



## January 2018

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### *Dear Friends:*

Each year we witness thousands of Mission moments that have a profound impact on our hearts. One such story was heard around the world as we learned of Heather's battle with breast cancer. A year after getting engaged and being diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer, Heather and David Mosher were married in the chapel at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

More than 70 friends, family, and Heather's medical team were present as they exchanged vows. It was Heather's greatest wish to marry David and her strength of faith made it possible. These vows were among Heather's last words as she passed away 18 hours after saying "I do." Stories like this serve as reminders of the incredible care our patients receive both medically and spiritually. We extend our thoughtful prayers to David, and Heather's family and their friends.



Christina  
Lee

As we reflect on this story and many other Mission moments, we are profoundly grateful to you our donors and friends. Your gifts help make miracles happen each and every day. To you we say, "Thank you." Wishing you a year filled with love of family and friends.

Warmly,

Lynn B. Rossini  
Vice President and Chief Development Officer  
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Pictured above: David and Heather Mosher. Photograph taken by bridesmaid, Christina Lee Karas. Their story will be featured on the *Today Show*, Friday, January 19, 2018.

## Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual President's Circle reception was held on December 12 at the beautiful, newly-opened DELAMAR Hotel in West Hartford. More than 50 guests mingled colleagues and friends and heard about the successes and future goals of the hospitals while enjoying a festive meal and delicious desserts. Membership in the President's Circle is our special way to recognize major donors who make a significant philanthropic investment in health care.

If you are interested in becoming a President's Circle member, please contact Sue Joyse, [sjoyse@stfranciscare.org](mailto:sjoyse@stfranciscare.org) or (860) 714-1210.



Pictured above: L to R: P. Anthony Giorgio, Ph.D., board chairman, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and John F. Rodis, M.D., M.B.A., president, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

## Johnson Memorial Hospital

We closed out 2017 with a special blessing and dedication at Johnson Memorial Hospital (JMH). On December 14, we honored the D'Amour and Quigley families and the many donors who supported the Mark E. Quigley, M.D., Emergency Department renovation and the new D'Amour Chapel. More than 100 friends, current and former colleagues, and hospital leaders attended this joyous occasion. We are deeply grateful for our partners at JMH, and we look forward to working with the community to expand important healthcare services at the hospital.



Pictured above: John F. Rodis, M.D., M.B.A., president, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center; Stuart E. Rosenberg, M.B.A., president, Johnson Memorial Hospital; Nicole D'Amour-Schneider; Claire D'Amour-Daley; Charlie D'Amour, president, BIG Y Foods; Lynn B. Rossini, vice president and chief development officer, Saint Francis Foundation.

## Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital

The Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a reception on Friday, February 23 at 3 p.m. in the Center on the Mount Sinai campus.

The investment and passion of Joyce and Andy has had a tremendous impact on those living with the effects of multiple sclerosis. The Center, located between Boston and New York, was the first in Connecticut to offer comprehensive services which offered a lifeline to those patients frustrated by the lack of treatment available locally. The success of the Center has spawned plans to duplicate the program at Saint Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, opening this June.

We are grateful for the opportunity to thank Joyce and Andy and the staff of the Center for 10 years of generosity, compassionate care and hope for multiple sclerosis patients throughout Connecticut.

## News and Events

Please visit our new website on February 1 for more stories, press releases and links to our publications.

The month of February is “Heart Month” and to celebrate the Max Restaurants will host a fundraiser for our Women’s Heart Program. All month long if you visit one of their restaurants and order a Josh Cellars chardonnay or cabernet, the Max Restaurant Group and Deutsch Family Wine & Spirits will donate a percentage of the proceeds to our program. [Click here](#) for our flyer and please share with friends.

In addition, we’re up on all things “social” so make sure you check out our social media sites below to hear and see everything going at the hospitals and in our community.

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