100 years of serving the Barberton community. The Ritzman Pharmacies gift will advance lifesaving emergency services at Summa Barberton. 

WALTER W. BORN FOUNDATION FUNDS TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE PATIENT CARE AT SUMMA

A generous gift from the Walter W. Born Foundation is providing cutting-edge equipment at Summa Akron City Hospital. The gift benefits patients and nurses by providing the latest technology to accurately and efficiently assess vital signs. With advanced features and the capability of interfacing with the electronic medical record in real time, the monitors automate the task of measuring patients' vital signs, allowing nurses to focus on what matters most – patients' comfort and safety.

Established in 2005 from the estate of Walter W. Born, the Foundation is managed by FirstMerit Bank in Akron. Committed to advancing the health of Akron-area residents, the Walter W. Born Foundation has awarded Summa gifts totaling nearly \$600,000 for medical equipment. 



FACT: Ohio Columbus Barber, who founded his namesake city, Barberton, Ohio, was also a founding philanthropist of Akron City Hospital.




Knights Templar Eye Foundation representative Larry Brown presented a generous grant award to Rachida Bouhenni, PhD, during Postgraduate Day, an annual event showcasing research at Summa Akron City and St. Thomas hospitals.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION VISIONARY GIFT SUPPORTS SUMMA RESEARCH

A \$60,000 grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is helping Summa ophthalmology research scientist Rachida Bouhenni, PhD, advance her work to find an alternative treatment for patients facing vision loss because of primary congenital glaucoma (PCG). Dr. Bouhenni's goal is to find a non-surgical treatment for PCG.


"The same gene that causes pediatric glaucoma causes some adult glaucoma," Dr. Bouhenni explains. "In our lab, we study all forms of glaucoma, so elucidating the cause of pediatric glaucoma will help lead us to a better understanding of the much more common adult form."

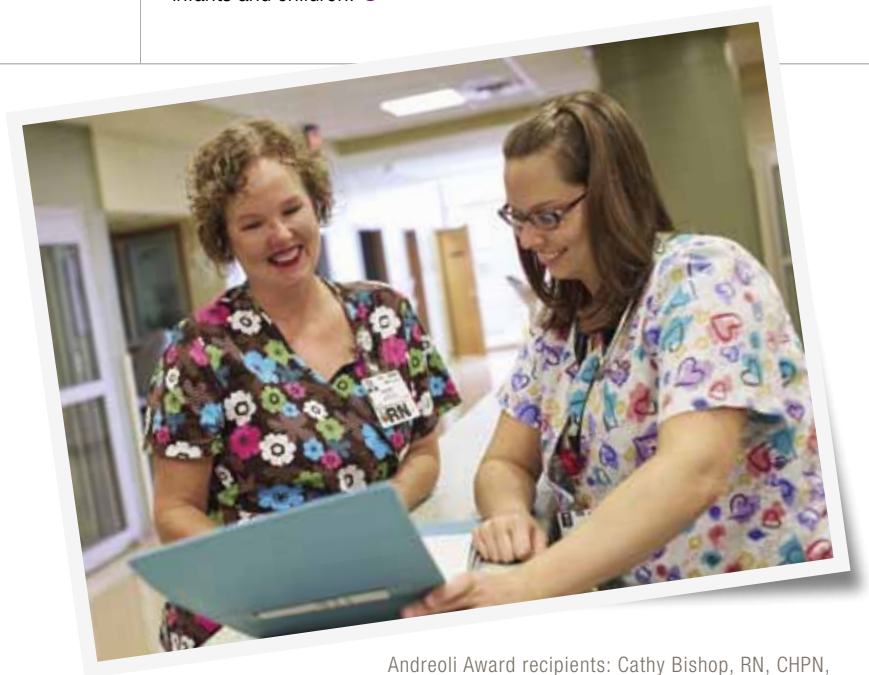
The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, based in Texas, supports researchers committed to the prevention and cure of potentially blinding diseases in infants and children. 

ANDREOLI AWARDS RECOGNIZE SUMMA'S SUPERB NURSES

The Andreoli Awards for Nursing Excellence, created through a special gift from Dee Dee and Rennick Andreoli, recognize nurses' vital role as frontline caregivers and help advance excellence in nursing at Summa.

"Nurses are the very heart of patient care," says Mr. Andreoli. "We are thrilled to celebrate nurses' extraordinary contributions and the exceptional care they provide every day."

The Andreoli Awards honor nurses who exemplify excellence in three categories: compassion, safety and research. Each awardee receives funding to pursue continuing education or research. 



Andreoli Award recipients: Cathy Bishop, RN, CHPN, and Sarah Schutte, BSN, RN, CCRN. Not pictured, Beth Kingzett, RN, BSN.

"I was so surprised to be nominated and am so honored and humbled to have received the Andreoli Nursing Award." – Sarah Schutte, BSN, RN, CCRN




Kathy Head, Team Leader, Summa Hospice Volunteer Services, and Marcie, whom Ms. Head adopted when the dog's owner passed away.

PET CARE MEANS PEACE OF MIND

Anyone who has ever loved a pet understands the immediate joy that comes from sharing their life with a companion animal. For individuals facing a terminal illness, a pet can be a welcome source of comfort – and a cause of great concern.

A challenge grant from Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust is helping Summa Hospice patients keep their pets by their sides during their end-of-life journeys.

Through Pet Peace of Mind®, passionate volunteers help hospice patients meet the demands of pet ownership when they become too ill or financially unable to care for them properly. The national program, developed and partially funded by Banfield Charitable Trust, began at Summa in 2011 and has helped more than 250 families and 600 pets. 

The Promise of Philanthropy: Vero™ Advanced Radiation Therapy Now at Akron City Hospital

A new, state-of-the-art radiation therapy technology now available at Summa Cancer Institute offers new hope to patients and families fighting cancer. Summa Akron City Hospital is the fourth hospital in the nation – and the only one in Ohio – to offer this revolutionary, noninvasive stereotactic body radiotherapy system. Vero™ uses sculpted radiation beams at multiple angles and higher radiation dose intensity to destroy tumors, resulting in greater precision than other radiation therapy technologies. **Vero™ causes less damage to healthy tissues and, depending on the type of cancer and treatment plan, can reduce radiation therapy sessions from 35 to seven and treatment times from seven weeks to one week.**

In September, Summa received two significant gifts in support of Vero™ technology.

LEHNER FAMILY FOUNDATION


The Lehner Family Foundation of Akron just announced a most generous \$500,000 grant to support the purchase of the Vero™ system at Summa Akron City Hospital. (Watch for details in the next issue of *Promise*.)

THE HONOR PROJECT

The practice of using unclaimed class-action lawsuit funds to support nonprofit organizations is helping advance cancer care at Summa Health System.

Cuyahoga County Judge John J. Russo recently awarded \$12 million in such funds to charities in Northeast Ohio as part of The Honor Project. Summa received one of the two largest distributions out of 26 in the healthcare group. Summa Cancer Institute will receive \$100,000 in *cy pres* funds to support Vero™, Summa's recently introduced radiation therapy system.

Cy pres, a legal doctrine dating from the third century, allows courts to distribute unclaimed settlement funds from class-action lawsuits for purposes benefitting society.

Cleveland law firm Dworken & Bernstein helped administer The Honor Project and has been instrumental in distributing more than \$24 million in *cy pres* support throughout the Northeast Ohio region since 2008. 

At the Oct. 8 Vero™ ribbon-cutting (left to right): R. Douglas Trochelmann, MD, Medical Director, Summa Cancer Institute; C. Gordon Ewers, Lehner Family Foundation; Charles Kunos, MD, PhD, Medical Director, Radiation Oncology, Summa Akron City Hospital; Patrick Perotti, Dworken & Bernstein; Thomas Malone, MD, Chief Operating Officer, Summa Health System.





“We are very optimistic that this new drug, once approved and on the market, will improve the quality of life for thousands of patients.” – Kevin Silver, MD

SUMMA AMONG SELECT SITES FOR PROMISING HEART DRUG RESEARCH

Imagine, after a devastating heart attack causes heart damage, receiving a treatment that marshals the body’s own cells to come together to repair the heart. It’s not a far-fetched scenario.

In fact, Summa Cardiovascular Institute is among a select group of sites nationwide – and the only one in Northeast Ohio – participating in clinical trials of a promising treatment for patients facing advanced heart failure. Often the result of a heart attack, heart failure affects more than 5 million Americans, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.


The treatment involves administering an investigational product called JVS-100 directly to the damaged heart muscle. The product works by recruiting the body’s stem cells to the damaged region of the heart, where the cells help repair tissue and encourage the growth of nourishing blood vessels. Early studies show that JVS-100 can both preserve heart tissue and improve heart function after a heart attack.

More than 150 patients, including 10 at Summa, have taken part in the study nationwide.

“We are very optimistic that this new drug, once approved and on the market, can improve the quality of life for thousands of patients,” says Kevin Silver, MD, Director of the Coronary Care Unit at Summa Akron City Hospital and principal investigator at Summa for the most recent JVS-100 trial. If studies prove successful, JVS-100 could undergo Food and Drug Administration review in 2018 and be available in 2019.



Marc Penn, MD, PhD

Marc Penn, MD, PhD, Director of Research, Summa Cardiovascular Institute, discovered this promising new treatment. Dr. Penn is Professor of Medicine and Integrative Medical Sciences and Director, Skirball Laboratory for Cardiovascular Cellular Therapeutics, at Northeast Ohio Medical University and Medical Director at Juventas Therapeutics in Cleveland, which is coordinating research and developing JVS-100. 

FACT: According to the World Health Organization, the U.S. is ranked 43rd in the world in infant mortality; Ohio is ranked 45th of 50 states. Summa’s Flourish app is designed to help change that.



NEW HEALTH APP HELPS WOMEN “FLOURISH” THANKS TO CIRCLE OF WOMEN’S HEALTH PHILANTHROPISTS

The new Flourish Women’s Resource app, an interactive program for tablets and smartphones, has the potential to improve women’s health worldwide. Through videos featuring Summa experts, the app provides advice on women’s health topics, beginning with pregnancy and childbirth. Other subjects, from cancer and mental health to menopause, will be added, making the app a go-to source for women seeking current health information.

Flourish Women’s Resource is available as a free download from the Apple and Android app stores – just type “Flourish” in the search bar.

The Summa Foundation Circle of Women’s Health Philanthropists supported the development of the new app. The Circle, founded in 2013, is a group of female executives, professionals and philanthropists who combine their annual individual gifts for far greater impact. Members meet socially to learn about women’s health issues from Summa physicians. They choose one program to fund annually. 



Elevating Quality to Extraordinary



*We began with a serious commitment:
to be better than the best –
in fact, far better.*

BY ERIK N. STEELE, DO

Senior Vice President, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Quality Officer, Summa Health System

Dr. Steele joined Summa Health System in June 2013 to oversee programs including quality, patient experience, access, medical education and research. An emergency medicine and family practice physician, Dr. Steele co-chaired the Maine Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and was Senior Vice President/Chief Medical Officer at Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor.

Summa Health System is proud of its role as your hometown health care provider, and we appreciate how generations of Akron-area families have come to depend on us. Today, serving the community with superlative care means we must rethink what we do and how we do it.

Almost every business and service organization will at some point talk to its customers about quality. We all strive for it, and we all tell our customers it is a priority. But do we really mean it? At Summa, we do.

As Chief Quality Officer, I want to elevate our quality of care at every encounter we have with patients and families. It is a responsibility that I relish, and am pleased with the progress we have made to date.

We began with a serious commitment: to be better than the best – in fact, far better.

Eliminating Harm


Many hospitals speak about reducing accidental harm. In fact, the term “never event” has been introduced into hospital jargon to refer to medical errors so serious that they should never happen. But they do – in every hospital, in every corner of the nation. All hospitals focus on reducing the number of such incidents. To our way of thinking, that’s not good enough. Rather, our goal is to completely eliminate accidental harm from the care we provide – something that has never been done in a healthcare system anywhere. We mean it, and we are working diligently toward this goal.

In every Summa facility and department, we are developing processes that “design out” the possibility of making mistakes.

These new protocols spell out precise steps for all of us to follow that will eliminate any possibility of a medical error.

A Culture of Safety

We also have instituted a culture of safety that teaches our staff to adopt a questioning attitude. Our staff knows that “following orders” is never an excuse. We expect team members to intervene if they see any type of situation that they question – and they are recognized and rewarded for it.

As author and management guru Jim Collins says: “Good is the enemy of great.” At Summa, we agree with that statement. We aren’t satisfied with good; we want to be great. We are examining every possible avenue to accomplish greatness, starting with a keen focus on completely eliminating medical errors and creating a pervasive culture of safety. 



A Philanthropic View

SUMMA CARDIOVASCULAR INSTITUTE: GROWTH AND INNOVATION

In *A Philanthropic View*, we get a glimpse of the passions and motivations behind the gifts that advance Summa Health System. Each issue of *Promise* will highlight the unique Summa story behind recent philanthropic investments. Whether they are giving back or paying it forward, generous individuals, families and organizations are helping to improve the health of our community. We are proud to share their inspirational stories.

In this issue, *A Philanthropic View* spotlights philanthropy at work in elevating cardiovascular care at Summa – expanding the availability of advanced services for our region and building a highly competitive, specialized physician training program.



The Rice Family: A Heartfelt Legacy of Giving

Mr. Robert A. Rice
3019 Sherbrook Drive
Uniontown, Ohio 44685
June 27, 1968

Akron City Hospital
125 East Market St.
Akron, Ohio

Attention: Mr. Harold Pank
Executive Director

Dear Mr. Pank,

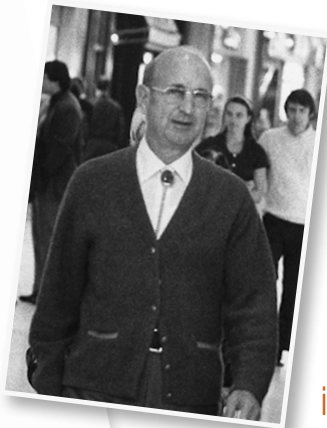
I was a patient of City Hospital from May 2 until May 28th and would like for you to know how much I appreciate the wonderful care I received from everyone.

It would be unfair for me to single out any one section since I spent time in Intensive Care as well as other areas of the hospital, but would like to say that it was sure grand to be taken care of by an institution that not only has the best of equipment as well as EXCELLENT nurses.

In closing I would like to thank everyone that made my recovery possible.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Rice
Robert A. Rice



In May 1968, Robert Rice, an Akron businessman and founder of Rice Oil Company, suffered the first of three heart attacks and was rushed to Summa Akron City Hospital. That experience started a lifelong connection with Summa Health System that would transcend generations and impact many lives.



Kenneth Berkovitz, MD, President, Summa Cardiovascular Institute and fellow Deephak Swaminath, MD, confer with Joyce and Bob Rice.

Full Recovery

Robert Rice survived his massive heart attack. He credited Summa's exceptional physicians and nurses for saving his life and helping him make a full recovery, an uncommon feat at that time. In 1968, the death rate for coronary heart disease peaked in the United States. With limited ways to treat heart muscle damage, heart attack survivors often were left severely disabled.

Since then, the survival rate after heart attack has climbed

steadily, thanks in part to advanced technologies and care provided by expert teams like those at Summa Cardiovascular Institute.

Mr. Rice suffered a second heart attack in 1969. Motivated by the lifesaving care he received at Summa Akron City Hospital, he donated funds in October 1971 to purchase what was then state-of-the-art cardiac monitoring equipment.

Philanthropic View

"My dad felt that his success was not his alone," says Robert's son, Bob Rice, when asked about his father's philosophy toward philanthropy. "He truly believed he was guided by a higher power and that all he had was merely on loan. He considered it his responsibility to be a good steward of those resources and share them with the community from where they came."

Robert Rice passed away in 1980 at age 64, yet his philanthropic spirit and passion for promoting the most advanced care lives on today through his family. In 2010, Robert's wife, Hanna, along with Bob and his wife, Joyce, established the Robert F. Kepley, MD, Orthopaedic Fellowship. Their gift honors Dr. Kepley, the orthopaedic surgeon who replaced Hanna Rice's hip and restored her quality of life, and pays tribute to Dr. Kepley's philosophy of compassionate patient care and his passion for innovation and discovery. The fellowship provides ongoing support for orthopaedic resident research.

Legacy Continues

Joyce and Bob Rice recently added to their family's legacy of support with a generous gift to establish Summa's first fellowship in cardiovascular care. The Rice Family Fellow in Cardiology will be named this fall.


"Summa saved my father's life, not once but two times, and I'm here today because of the expert care of Dr. Kenneth Berkovitz," says Bob Rice, who openly credits Dr. Berkovitz, his Summa cardiologist and Summa Cardiovascular Institute President, with helping to keep him alive and living life to the fullest.

"When we were presented with an opportunity to help launch a cardiovascular fellowship program at Summa, we were compelled to help," Mr. Rice explains. "It aligns with our family's belief in helping people learn skills that enable them to pay it forward and touch many more lives."

Training the next generation of healthcare providers is a passion shared by Joyce Rice. She worked as a clinical nurse educator at Summa for more than 20 years.

"We're excited to support the heart care that has benefited our family for decades and want to ensure that it will continue to benefit the community for years to come," Mrs. Rice says. "With our gift, we hope to attract more cardiologists like Dr. Berkovitz who will train here and remain in Akron."

Impact of Giving

The Rice family's generosity underscores the impact philanthropy has on patient care. "Staying at the forefront of cardiovascular care and training the next generation of heart specialists requires continuous and substantial investment," Dr. Berkovitz notes. "Philanthropy has a tremendous impact on our service and programs. We are deeply grateful to all of our kind benefactors." 

Training the Next Generation of Cardiologists

Through their generosity, the Rice family helped Summa Health System establish its first cardiology fellowship. Fellows, who have already completed medical school and residency in internal medicine, work closely with program director Marc Penn, MD, PhD, and other Summa Cardiovascular Institute faculty to get advanced training in all aspects of cardiology. The highly competitive three-year program attracted more 300 applicants from across the country. The inaugural class, pictured below, began their training in July 2014.



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Texas Tech University



Hybrid

OPERATING ROOM

The Richard M. and Yvonne Hamlin Hybrid Operating Room Suite at Summa Akron City Hospital is transforming cardiovascular care in Akron.

Opened in August, this sophisticated surgical suite combines in one location a traditional OR, cardiac catheterization lab and electrophysiology lab (that assesses the heart's rhythm) with advanced imaging. The versatile space allows Summa Cardiovascular Institute specialists to treat increasing numbers of patients, many of whom are elderly and high-risk and were previously considered ineligible for surgery.

"The hybrid OR enables us to provide the highest level of quality care and achieve even better patient outcomes," says William B. Bauman, MD, Medical Director of Cardiac Catheterization Labs.

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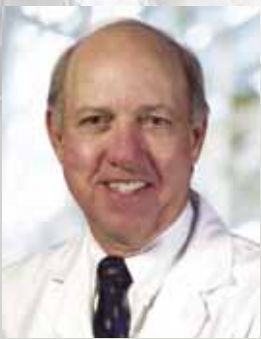
FACT: Construction of the Hamlin Hybrid OR took six months and required 14,000 feet of conduit, 69,000 feet of wire and 22,000 feet of communications cable.



OF TOMORROW IS HERE TODAY

Disorders including coronary artery disease, rhythm problems, faulty valves and aneurysms can be treated in the hybrid OR. At more than four times the size of a traditional surgical suite, the hybrid OR can accommodate a team of 15 to 20 healthcare professionals at one

time. The team works together in a precisely orchestrated manner to perform extremely complex and often multiple surgeries.



William B. Bauman, MD


The OR's advanced imaging capabilities help surgeons visualize blood vessels in great detail. This means more surgeries can be performed minimally invasively with advanced instruments that can pass through blood vessels or small openings, eliminating the need for large incisions. A surgical team is always on standby should a more extensive operation become necessary.

"Minimally invasive surgery means shorter hospital stays and quicker recoveries for our patients," Dr. Bauman notes. "This new OR allows us to offer advanced cardiovascular procedures to more patients, extending lives

In 2013, Richard M. and Yvonne Hamlin magnanimously gave \$4 million, the largest single gift in Summa Health System history. The Hamlins' generosity has propelled Summa to the forefront of a new era in cardiovascular care.

and improving the quality of life for many more people."

About 1,000 patients are expected to be treated in the first year of operation of this OR of the future, which required six months to build at a cost of approximately \$4 million.

The Hamlin Hybrid OR Observation Room, a high-tech, glassed-in viewing area adjacent to the OR, expands Summa Cardiovascular Institute's educational efforts by allowing physicians-in-training to observe procedures as if they were at the surgeon's side. 

"The new OR allows us to offer advanced cardiovascular procedures to more patients, extending lives and improving the quality of life for many more people." – William B. Bauman, MD



“It’s a family of



Women’s Board rummage sale, circa 1930



St. Thomas Women’s Board car raffle for A Day at the Races



Summa Women’s Board helped raise funds to construct the Jean B. and Milton Cooper Cancer Center



hardworking people who love giving back to the hospital.”

– Kathy Raynor

FACT: Mending linens was one of the hospital women’s board’s main volunteer activities in the 1920s, a practice that continued in some form until the 1980s.

Generations of Generosity: Summa’s Women’s Boards

Funds raised by Summa Women’s Board helped build the Serenity Garden at Akron City Hospital

Summa’s mother-baby units have benefited greatly from Women’s Boards’ contributions



Through their camaraderie and compassion, the Women’s Boards of Summa Health System and Summa St. Thomas Hospital have had an important impact on patients and families for decades. These treasured women’s boards are among Summa’s most generous benefactors, with combined giving into the millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours.

“It’s a family of hardworking people who love giving back to the hospital,” says Kathy Raynor, a longtime member of both the Junior Board and Women’s Board of Summa Health System.

Hundreds of women have been part of the boards over the years, touching the lives of countless patients through their efforts – from mending linens in the early days to raising money for major expansion projects and advanced medical equipment today.

Women’s Board of Summa Health System

The Women’s Board of Summa Health System was created in 2007 through the merger of the Women’s Auxiliary Board of Akron City Hospital and the Junior Board of Summa Health System. Founded in 1922, the Women’s Board ran extremely popular rummage sales from 1930 to 2007.

“We had to stand and brace ourselves in front of tables because of the number of people who came,” says Mrs. Raynor, who recalls seeing chauffeurs dropping off their employers’ donated items on many occasions.


Members of the Junior Board, founded in 1958, pushed a small violet cart to patient rooms and established the Plant Place on the Akron City Hospital campus. Today, the Plant Place and the gift shops at Summa Akron City Hospital serve as the main fundraisers for the Women’s Board of Summa Health System.

The Women’s Board has helped the hospital acquire vital medical equipment for nearly every department, contributed significantly to renovating the hospital’s mother-baby units, and made a significant pledge toward construction of the Jean B. and Milton Cooper Cancer Center at Summa Akron City Hospital.

Women’s Board of Summa St. Thomas Hospital

Organized in 1958, the Women’s Board of St. Thomas Hospital for more than 40 years hosted A Day at the Races, a horse racing event that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars. The board supported nursing scholarships and helped pay for renovations in 2007 to the historic chapel at Ignatia Hall, the first hospital ward to treat alcoholism.

“We really care about St. Thomas Hospital,” says longtime member Madeline Bozzelli, who noted the board has also supported diabetes education, behavioral health services and orthopaedics at the hospital.


Gloria Smith, a 45-year member of the Women’s Board of Summa Health System, says both groups have established legacies of success through teamwork and friendship. 



Lewis Gift Enriches Medical Education

As a graduate of Summa's general surgery residency program and former director of Summa's plastic surgery residency program, James M. Lewis, MD, knows firsthand about the health system's strong tradition of training exceptional surgeons. To ensure that legacy of excellence continues and to inspire others, Dr. Lewis and his wife Patsie, a retired nurse, recently established the Lewis Plastic Surgery Education Fund.

"Summa has played a tremendous role in my success as a surgeon and has been a big part of our lives," says Dr. Lewis. The couple fell in love more than 50 years ago when Dr. Lewis was working his way through college as a surgical technician in the operating room at Akron City Hospital and Mrs. Lewis was a student at the Idabelle Firestone School of Nursing.

Now semi-retired, Dr. Lewis served as residency director of the Department of Plastic Surgery from 1982 to 2003. The Lewis Plastic Surgery Education Fund will help Summa remain a leader in medical education and patient-focused care by providing funds for educational materials, travel to medical meetings, and innovative clinical research. 

"We are grateful for the many wonderful opportunities Summa has afforded us and are pleased to support a program that has given us so much."

— Dr. James and Patsie Lewis




The Center for Health Equity empowers people to take control of their health. Cooking classes are just one of the center's popular educational programs.

BERLIN FAMILY FOUNDATION AND SUMMA: MISSIONS MERGE FOR COMMUNITY WELLNESS

The Berlin family has a passion for improving the health and well-being of the community. When Jim and Madeline Berlin learned of Summa Health System's goal of eliminating healthcare disparities in West Akron, they were inspired to make a generous gift to support the Summa Center for Health Equity at New Seasons.

"Improving the health status of our community is at the heart of our family foundation's mission," says Robin Berlin Kane, Vice President of the Berlin Family Foundation. "We saw how Summa was empowering residents in an underserved community to take an active role in their health. It is making a real difference, and we wanted to help."

Since opening on South Hawkins Avenue in March 2012, Summa Center for Health Equity has served more than 3,000 patients. In addition to offering convenient access to high-quality primary care services, the health center provides members of the community with tools and resources that support healthy lifestyles. Attendance at educational workshops, nutrition and wellness programs, exercise classes and cooking classes in the facility's state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen has exceeded 13,000. 



Behavioral Health Consultant Tamika Y. Perkins MA, LPCC, (left) and Family Medicine Resident Brittney Becker, MD, are part of a team that ensures patients receive needed behavioral health services.


MARGARET CLARK MORGAN FOUNDATION GRANT CREATES NEW PARTNERS IN CARE

A grant from The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation is expanding the delivery of behavioral health and wellness services in Akron.

The \$400,000 award creates a new model of care at Summa that places behavioral health specialists in the primary care setting to more effectively care for people with medical and behavioral healthcare needs. Behavioral health specialists are skilled clinicians who recognize and treat a variety of conditions that affect mental and emotional health and quality of life.

“The systematic coordination of behavioral health services into the primary care setting places Summa at the forefront of contemporary practice and allows us to provide important services to people who would otherwise go without,” says Joseph D. Varley, MD, Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health and holder of the Jim and Vanita Oelschlager Chair in Psychiatry and Behavioral Health.

“Primary care physicians and their staff have welcomed the behavioral health providers as part of the healthcare team,” Dr. Varley adds. “All are appreciative of the positive effect behavioral health services have on the overall health of their patients and the treatment team. Patients are grateful to have immediate access to behavioral health services in a familiar setting.”

Committed to improving the lives of people with serious mental illness, The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation invests in innovative projects in Northeast Ohio with national, transformational impact. 

With Support from the Howland Memorial Fund: Schwartz Center Rounds Enhance Culture of Compassion

In the intense, fast-paced world of medicine, an innovative program called the Schwartz Center Rounds encourages caregivers to take time to focus on the human side of their work.

Each monthly dialogue features a diverse panel of caregivers – from surgeons and nurses to social workers, psychologists and chaplains – who discuss the social and emotional issues that arise in caring for patients and families. Any Summa employee is welcome to attend the rounds, which generally attract standing-room-only crowds.

“The Schwartz Rounds program improves teamwork, reduces caregiver stress and enhances the quality of care,” says Steven “Skip” Radwany, MD, Medical Director of Hospice and Palliative Care at Summa. “When they have greater insight into their own feelings, caregivers find it easier to make personal connections with patients and families.” Dr. Radwany oversees the program along with Rod Myerscough, PhD, Summa psychologist, and an employee steering committee.

The Howland Memorial Fund, which has supported Summa since 1976, has funded the Schwartz Center Rounds for 2014 and 2015. The program was introduced at Summa in 2013 with the help of Dale Murphy, MD, Vice President of Primary Care Development. 

Schwartz Center Rounds panelists (left to right): Steven “Skip” Radwany, MD; Family Medicine Resident Andrea Heller, DO; and Rod Myerscough, PhD.





Summa Screens Save Lives



Mammography Technologist
Brenda Marochino, RT(M)(R)

For uninsured or underinsured women, financial worries are often a barrier to getting a potentially lifesaving screening mammogram. Since 2010, Summa Screens has helped to eliminate this worry for more than 1,200 women. In addition to no-cost screening mammograms, free diagnostic mammograms have been provided to more than 500 women. In total, more than 2,500 services have been provided to underserved women in our community. Most importantly, 40 cases of breast cancer have been detected and treated.

Generous gifts from foundations, organizations and individuals, including the two described below, make this vital program possible.

COMUNALE FOUNDATION: A GIFT OF HOPE

The Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation made a generous gift this year in support of Summa Screens.

“Helping people in our community who are financially strapped and facing a cancer diagnosis and treatment speaks to the core of the Comunale Family Foundation’s mission,” explains Comunale Foundation board member Ruthie George.

“Our partnership with Summa extends our mission by helping women be proactive in the fight against breast cancer.”

Founded in 2006 by the Comunale family to honor the life and spirit of Stephen A. Comunale, Jr., who lost his brave battle with cancer at age 27, the Akron-based foundation provides financial assistance to cancer patients and their families in Northeast Ohio.

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SOFTBALL TEAM PITCHES AWARENESS, CATCHES FUNDS

As a breast cancer survivor, University of Akron softball coach Julie Jones understands how essential screenings are for women. So do assistant coach Julie Pratt and their entire softball team. With focus and clarity of purpose – the same traits they muster regularly on the field – the team came together this spring to ensure more women have access to breast health screenings.

Through its annual Strike Out Cancer game, this year in partnership with the Celtic Club of Akron, the team raised awareness and important funds for Summa Screens. The team piqued interest in their fundraiser by stringing colorful bras around campus and at their ball field.

This year’s game was especially meaningful to Coach Jones because the first pitch was thrown by a player’s mom who had herself just completed treatment for breast cancer.

“I always speak about the importance of getting screened,” says Coach Jones. “The key to saving lives is catching cancer early.”

University of Akron Softball team at its annual Strike Out Cancer game.





I Am Summa

ROBERT A. LIEBELT, PHD, MD, 87, an addiction medicine specialist and medical educator, came to Northeast Ohio in 1974 to help establish what is now Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). He served as the school's charter dean and provost. In 1982, Dr. Liebelt became Director of Medical Education and Medical Director of Ignatia Hall Treatment Center for Alcoholism and Other Addictions at Summa St. Thomas Hospital in Akron. When he stopped seeing patients in 2007, Dr. Liebelt became Summa's Associate Director of Medical Education, working with his former NEOMED student, Joseph Zarconi, MD, Vice President, Medical Education and Research.

PROMISE: What has been the most satisfying aspect of your remarkable career?

Dr. Liebelt: I treated more than 12,000 addiction patients in my 25 years at Ignatia Hall. Those were some of the best years of my professional career. In addition to learning about the trials and tribulations of people addicted to alcohol and other drugs, I learned a lot about human nature and behavior. I am still in contact with many of my patients to this day.


PROMISE: Though you are retired, you continue to teach medical students about addiction and substance abuse. What else keeps you busy?

Dr. Liebelt: I love teaching and lecturing. Being a medical educator is a very important responsibility. I also enjoy being with and talking to people. That's why I still come into the office five days a week. I want to know what is happening in the world and I'm curious, so I read a lot. And I'm currently writing three scholarly papers. That will bring my total to 300.

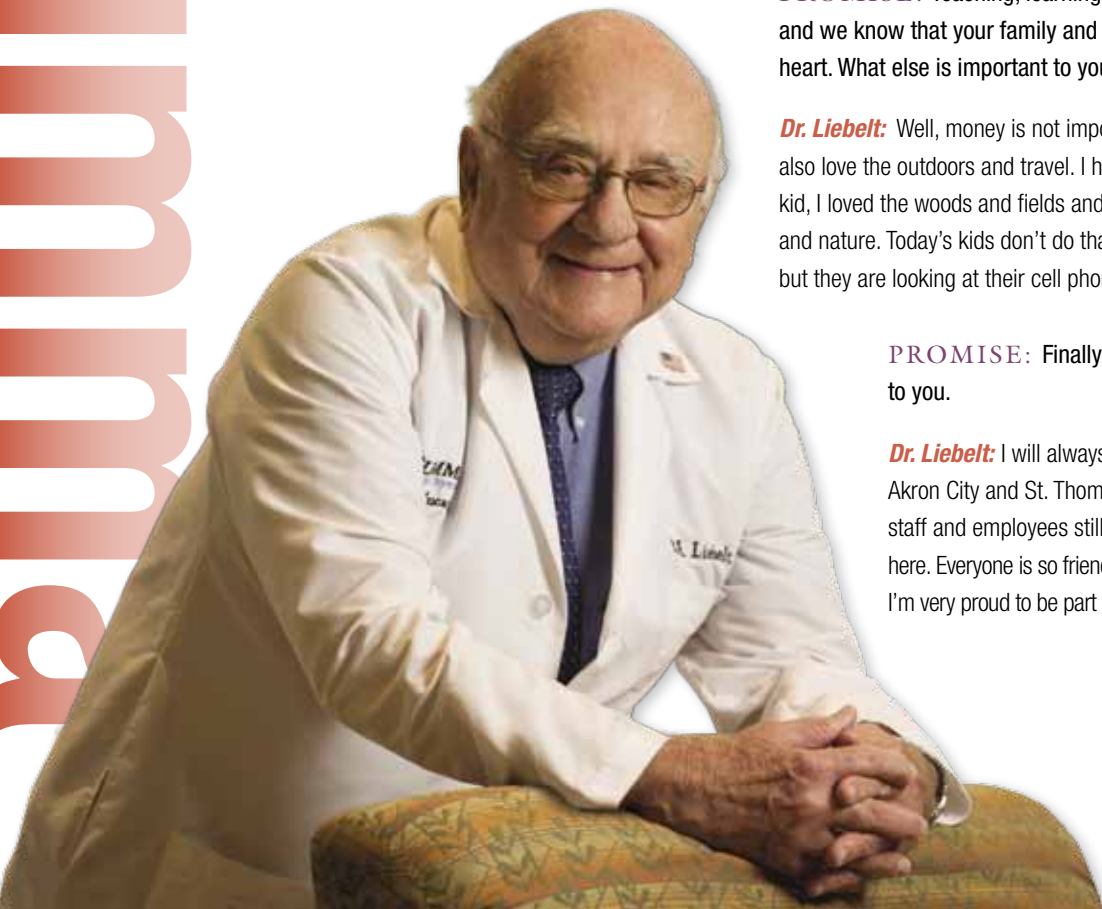
PROMISE: Teaching, learning and people are important to you, and we know that your family and your wife, Milotka, are dear to your heart. What else is important to you?

Dr. Liebelt: Well, money is not important to me, but I do like fishing! I also love the outdoors and travel. I have always been a nature lover. As a kid, I loved the woods and fields and enjoyed looking at trees and plants and nature. Today's kids don't do that so much. They might go to the park, but they are looking at their cell phones the entire time!

PROMISE: Finally, please tell us what Summa means to you.

Dr. Liebelt: I will always have a warm spot in my heart for Akron City and St. Thomas hospitals. When I walk the hallways, staff and employees still come up to me. I feel very comfortable here. Everyone is so friendly and there is a sense of cohesiveness. I'm very proud to be part of Summa and to support the hospital. 


FACT: Summa Health System has been a pioneer in addiction medicine since 1935, when St. Thomas Hospital became the first in the world to treat alcoholism as a medical condition.





HOME IS WHERE THE CARE IS

Sapphire Ball Benefit Shines on Summa Hospice and Palliative Care

The 2014 Summa Sapphire Ball, presented by Saber Healthcare Group, raised more than \$1.3 million to benefit Summa Health System's Hospice and Palliative Care Services. Nearly 1,000 supporters enjoyed the 13th annual ball, a black-tie gala that took place Oct. 11 at the John S. Knight Center in downtown Akron. Jeannine and Steve Marks chaired the event. Paul Testa served as corporate sponsor chair. 

“Summa Hospice and Palliative Care provides compassionate care for patients and families facing the most challenging time in their lives. We were honored to be able to help support this important cause.” – Jeannine Marks



CELEBRATING *The Summa Society* SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY

Loyal supporters of Summa Health System were recognized for their spirit of philanthropy earlier this year at the inaugural Summa Society Celebration. The celebration, held at the Hilton Akron-Fairlawn with more than 200 in attendance, is Summa's foremost opportunity to express its appreciation to Summa Society members for their incredible generosity.

The newly established Summa Society includes the Thomas W. Cornell Philanthropic Leadership Society (*see below*), the O.C. Barber Benefactor Society, recognizing lifetime giving of \$25,000 to \$999,999, and the Summa Signature Society for Annual Giving. The Signature Society includes individuals and family foundations that have supported Summa annually with gifts of \$1,000 or more, and corporations, associations or foundations with \$5,000 or more in annual giving.

*Ann and David Brennan
Receive Boniface DeRoo Award*

A highlight of the Summa Society Celebration was the presentation of the prestigious Boniface DeRoo Award for Philanthropy to Ann and David Brennan. The award recognizes philanthropists who have shown exemplary leadership through their charitable giving and commemorates the vision, generosity and beliefs of Boniface DeRoo, Summa's founder, who bequeathed the entirety of his modest estate to ensure everyone would have a place to go for healing. ⑤



Ann and David Brennan, pictured with Summa Health System President and CEO Thomas J. Strauss, received Summa's highest honor at this year's Summa Society Celebration. In 2003, the Brennans committed \$3.5 million to Summa. The Brennan Critical Care Center is named in their honor.

Introducing the Thomas W. Cornell Society

Eighteen generous benefactors have been inducted into the Thomas W. Cornell Philanthropic Leadership Society. The distinguished Cornell Society recognizes individuals and organizations for their lifetime giving of \$1 million or more to Summa Health System. The society memorializes Thomas W. Cornell, the first president of the hospital's board of trustees and one of a trio of contributors whose generosity helped establish Akron City Hospital in 1892. ⑤

FACT: A dairy cow, among the first donations to Akron City Hospital in 1898, provided an ample daily supply of milk for the hospital.



How the Gift of a Cow Became a Symbol of Philanthropy

In 1898, the staff of Buckeye Mower and Reaper Workers answered Akron City Hospital's call for assistance by pooling their resources to contribute a dairy cow that provided milk and cream for patients. What was then a gift of an everyday necessity is now a symbol of Summa's story and the rich tradition of generosity that continues to advance the health system. Upon induction, Cornell Society members are presented with an artistic memento representing that special dairy cow. ⑤



Nancy and Vince DiGirolamo Honored at Golf Outing



Nancy and Vince DiGirolamo, honorary co-chairs, were recognized for their generosity to Summa and Akron.



Using her best body English, golfer Mary Jo Chionchio encourages her ball to find the cup during the fifth annual Summa Foundation Golf Outing.

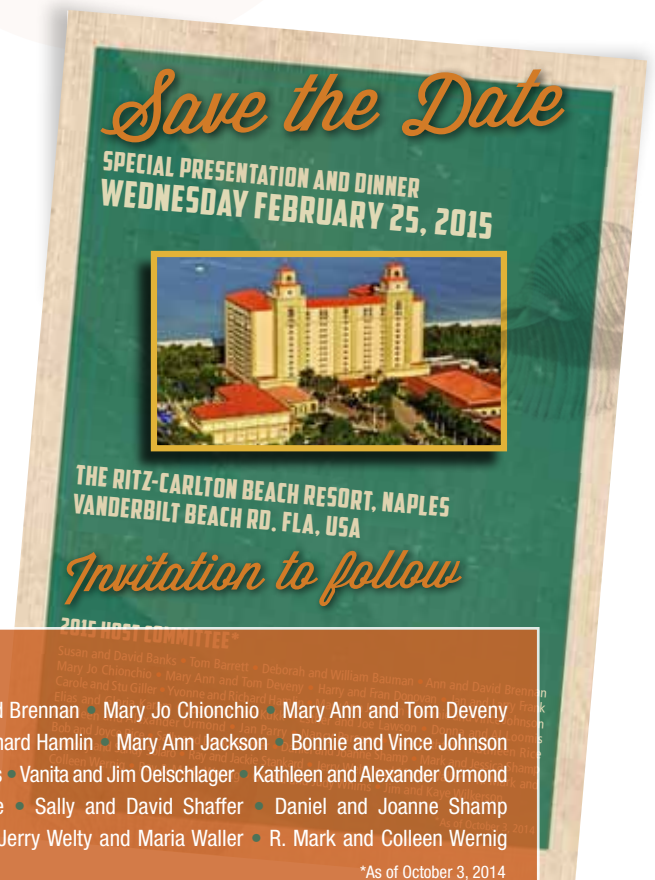
FUNDS RAISED FOR NURSING EDUCATION

The fifth annual Summa Foundation Golf Outing attracted 124 golfers and raised more than \$237,000 for nursing education. The sold-out event at Firestone Country Club's South Course was chaired by Steve Wilt. Honorary co-chairs Nancy and Vince DiGirolamo were recognized for their dedication to Summa and the greater Akron community.

Proceeds from this premier golf outing, now surpassing \$1 million, support nursing education and advanced nursing certification, both important to meeting the rigorous requirements for Magnet Status, the ultimate credential for high-quality nursing.

Key event sponsors included the House of LaRose as Founding Sponsor and Bank of America-Merrill Lynch as Gold Sponsor. 📞

WILL YOU BE IN FLORIDA IN FEBRUARY? PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING EVENING.



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*As of October 3, 2014



The Strickler family gathered recently to celebrate the baptism of their newest grandchild, George V, or as the family affectionately calls him – “G5.”

Planning for the Future

For us, there is nothing more precious than our family. We have ensured our family’s financial security for generations to come through careful estate planning. Our plans also include provisions to support Summa Health System. It gives us great comfort in knowing that after we are gone, our family will continue to benefit from the same excellent and compassionate healthcare that we do today. Summa is our health system. They took great care of our parents, they take great care of us, and they will be here to take care of our grandchildren. That is why we give.

George and Alice Strickler

For more information about gift planning, please contact Kate Bame, Senior Development Officer for Gift Planning, Summa Foundation, at 330.375.6356 or bamek@SummaHealth.org



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SANDRA AND RICHEY SMITH: *Giving Back*

Sandra and Richey Smith know firsthand the fear and uncertainty of being rushed to the hospital – and the calming power of being in the hands of capable physicians.

It was just such an experience for both of them at Summa Akron City Hospital that inspired the couple to make a generous gift to Summa Health System.

The Smiths' gift honors Mark Pozsgay, DO, the surgeon on call when Mr. Smith was admitted to Summa Akron City Hospital in 2012.

"We're grateful that Summa provides such excellent care close to home," the Smiths comment, "and we are delighted to support Summa."

