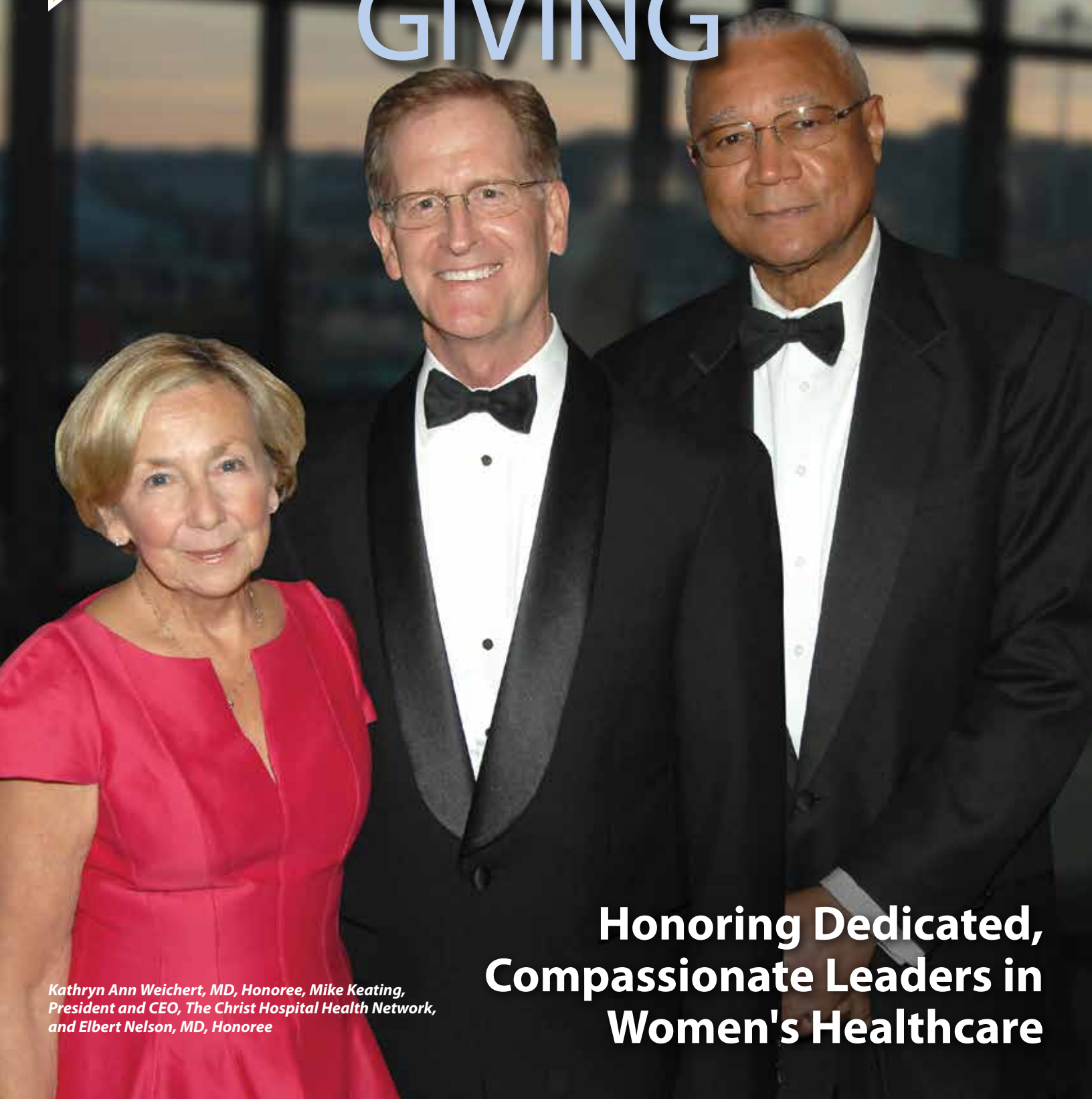


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THE CHRIST HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

# GRATEFUL GIVING



*Kathryn Ann Weichert, MD, Honoree, Mike Keating,  
President and CEO, The Christ Hospital Health Network,  
and Elbert Nelson, MD, Honoree*

**Honoring Dedicated,  
Compassionate Leaders in  
Women's Healthcare**

# The Christ Hospital Gala 2016

# For The Pursuit of **Women's Health**



Left to right: Kipp Kranbuhl, Ann Weichert, MD, Helen Kranbuhl Parsons, MD, and Matthew Parsons, MD

## Honoring Dr. Ann Weichert and Dr. Elbert Nelson

**Kathryn Ann Weichert, MD** practiced Radiation and Medical Oncology at The Christ Hospital from 1976-2011. In retirement, she continues to serve the hospital as a Board Member of The Christ Hospital Foundation in addition to doing Quality Assurance for The Christ Hospital Tumor Registry as well as maintaining three gardens in the hospital. Ann remains active in the community volunteering for several organizations throughout Greater Cincinnati, including the Cincinnati Parks and the Indian Hill Church. She has two children, Helen Kranbuhl Parsons, MD and Kipp Kranbuhl, and four grandchildren.

**Elbert Nelson, MD** is Division Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Christ Hospital, and Assistant Residency Director of The Christ Hospital Residency Program. Elbert has spent a lifetime helping women of all ages, all races, and from all walks of life deliver healthy and vibrant babies. He and his late wife, Agnes Blondean Nelson, have eight grandchildren and three grown children, Lisa J. Nelson, MD, Ryan L. Nelson and Amie Nelson Major.



Left to right: Lisa Nelson, MD, Elbert Nelson, MD, Ryan Nelson, and Amie Nelson Major

## Raising more than \$650,000 for Research, Wellness, and Patients-In-Need

The Christ Hospital Gala 2016 raised more than \$650,000 to benefit Women's Health Programs throughout The Christ Hospital Health Network, including research, wellness programs, and patients-in-need.

The evening was a great success, with a sell-out crowd of 1,000 people and numerous sponsors, including presenting sponsor, Ohio National Financial Services. Speakers included Vickie Buyniski Gluckman, Chair of The Christ Hospital Foundation Board, Mike Keating, President and CEO of The Christ Hospital Health Network, and Cincinnati's first TV anchorwoman, Norma Rashid.

"The Christ Hospital has a rich legacy of caring for women, and we take great pride in serving the women and families in our communities who entrust us with their care. The gala was a remarkable success, and we are grateful to everyone who came to support our efforts as we continue to transform women's care," said Mike Keating, President and CEO of The Christ Hospital Health Network.



Norma Rashid, Mike Keating, President and CEO, The Christ Hospital Network, Vickie Buyniski Gluckman, Debbie Hayes, Vice President and COO, The Christ Hospital Health Network



Gary "Doc" Huffman, President and CEO of Ohio National Financial Services, Presenting Sponsor of the Gala with Millie Huffman



Rick Kammerer, President of The Christ Hospital Foundation and Geraldine Vehr, MD, Secretary/Treasurer of Medical Staff and a member of Women of Medicine Committee

## Mobile Giving Program for Mothers and Babies at The Christ Hospital Birthing Center

### At the touch of a button on your smartphone ....

- You can give a crib to a mother in need so that her baby has a safe place to sleep.
- You can give her a breast pump so that she can feed her baby breast milk at home.
- You can ensure she has transportation to and from crucial postpartum appointments.

Registration is fast and easy, and your support will help make a difference.

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1. Text the word TCHF16 to 52182.
2. Follow the registration prompts.
3. Once complete, click the link you receive.
4. Begin viewing and funding items!



# The Emmerich Legacy

## Supports Patients In Need

Ted Emmerich joined The Christ Hospital Board in 1980. He served for 35 years, leading strategic initiatives to advance the institution and transform healthcare for the region. During this time, Ted served on The Christ College of Nursing Board, serving as its Chair for three years. He was also instrumental in the formation of The Christ Hospital Foundation, and served as its very first board Chair. His wife, Kate, was very supportive of his efforts, and together, they made significant financial contributions to support patients in need at the Hospital, and helped fund scholarships for students in need at the College.

In memory of Kate and Ted's compassion and interest in supporting those less fortunate, the Emmerich family recently made a very generous donation to the hospital to assist patients in need.

"Ted and Kate's devotion to The Christ Hospital was deeply appreciated by our medical staff and employees, and inspires us each day to create a future worthy of our past," said Mike Keating, President and CEO.



*The Christ Hospital will install plaques in the Emergency Center and Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit to recognize Kate and Ted Emmerich's generosity.*

## Jane and Gary Booth Give Retirement Assets To Heart Rhythm Center of Excellence



*Jane and Gary Booth*

In gratitude for the care provided by the physicians and nurses at the Heart and Vascular Center, Gary, retired Vice President of Research and Development at Procter & Gamble, and his wife, Jane, have named The Christ Hospital as a beneficiary of their IRA retirement assets. Jane and Gary have designated their gift to the Heart Rhythm Center of Excellence to help ensure that future generations can receive the best heart care in the nation, right here in their community. In addition, they made a generous cash gift for today's needs of the Heart Rhythm Center.

"Our gift is for the future—to help make sure that this amazing program continues, with the best treatments and clinical teams, for anyone and everyone in our communities who needs it," says Gary.



Creating a future gift is an easy way to leave a lasting legacy. To learn more about including The Christ Hospital as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, please contact Dianne Fisk at 513-585-0881 or [Dianne.Fisk@TheChristHospital.com](mailto:Dianne.Fisk@TheChristHospital.com), or visit <http://TheChristHospital.GiftLegacy.com>

## Guild's *Off The Wall* Event Raises \$22,500 Benefitting Our Cancer Program



*Robbie Russo, Guild Member*

For the second year in a row, The Christ Hospital Foundation Guild hosted its *Off the Wall* fundraiser, where guests had the opportunity to choose pieces of art right off the wall by lottery.

Through the event, the Guild raised \$22,500 for patients in The Christ Hospital Cancer Program.

Funds will provide a Prone Breast Board to make radiation treatment safer and more comfortable, lymphedema sleeves and gloves to help reduce swelling after lymph node removal, and Miaderm Cream to help soothe and restore skin from radiation damage.

"Many patients who could benefit from using lymphedema gloves and healing cream forego them due to cost. Thanks to the Guild and

everyone who supported this event, we are not only able to provide these items free of charge, but we are also able to purchase a Prone Breast Board. With this, we can position patients face-down during treatment to keep their healthy chest and lung tissues out of the way of radiation. All of these items will make a difference in our patients' experience and health outcomes," said Connie Cook, Director of the Cancer Center and Clinical Director of Oncology Services at The Christ Hospital Health Network.

"Most of The Christ Hospital Foundation Guild members have family and friends who have been



*Donna Hartman and Jim Scott, Event Emcee*



*Kim Hartman and Becky Hildebrandt, Co-Chairs*



*Joe Hildebrandt*

touched by cancer. Our decision to raise money for the Cancer Program was fueled by personal experiences, and was a wonderful opportunity for us to give back to support the comfort and care of so many people in our communities who are battling this devastating disease," said Kim Hartman, *Off The Wall* Co-Chair and Guild Vice Chair.



Your donation to The Christ Hospital Cancer Program will help patients and families during one of the most challenging times of their lives. Give today and make a difference. [TheChristHospital.com/Give](http://TheChristHospital.com/Give)

## Maxon Foundation Advances Telemedicine Heart Program



Janell Conner, Clinical Engineer Manager, Maureen Corl, Director of Heart and Vascular Programs, and Greg Egnaczyk, MD test the new telemedicine equipment.

Thanks to a grant from the Maxon Foundation U.S. Bank, N.A., Trustee, The Christ Hospital will soon begin a Telemedicine Heart Program to provide comprehensive health evaluations and management care to people living in rural Ohio counties.

Telemedicine, as defined by the American Telemedicine Association, is the use of electronic communications and information technology to provide health care to remote areas, eliminating distance barriers and improving access to medical services that are not consistently available in rural communities.

"A major barrier that people in remote areas face is finding time and

transportation to get to and from our campus. Many put their health at risk, going without the care they need, because of work and family obligations, lack of transportation, and unsafe weather and road conditions. The Maxon Foundation has provided an innovative way for rural communities to conveniently access our physicians, and, ultimately, prevent, diagnose, treat, and manage heart disease more effectively," says Dr. Santosh Menon, cardiologist and Medical Director of the Lindner Heart Failure Treatment Center at The Christ Hospital.

Through The Christ Hospital Telemedicine Heart Program,

patients will be able to see and communicate face-to-face with heart specialists at the hospital from their local health clinics. In addition, the technology will enable clinical staff to document and share patients' medical information quickly and seamlessly.

"The Maxon Foundation's generous grant will make a significant and immediate impact on the heart health of people in our region's underserved, rural communities. We are very grateful for their support," says Rick Kammerer, President of The Christ Hospital Foundation.

## The Sutphin Family Foundation Enhances **Alzheimer's and Dementia Care**



Dr. Jason Graff, Stuart Sutphin, Trustee of The Sutphin Family Foundation, and Dr. Robert Keyes in the new Resource Room at The Christ Hospital Health & Aging Center

The Christ Hospital recently received a \$75,000 grant from The Sutphin Family Foundation to further Alzheimer's and dementia care education for staff members throughout the network, and to develop a Resource Room at the Health & Aging Center to improve the patient and family experience.

Since then, staff members from the Health & Aging Center have become Certified Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Trainers, 18 nurses from the hospital are now dually certified as Certified Dementia Practitioners and Geriatric Resource Nurses, and additional educational courses have been planned for the coming year.

In addition, a Resource Room has been created at the Health & Aging Center for patients to relax while family members receive caregiving education. The room is designed to increase patient comfort and safety, as well as introduce activities that family members can implement

at home to help prevent memory decline and additional health problems.

"The Sutphin Family Foundation's support has strengthened and refined vital healthcare services for older adults with Alzheimer's and dementia in our region. Thanks to the Sutphin Family's generosity, The Christ Hospital has made remarkable strides in improving health outcomes and quality of lives for patients and families struggling with this devastating disease," says Dr. Robert Keyes, co-director of The Christ Hospital Health & Aging Center.



Nikki Caldwell, CNP, Julie Campbell, CNS, Deanna Stewart-Combs, Geriatric Program Manager, and Ashley Lauter, CNP are now Certified Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Trainers thanks to support from The Sutphin Family Foundation.



Your donation to The Christ Hospital will help ensure the very best care for patients, and much-needed support for their families. [TheChristHospital.com/Give](http://TheChristHospital.com/Give)

## The Janie Lazarow Schwartz Fund, and Cambridge Charitable Foundation

### Support Patients in Need in Kidney Program

After a long battle with breast cancer and kidney failure, Janie Lazarow Schwartz, wife of Peter Schwartz and sister of Jeffrey and Jody Lazarow, passed away on December 21, 2011. To honor Janie's life, and the compassion of her caregiving team at The Christ Hospital, the family established the Janie Lazarow Schwartz Fund. The Fund helps cover the cost of vital services for patients in need so that they can access the treatment and care they need to survive and thrive.

This year, a \$10,000 grant from the **Cambridge Charitable Foundation** will also help patients with medications and transportation, which are often expensive components to post-transplant treatment and care.

"Whether or not patients have insurance, there are almost always out-of-pocket costs that come with kidney donation and transplantation. The Janie Lazarow Schwartz Fund and Cambridge Charitable Foundation have provided crucial funding, enabling us to serve patients who may have otherwise suffered greatly," says Dr. Michael Cardi of The Christ Hospital Kidney Program.

Janie Lazarow Schwartz embraced life and brought joy to her family, her many friends, and her caregivers in The Christ Hospital Kidney Program. Janie's family invites you to support The Janie Lazarow Schwartz Fund, and to make a difference in the lives of patients in the Kidney Program.



## Foundation Board Spotlight



### Judy Dalambakis

Judy Dalambakis is an active and passionate advocate for The Christ Hospital. Judy joined The Christ Hospital

Foundation Board in 2014, and has provided invaluable support and insight on improving patient experience and care.

Judy has been involved with numerous organizations, past President of the Cincinnati Parks Foundation and fundraising events in the community. She was recognized as a Cincinnati Enquirer Woman of the Year in 2006, and has received the Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction, the University of Cincinnati's Alumni Distinguished Service Award, and the Greater Cincinnati Junior League's President's Award.



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