2013 Circle of Life Gala

At Memorial Hermann, neuroscientists reach for discovery. Innovators reach out to explore new ideas. The generosity of thousands of committed supporters makes it possible for Memorial Hermann to “Reach for the Stars.”

On Saturday, May 11, 2013, the Memorial Hermann Foundation hosted its annual Circle of Life Gala at the Hilton Americas. More than 1,700 guests attended this year's fete, “Reach for the Stars,” that recognized the dedication of honorees, Elizabeth and Gary Petersen. The popular event was chaired by Alice and Keith Mosing and supported by honorary chairs Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and Captain Mark Kelly.

The 2013 Gala raised more than $3.5 million to benefit Memorial Hermann's Revolutionizing Neuroscience initiative, becoming the most successful Circle of Life Gala to date. Revolutionizing Neuroscience is advancing the field of neuroscience research by uniting top talent with leading-edge technologies and Memorial Hermann's renowned facilities, leadership and vision for the future.

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1. Gala Chairs
   Alice and Keith Mosing
2. Gala Honorees
   Gary and Elizabeth Petersen
3. Dan and Lori Wolterman with
   Gwen and Judge Ed Emmett
Dear Friends,

Memorial Hermann continues to make good choices that solidify our place as Houston’s only full-service health system. Our vision for the future is strong. Through our accountable care organization and wellness solutions, Memorial Hermann is advancing health.

Our mission calls for Memorial Hermann to provide high quality health services in order to improve the health of the people in Southeast Texas. To that end, our successes are consistently recognized both in patient care and in research. We are pleased to have recently expanded our medical clinics and enhanced services available throughout the system. This year alone, we have made significant investments in our Katy campus and have launched plans to build a medical campus in Pearland.

Recently, Memorial Hermann concluded the annual Investing in Breakthroughs employee fundraising campaign. It is a point of pride that some of our biggest and loudest advocates are our own employees. I am humbled to share that Memorial Hermann employees have raised more than 4.6 million dollars over the past eight years to support campus projects like healing gardens, wellness facilities and even the purchase of medical equipment.

We are investing in our community, and in turn, our community is investing back into Memorial Hermann. Thank you for continued friendship and support.

Sincerely,

Dan Wolterman
President & CEO
Memorial Hermann Health System

While Gabrielle Giffords and Mark Kelly were unable to attend the Gala, they sent a video message congratulating attendees on the evening’s fundraising success. “Memorial Hermann has the entire spectrum of care,” said Kelly. “From the onset of disease or injury in their world-renowned Level I trauma center, to medical or surgical treatments and onto comprehensive rehabilitation at TIRR Memorial Hermann. It is for this reason that our family made the decision to move Gabby to Memorial Hermann from Arizona for her rehabilitation. We will always be incredibly grateful to the healthcare professionals who cared for Gabby during her stay in Houston.”

The evening honored the philanthropy of two of Memorial Hermann’s most passionate advocates, Elizabeth and Gary Petersen. Dan Wolterman praised the pair, not just for their support of Memorial Hermann, but also for their efforts “helping to build a better community for us all.”

Darryl & Co. gave the Hilton ballroom a space-age look in sparkling silver and featured stunning floral arrangements shaped like flying saucers. Wayne Foster crooned, “Fly Me to the Moon,” while seated at his Swarovski crystal encrusted grand piano, and the Wayne Foster Entertainment of Beverly Hills singers and dancers, always a favorite, kept the dance floor packed well past midnight.

It was a stellar night for Memorial Hermann. Funds raised by “Reach for the Stars” are dedicated to exploration and empower Memorial Hermann to Revolutionize Neuroscience.
1. Jim and Sherry Smith
2. Michael and Ileana Treviño
3. Vicki and Jim Montague
4. Fred and Kay Zeidman
5. Margaret Alkek Williams and Jim Daniel
6. Arthur and Philomena Baird
1. Anne and Steve Pouns
2. Beckie and Gasper Mir
3. Bill and Barbara Easter
4. John and Mary Eads
5. Diane Lokey Farb and Mark Sullivan
6. Houston City Council Member Ellen Cohen with Don and Kay Elliott
7. June and Dr. P. Roc Chen
8. Lisa and Jerry Simon
9. Yvonne and Walter Johnson
Alice and Keith Mosing’s $1 Million Gift

Alice and Keith Mosing receive attendees’ applause after their $1 million gift to the Revolutionizing Neuroscience Initiative was announced during the Gala program.

10. Alan and Karen Ytterberg, Steve and Carla Strake and Diane and Bill Campbell
11. Gregg and Jo Lynn Falgout with Grace and Dr. Dong Kim
12. Lester and Sue Smith with Monsour Tagdishi and Henry Richardson
13. Bob and Ann Croyle
14. Rufus and Dr. Yvonne Coumier
On Wednesday, March 6, close to 100 members and guests of Memorial Hermann Heroes in Health were treated to an insider’s tour of the Ironman Sports Medicine Institute where they met one of Houston’s real-life Heroes, the physician who takes care of our city’s most high-performing athletes, Dr. Walt Lowe.

Dr. Lowe serves as the Head Team Physician for the NBA Houston Rockets, University of Houston Cougars and NFL Houston Texans. He is the Medical Director of Memorial Hermann’s Ironman Sports Medicine Institute and the Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery for Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Center.

The happy hour event, catered by Tony’s, enabled attendees to connect directly to Dr. Lowe and his team of experts through an experiential tour of the Institute. This allowed guests an exclusive look into the world of sports medicine.

Houston’s philanthropic leaders mingled with young professionals and newer advocates for Memorial Hermann. Brenda Love Jones and Ed Jones, Elizabeth and Alexander Dwyer, Colleen and Ryan McKnight, Ryan Weller, Margaret Lecocke and Jeff Sanantonio were spotted in the eclectic crowd.

For more information or to join Heroes in Health, contact us at (713) 242-4400 or visit heroesinhealth.org.
On April 11, 2013, Heroes in Health steering committee member, Jay Zeidman, introduced Memorial Hermann’s President and CEO, Dan Wolterman, to an audience of more than 100 guests, all eager to better understand today’s legislative and fiscal reality and to get a sense of what the future may hold for the healthcare industry.

Houston greatly benefits from Wolterman’s expertise as one of the country’s thought-leaders in the field of healthcare and policy reformation. “During this time of rapid change and transition, we are privileged to have Dan’s leadership at Memorial Hermann,” said Zeidman.

The exclusive event drew a number of elected officials, members of Memorial Hermann’s Board of Directors, Heroes in Health members and other prominent philanthropists and supporters. Guests including The Honorable Ellen Cohen, Gary Petersen, Monzer Hourani, Joseph Jornayvaz and The Honorable Oliver Pennington were captivated by the timely and relevant presentation while they enjoyed a light breakfast at the Houstonian.

Wolterman shared a stark slide from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development’s global policy forum that compares the United States’ disparate investment in healthcare and resulting poor outcomes to other countries’ more effective return on their investments. He spoke about the need to promote a fundamental change in the way we approach health, wellness and the delivery of care and how Memorial Hermann is leading the way towards the new model, while maintaining its high standards of clinical care and innovation.

Wolterman remains cautiously optimistic about the industry’s progress. “Meaningful health reform will involve government and private enterprise to change current incentives and reward value.” For more information or to become involved in future events, contact Memorial Hermann Foundation at (713) 242-4400 or mh.foundation@memorialhermann.org.
“We named her Faith because at many points in our journey, it was faith that kept us going,” said Colette Hagler. Colette’s daughter, while still in the womb, was diagnosed with spina bifida. Her procedure, performed in May 2011 at Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital (CMHH), was the first in utero fetal surgery performed in Texas.

On Wednesday, May 15, 2013, Keith and Alice Mosing generously opened their beautiful River Oaks home to more than 90 guests. The exclusive event provided attendees with the opportunity to meet Faith, now almost 2 years old, walking and running without struggle, and also, to learn about the Texas Fetal Center at CMHH. The Haglers praised their doctors, especially Dr. Kuoljen Tsao, for giving Faith the chance to be a healthy, happy, little girl.

Susan Distefano, CEO of Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital, introduced the maternal-fetal medicine team and highlighted the full continuum of care provided to both mother and baby. Dr. Ken Moise, co-director of the Texas Fetal Center, gave an overview of the highly specialized fetal conditions that the team treats and the leading-edge procedures currently performed.

“Alice and I are pleased to be a part of this fundraising initiative,” said host, Keith Mosing. “As parents, we are proud to support pediatric neuroscience research and The Texas Fetal Center.”

Philanthropic leaders from across the city joined Texas Fetal Center physicians and staff, including Deborah Cannon, JoLynn and Gregg Falgout, Christine Napier, Stephanie Moody, Nicole and Evan Katz, Angie and Cinco Light, Elizabeth and Gary Petersen, Sherry and Jim Smith, Donna Vallone, Ned Holmes, Mary and John Eads, and Sheridan and Eddie John Williams.

The Mosing’s recent $1 million gift benefits The Texas Fetal Center at Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital. Continued investments in capital needs and research are required to support its groundbreaking work. For information or to become involved, contact Memorial Hermann Foundation at (713) 242-4400 or mhfoundation@memorialhermann.org.
Honor Maternal-Fetal Medicine

1. The Mosing Family
2. Dr. Tony Johnson, Dr. Helena Gardiner, Dr. Ken Moise, Karen Moise, Dr. Michael Bebbington and Dr. KuoJen Tsao
3. Bethany Buchanan, Casey Hedges, Elizabeth Dwyer and Judy Roberts
4. Jim and Sherry Smith
5. Sheridan and John Eddie Williams
6. Jay Zeidman, Colleen and Ryan McKnight and Bill Hurt
7. Angie Light, Nicole Katz, Dr. Tony Johnson and Kathleen Jennings
8. Gary and Elizabeth Petersen
9. Steve Pouns, Dr. Kevin Lally and Keith Mosing
10. Evan Katz, Cinco Light and James Jennings
“As a part of the Memorial Hermann Health System, we provide quality, state-of-the-art care for people living in Montgomery County, Walker County and Northern Harris County,” said Steve Sanders, CEO of Memorial Hermann The Woodlands (MHTW). “We are fortunate to have recently completed an expansion, adding surgical suites, increasing pre- and post-op areas and even preparing space for future growth.”

Responding to one of America’s fastest growing communities, faithful residents, Shahzah Bashir and his wife, Shaista, are leading efforts to secure support for MHTW’s enhanced Neuroscience Center. The Bashirs graciously hosted an intimate gathering of close to 50 friends and Memorial Hermann supporters at their home on April 25, 2013 to recognize Dr. Dong Kim and the world-class physicians at the Mischer Neuroscience Institute and to build awareness for The Neuroscience Center at MHTW.

Sanders and Kim gave attendees an overview of the hospital and the capabilities of the existing neuroscience program that includes innovative equipment like the Stealth Station, a navigation system that helps to pinpoint the exact location of tumors within a three-dimensional rendering of the brain.

Nestled in the wooded “village” of Grogan’s Point, the Bashirs’ Woodlands home and delicious hors d’oeuvres from Tony’s created an ideal setting. Guests Ann and Kenny Friedman, Judy and Chuck Stokes, Kathleen and Bill Merchant and Dr. William Parks mingled with Memorial Hermann physicians in attendance, including Dr. Raul Cardenas, Dr. Kevin Gaffney, Director of MHTW’s Stroke Center, Dr. Ryan McDonald, and Dr. Geoffrey Zubay, Medical Director of MHTW’s Neurosurgery team. A number of guests noted the passion of Memorial Hermann’s dedicated neuroscientists and were impressed by the physician’s eagerness to talk about both their work and the need to attract additional talent to the area.

Until recently, advanced neurological care could only be found within the Texas Medical Center. Today, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands provides access to the highest quality treatment for neurological disorders that can be achieved within a community setting. The Bashirs and their neighbors have a vision: Memorial Hermann The Woodlands will provide access to the highest quality treatment for neurological disorders that can be achieved – period.

To learn more about The Woodland’s Neuroscience Center or to become involved with the Bashirs’ efforts, contact Memorial Hermann Foundation at (713) 242-4400 or mh.foundation@memorialhermann.org.
Pediatric patients at Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital kicked off the 2nd Annual Lamborghini Festival on Friday, April 5th, 2013. After the parade of luxury vehicles arrived at the hospital to “oohs” and “aahs,” the kids were treated to imaginary joyrides and had their pictures taken in the iconic rides. The weekend-long Festival featured fast cars, performance racing and celebrity drivers, like former Lamborghini chief test driver, Valentino Balboni.

“The event celebrates the iconic Italian auto-maker and its beautiful luxury sports cars, while benefiting the real cause that drives us every day – the children in need of expert care,” said Ed Tufaro, Chief of Operations at Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital. “We are absolutely thrilled to have joined forces with the Lamborghini Festival for this one-of-a-kind opportunity.”

For the second year in a row, all proceeds raised by the Festival benefit Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital. This year’s event raised a record $27,000. Contact Memorial Hermann Foundation at (713) 242-4400 or mh.foundation@memorialhermann.org to learn more about next year’s Festival.
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Memorial Hermann Memorial City

Honoree: Suzie Johnson

Speaker: Marissa Acocella Marchetto
Talented author of the graphic memoir, Cancer Vixen, cartoonist for Glamour and The New Yorker, and breast cancer survivor.

Emcee: Ilona Carson

Chair: Robin K. Mueck

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