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THE CHRIST HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

GRATEFUL GIVING



*Bruno Lanman, heart failure patient in
The Christ Hospital Heart and Vascular Program*

**Inspiring Donors to
Invest in the Region's
Heart Hospital**

Family Foundations Give Generously to Support

Passionate physicians and life-saving heart care for patients like Bruno Lanman inspire three families to invest in The Christ Hospital, and ensure the region's continued access to innovative programs, treatments, and research.

"The Christ Hospital gave me my life back."

Bruno Lanman had end-stage heart failure and needed a heart transplant. The wait was long, and during that time, life on the farm with his wife, Beth, and horse, Toby, suffered greatly.

"I couldn't walk out to the pasture without losing my breath, or do any of the things I love," says Bruno.

To improve Bruno's quality of life, Dr. Eugene Chung recommended he receive a left ventricular assist device (LVAD), a mechanical pump that

supports heart function and blood flow. Bruno underwent the surgery, and was soon back on his feet, feeling better than ever.

"After I received the LVAD, I could walk for miles. I could even ride my horse, which I never expected," says Bruno. "I am so grateful for the care I received, and for the generous donors who make this kind of care possible. The Christ Hospital gave me my life back."



Bruno and Beth Lanman with their horse, Toby

The Frank and Margo Homan Family Foundation Helps Continue Groundbreaking Work in Heart Failure

The Frank and Margo Homan Family Foundation has established a \$2 million endowed chair for the hospital's Heart and Vascular Program.

Inspired by Dr. Kereiakes's passion and vision for accessible heart care in Cincinnati, Chip Homan and his family want to see the heart team's pioneering work continue for future generations.

"The people in our region depend on The Christ Hospital for the best heart care. We want to continue this excellence, and are excited to help advance new treatment options and programs through our endowment," says Chip.

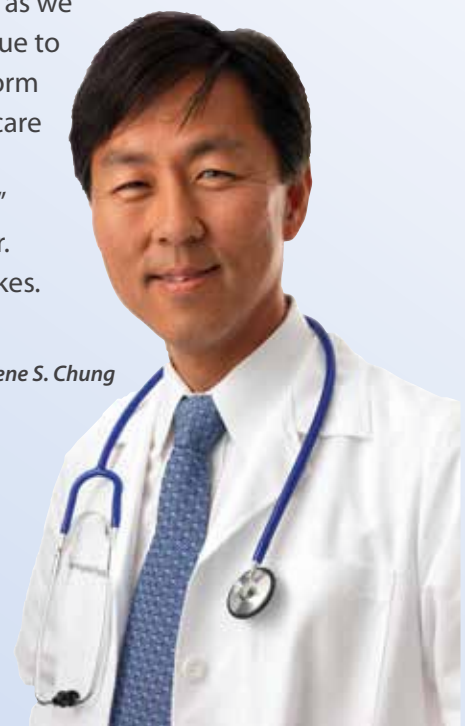
Dr. Eugene S. Chung has been named as *The Frank and Margo Homan Endowed Chair for Heart Failure*. A nationally recognized heart failure specialist, Dr. Chung helped begin the hospital's Heart Failure Program in 2000.

"I am humbled and honored to be named the endowed chair. Over the years, my team and I have had tremendous success in improving patient care. I am excited about the future of heart care, and I look forward to exploring and implementing new ways to help people with heart failure live long, fruitful lives," says Dr. Chung.

"Dr. Chung's expertise in heart failure and his genuine compassion for

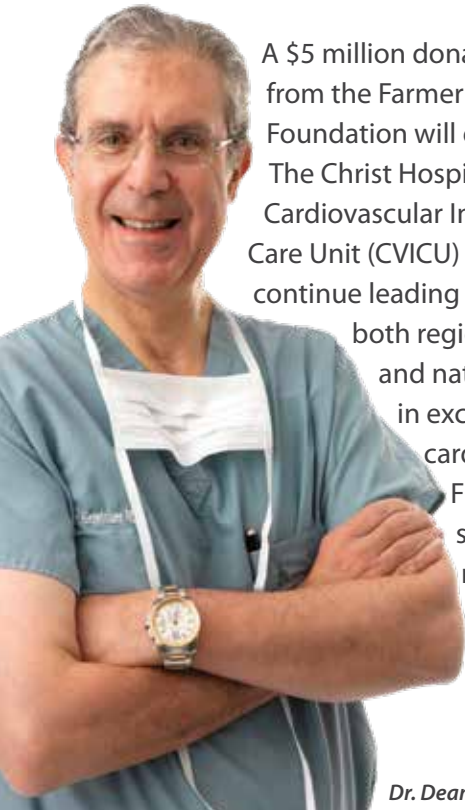
patients has made him a tremendous asset to our team, and vital to our efforts as we continue to transform heart care for the future," says Dr. Kereiakes.

Dr. Eugene S. Chung



World-Class Heart Programs

The Farmer Family Foundation Helps Transform Cardiac Critical Care



Dr. Dean J. Kereiakes

A \$5 million donation from the Farmer Family Foundation will enable The Christ Hospital's Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (CVICU) to continue leading the way, both regionally and nationally, in exceptional cardiac care. Funds will support nursing education, physician leadership, and facility

renovations to serve the increasingly complex heart and vascular needs of patients.

"With the Farmer Family Foundation's support, our CVICU will continue to be a national model for other medical centers to emulate, and keep Cincinnati at the forefront of cardiovascular care and innovation," says Mike Keating, President and CEO of The Christ Hospital Health Network.

The Farmer family's gift was made in honor of Dr. Dean J. Kereiakes's significant contribution in establishing a nationally recognized heart program, and for bringing world-class cardiac care to the

Cincinnati region.

"We believe The Christ Hospital is one of our city's greatest community assets, and we appreciate the opportunity to support this important effort. In addition to transforming the CVICU, this gift is our way of honoring and recognizing Dr. Kereiakes for his work in transforming heart care for the region," says Brynne Coletti, Co-Chairman and Trustee of the Farmer Family Foundation.

"I am humbled by this incredible philanthropic gift to our hospital, and honored to be recognized by a wonderful family that has done so much for our city," says Dr. Kereiakes.

Harold C. Schott Foundation Helps Advance Structural Heart Care Programs

The Harold C. Schott Foundation has given \$2 million to establish an endowed chair for structural heart in the hospital's Heart and Vascular Program. The gift was made in honor of Dr. Kereiakes.

L. Thomas Hiltz, Chairman and Trustee of the Harold C. Schott Foundation, and his wife, Francie, Vice-Chairman, are both civic leaders who serve on numerous boards and committees at non-profit organizations throughout Greater Cincinnati.

"A key philanthropic goal of our foundation is to support important healthcare programs that benefit the region. Dr. Kereiakes has helped build one of the most important heart programs in the country—one that not only benefits, but is vital to, the region. We are proud to support The

Christ Hospital's heart program, and hope that our gift motivates other donors to support it, too," says Tom and Francie.

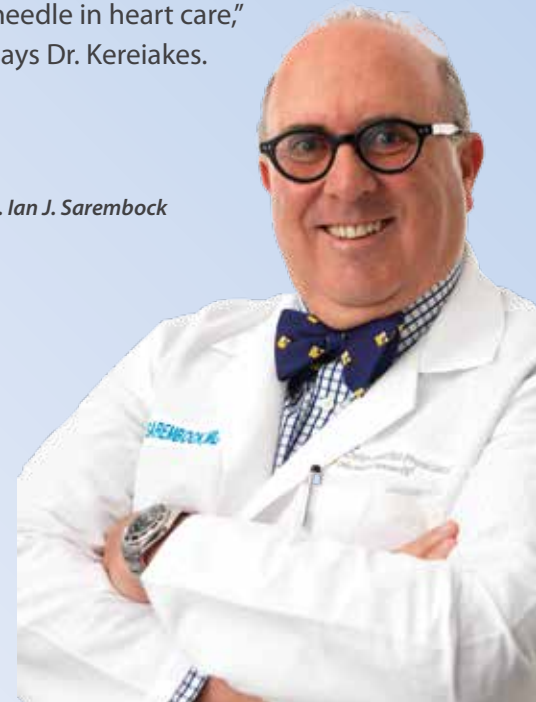
Dr. Ian J. Sarembock has been named as *The Harold C. Schott Foundation Endowed Chair for Structural Heart*.

The gift will enable Dr. Sarembock to conduct new clinical research trials and develop new programs dealing with heart valve disease and conditions that affect the heart muscle, congenital abnormalities of the heart, and the chambers of the heart.

"I am truly grateful for this honor. We are advancing heart care on a national level, and are a unique and crucial resource for patients in our community, says Dr. Sarembock.

"Dr. Sarembock has played a significant role in building our heart valve programs. He is a terrific physician whose talent and dedication will continue to help us move the needle in heart care," says Dr. Kereiakes.

Dr. Ian J. Sarembock



Elisabeth and Paul Bergé Leave a Bequest to Support Heart Care

In gratitude for the care provided by physicians and nurses in the Heart and Vascular Program, Elisabeth and Paul Bergé have left a bequest in their will to The Christ Hospital Foundation.

Elisabeth, homemaker and former language teacher, and her husband, Paul, President of Axicon USA, designated their gift to the Heart and Vascular Program to help ensure that future generations can receive the best heart care in the country, right here in their community.

“We are particularly grateful to Dr. Dean Kereiakes, in whose hands we have entrusted our heart health, and who assembled a team of phenomenal doctors to improve the heart health of the Tristate region and beyond,” the couple said.



Elisabeth and Paul Berge



An excellent way to make a lasting impact on patient care is to leave The Christ Hospital Foundation a bequest in your will or trust, or as a beneficiary of your retirement assets. To learn more, please contact Dianne Fisk at 513-585-0881 or Dianne.Fisk@TheChristHospital.com

Give from the heart. Love the impact you make.

Your gift will help ensure you will not have to travel out of the region to receive world-class heart care.

Areas where donations make the most impact:



ENDOWMENTS

Donations help recruit and retain the best physicians to advance heart care through program development and research.



RESEARCH

Donations provide vital funding to pursue promising innovations and life-saving discoveries in heart care.



EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

Donations support the most current and effective tools available to prevent, diagnose, treat, and manage patients with heart disease.



PATIENTS IN NEED

Donations support medications, transportation, and other out-of-pocket expenses that some patients cannot afford, allowing them to focus on their health and healing.



To support The Christ Hospital Heart and Vascular Program, or for more information, contact:

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Patient Lung Navigator

Provides Confidence and Comfort

A grant from The John A. Schroth Family Charitable Trust, PNC Bank, Trustee, has enabled the hospital to hire a Patient Lung Navigator for its Lung Screening and Nodule Program. The Navigator identifies patients at risk for lung cancer, as well as provides guidance and support through screening, planning, and treatment.

Gerry Priest sat with his wife in his physician's office as the diagnosis was delivered: Lung cancer. While still processing the news, Gerry struggled to keep up as treatment options were explained.

"I had so many questions about the disease, about surgery, about recovery. I was overwhelmed." He didn't know it at the time, but the person who entered the room next would change that. Tina DeStefanis-Griffiths, Gerry's Patient Lung Navigator, would be at his side over the coming months offering answers, guidance, and friendship.

"Tina spent a lot of time with us that afternoon. She explained everything and answered the questions my wife

and I had, as well as those we didn't even know to ask yet," says Gerry. Tina and Gerry exchanged phone numbers and were in constant contact throughout his care.

"When I had to have surgery, I went into it understanding what was going to happen. I felt confident and hopeful, rather than confused and worried," says Gerry. Tina visited his hospital room every day, and was an active participant in meetings with his oncologists and other cancer care specialists. "Tina was keeping track of me after surgery, even when I wasn't asking her for anything."

"I treat people as though they're my family. I want to do everything possible for them. That's my role,"



Tina DeStefanis-Griffiths, MSN, RN, OCN

explains Tina. An oncology nurse for 27 years, Tina took the role of Patient Lung Navigator at the hospital last year. The position was made possible through a grant from **The John A. Schroth Family Charitable Trust, PNC Bank, Trustee**. Its impact has been immense for Gerry, and for the many patients and families who have counted on Tina's expertise and compassion.

"That kind of attention is rare today, and made a huge difference for me," says Gerry.

Healthy Babies, Happy Moms

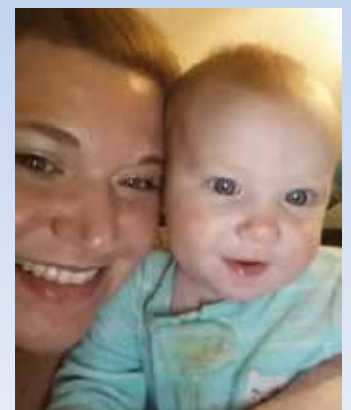
Proceeds from The Christ Hospital Gala 2016 are making an impact on Women's Health Programs, helping mothers like Jennifer Stankorb continue breastfeeding and safe sleep routines at home.

Just two weeks before she was to begin her dental assistant's training, Jennifer Stankorb gave birth to her daughter, Remi Paige, at The Christ Hospital. She wanted to breastfeed Remi, and needed a breast pump to support her breastmilk supply while she was away. Unfortunately, her insurance did not cover the cost of a pump.

"I was about to start school and money was tight. When I found out my insurance wouldn't cover the cost, my hormones took over, and I started crying," says Jennifer.

Thanks to the generous support of our Gala 2016 donors, Jennifer was able to receive a breast pump free of charge.

"When the nurse came back with a pump for me, I started crying all over again! I just want to say thank you to everyone who helped me. I'm building a new future for my family, and this saved me in so many ways."



Jennifer and Remi Stankorb

Supporting the Pursuit of Nursing Careers



Carly Havens

A \$200,000 grant from Charles E. Schell Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee provides financial support to students at The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences, enabling them to pursue their dreams of becoming nurses.

At 18-years-old and in her first year of nursing school, Carly Havens made an appointment with administrators at The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences to let them know she would be unable to continue taking classes. She felt her dream of a nursing career slipping away because she could not afford to pay for her education.

What would have been a horrible day for Carly took a dramatic turn for the better when college financial aid officers helped her apply for and secure a no-interest loan funded by a grant from **The Charles E. Schell Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee.**

"I went in thinking I was going to drop out of classes," says Carly. Instead, she received the financial assistance

she needed, and encouragement. "Getting the loan made me feel that someone else believed in me," she says.

Few things can derail a student's dreams as quickly and devastatingly as a lack of funds. The cost of nursing education can be daunting. Carly's story is not unique, according to college President Gary Pack, Ed.D., who says that "without financial assistance many of the very best students would not be able to finish their programs."

Carly started her second year of nursing school in the fall, one year closer to earning her BSN, and following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother, who are both nurses. Right now, she is interested in geriatric nursing.

Carly knows that she has much more to learn, and many opportunities ahead in classwork and clinical placements. She is free to pursue those opportunities, thanks to financial support that kept her from delaying, and potentially abandoning, her education.



Scholarship support is the single greatest need at The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences. If you are interested in donating to help nursing students achieve their dreams, and ensure an exceptional nursing workforce, contact Jennifer Berigan, Institutional Advancement Officer, at 513-585-0398 or Jennifer.Berigan@TheChristCollege.edu

Give back to our community. Join The Christ Hospital Foundation Guild.

You care about your family, your health, your community...and you know that having good health and exceptional treatment options can make all the difference in one's quality of life. Being a Foundation Guild Member allows you the opportunity to contribute to the mission of healthcare at The Christ Hospital.

Help plan educational talks and fundraising events. Become as engaged as your time allows. Attend quarterly meetings to share ideas about fundraising projects, or take on a leadership role for one of the Foundation Guild's events.



JOIN TODAY!

For more information, visit www.TheChristHospital.com/Guild or call 513.585.2904

The Christ Hospital Showcases the Latest Devices in Cardiovascular Care



(left to right) Dr. Eugene Chung, Brian and Hope McRedmond



(left to right) Joe Trauth, Dr. Dean Kereiakes, Barbara Trauth



(left to right) Joe and Louise Head, Mike Keating, President and CEO of The Christ Hospital Health Network, Carole Twyman

The Christ Hospital's *Future of Heart Care* dinners brought donors, board members, patients, and clinicians together to celebrate the hospital's leadership in cardiovascular care, and commitment to help ensure access to the most innovative treatments in the country.

"We have long been known as Cincinnati's Heart Hospital, and that reputation is due to our talented heart and vascular physicians and surgeons, who have truly been pioneers in patient care," said Mike Keating, President and CEO of The Christ

Hospital Health Network.

Video footage of four new treatments and their function in the human heart, and an interactive display of implantable heart devices of the past and present were featured at the events.

Dr. Eugene Chung, Dr. Ian Sarembock, and Dr. Dean Kereiakes spoke about the history and future of cardiovascular technology and innovation, and its progressive impact on patient care and lives.

"Our breadth of clinical research and comprehensive heart programs put us

in a unique position where we can say to our patients, you don't have to leave town to get the treatment you need— we can take care of you, right here," said Dr. Chung.

"The Christ Hospital is at the forefront of cardiovascular medicine thanks to passionate physicians and generous philanthropic investments from the community," said Rick Kammerer, President of The Christ Hospital Foundation. "We are deeply grateful to those who support our Heart and Vascular Program as we continue to transform patient care."

Jane and Gary Booth Honored at Voices of Giving Event

Jane and Gary Booth were honored at the Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council's 2017 "Voices of Giving" event, which recognizes philanthropists who have made bequests or other planned gifts to help ensure the long-term welfare of nonprofits in the community.

Jane and Gary named The Christ Hospital Foundation as a beneficiary of their IRA retirement assets. Their gift was made out of gratitude for the care provided by the physicians and nurses in the Heart and Vascular Electrophysiology Program.

"We are deeply grateful to Jane and Gary for their selfless generosity and advancement of the best heart and vascular care for the people of Cincinnati," says Rick Kammerer, President of The Christ Hospital Foundation.



(left to right) Dianne Fisk, Director of Development at The Christ Hospital Foundation, Gary and Jane Booth, Rick Kammerer, President of The Christ Hospital Foundation

Foundation Board Spotlight

Barbara Bushman



Barbara Bushman, community volunteer, has served on The Christ Hospital Foundation board since 2014, giving generously of

her time and talents to support the hospital's mission and vision.

A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Barbara has served on the boards of CET - Cincinnati's public television station, Cancer Support Community, Kindervelt, the Cincinnati Horticultural Society, the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, and Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church. Barbara has been a committee member of the Juvenile Diabetes Community Resource Center, Cincinnati Women's Club, Cincinnati Flower Show, and the Cincinnati Zoo's annual, 'ZooFari' event.

Barbara has received the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra's 2017 Pinnacle Award for Arts Advocacy. In 2013, Barbara was a Cincinnati Enquirer Woman of the Year recipient. She and her husband, Jim, are past recipients of the American Cancer Society's "Celebration of Life Award."

Barbara and Jim have two sons and four grandchildren.

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Grateful Giving Magazine Wins Bronze Award

Our Fall 2016 issue of Grateful Giving won a bronze award for excellence in healthcare communications!

The Aster Awards, one of the largest national award competitions of its kind, is hosted by *Marketing Healthcare Today Magazine* and *Creative Images, Inc.* The elite annual program recognizes marketing and communications excellence in healthcare.

The 2017 Aster Awards received nearly 3,000 entries from across the United States as well as several foreign countries. Awards were issued for entries that received

top marks from judges placing them in the top 16% of the nation.

Judging criteria included creativity, layout and design, functionality, message effectiveness, production quality, and overall appeal.

