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Foundation Makes \$20,000 Grant to Sinai Hospital

The 2005 Jenny Smith Baltimore Women's Classic was the largest ever. The success of the race has given the Foundation the means to provide a \$20,000 grant to Sinai Hospital, located in Baltimore, MD. Our \$20,000 donation will be used to create a new staff position, a Patient Navigator at The Lapidus Cancer Institute at Sinai. The hospital will partner in this gift and then will subsequently fund the position entirely.

The Patient Navigator will be responsible for assisting oncology patients and their caregivers through the continuum of care. He/She will assess the patient's needs and link patients to community agencies that provide housing, appropriate oncology educational materials and social services. The Navigator will also initiate and maintain contacts with community agencies that provide resources to patients.

The Navigator will provide support for the

patient through the following: contact with patients to schedule and reschedule missed appointments; meet with patients before they start chemotherapy or radiation therapy; serve as a liaison between the treating physician and the patient; identify patients that need navigation and assistance with barriers such as lack of insurance, financial issues, need for personal support, language, and any other problems that may arise during their treatment; retrieve medical records as needed; provide health education and community outreach; work in conjunction with all members of the Cancer Committee, medical staff and administration to provide quality comprehensive care to patients, and ensure that barriers to treatment are overcome; and assist with supportive care needs such as prosthetics, wigs, durable medical equipment, etc. The Navigator will also assist with access issues such as: insurance forms, financial forms, and arranging transportation. ■

Giving Back to the Community

BSNCF donates \$5,000 to the GBMC Foundation

The success of the 2005 Caribbean Night allowed a donation to be made to the McGovern Oncology Support Program, part of GBMC's Cancer Center.

When Dr. John M. McGovern, who was chief of GBMC's Obstetrics/Gynecology Service in the early 80's, was diagnosed and began treatment for cancer, he and his wife became the force behind the development of GBMC's Oncology Support Program.

"When people think of support, they generally think of support groups, but that's just a small portion of what we do," says Donna Lewis (RN, MS, CPC, Program Manager). Services include individual counseling, support groups, as well as a wide range of classes.

This program provides psychosocial support, counseling, coordination of home health services, extended care placements and hospice services as needed for patients. They also assist patients with referrals to appropriate community resources. ■



Above: Tom Barnett presenting check to Donna Lewis



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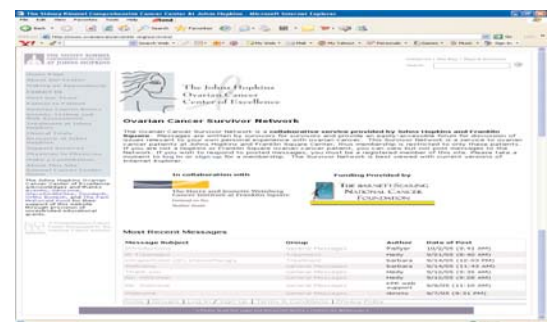


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JH Virtual Survivor Website Up and Running

In 2004, the Foundation provided funds to Johns Hopkins for the creation of the Virtual Survivor Network website. The website provides support to ovarian cancer patients by being able to access others who are undergoing the same tests and treatments. Hospital staff will also participate and monitor postings for additional support. ■

<http://www.ovariancancercenter.org>



Coming Full Circle

Dear Friends,

It had been over ten years since I last stepped foot inside Sinai Hospital. Last week I returned to fulfill a promise. This promise was never spoken, but was a promise all the same. I should explain further...In July of 1995, we suspected my sister Jenny's fight with ovarian sarcoma was near its end and we left Sinai to bring her home to spend her last days. Frankly, I never planned to go back to Sinai or, should I say, I was not sure that I could handle it. Nonetheless, I knew that the Foundation's mission would never be truly realized until it directly supported the institution where Jenny received her care and gave back to the caregivers that gave so much of themselves to help my sister.

I have to admit that I was apprehensive as I walked through the main entrance of Sinai Hospital to discuss the Foundation's planned donation. Somehow I was pushed on by the knowledge that I was not alone. With me were all the members of the Foundation, every family member and friend who has given support, and new friends who have joined the cause. Most importantly, I had the love for my sister, Jenny, and Kevin Barnett's mother, Mary, for whom the Foundation was founded.

Having now come full circle with a donation to Sinai Hospital, I know that the Foundation has achieved more in three years than Kevin Barnett and I had hoped. What started as a way to channel our grief has turned into something that will benefit others. The Foundation has limitless opportunity to help current and future cancer patients and their families.

We are able to give this donation due to the success of the 2005 Baltimore Women's Classic 5K. While we are focusing on fundraising, I must recognize the efforts of one



of our Board members. It is always difficult to single out a person who supports the Foundation without forgetting to mention someone who is equally as deserving. Yet, if the Foundation had a MVP award, Laurie Amatucci would receive it for 2005. For the third year, Laurie and her husband, Tom, have organized our largest fundraiser, the Baltimore Women's Classic 5K. This year, however, Laurie was diagnosed with breast cancer. She received treatments through the months before, during, and after the race. It was apparent that cancer was not going to slow Laurie down. She faced it with the tenacity and grace that she brings to the race management. I am happy to report that Laurie responded to the treatment and is cancer free. Laurie's efforts to make the race a success have always been a source of inspiration for me and this year that inspiration was increased tenfold.

Reflecting on 2005, I continue to be inspired by the supporters that give completely of themselves to further the Foundation's mission. I thank and congratulate each and every one of you for a very successful year. The challenge for the Foundation in 2006 will be to reassess our mission in light of the fact that we have already achieved more than anticipated in such a short time. I know that the future holds great opportunity for the Foundation to increase its impact on the lives of cancer patients and their families.

May the light that was Jenny and Mary's lives shine brightly on yours,

John E. Searing
Co-Chairperson

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Women Race to the Finish

Jenny Smith Baltimore Women's Classic 5K

June 26, 2005 was a thing of beauty. Each year the Baltimore Women's Classic 5K grows and improves because of the fabulous women in and around Baltimore - women with spirit and determination and a shared commitment to getting and staying fit.

Rash Field may have been hot and humid but it was positively ALIVE with the buzz of nearly 600 women who came together as friends, sisters, mothers and daughters to work a little magic for gynecological cancer research. While women came from as far away as New York, South Carolina and Colorado, the majority of the participants were from Baltimore County, Baltimore City, and surrounding counties.

Proceeds to Go to Local Hospital

The results were outstanding! The pre-race training program was the largest ever, race participation grew by 19% and \$30,000 was raised for the Barnett-Searing National Cancer Foundation. The Foundation has made a \$20,000 donation to Sinai Hospital, located in Baltimore,

MD. The grant will be used to fund a Patient Navigator position at the Lapidus Cancer Institute at Sinai. To read more about the donation, please see page 1.

Continuing The Tradition

The 2006 Baltimore Women's Classic 5K continues a 30+ year Baltimore tradition of women's races and is part of the popular Women's Distance Festival series comprised of eleven 5K races held over a five month period throughout Maryland, DC and Northern Virginia. The 2006 Baltimore Women's Classic will mark the 31st year of a women's only race in Baltimore. This makes the Classic the second longest consecutively running women's event in the United States! ■



Above, Laurie & Tom Amatucci presenting check to BSNCF.

Remembering Virginia "Jenny" Smith



There are few in this world that truly leave an extraordinary mark on their communities. Virginia "Jenny" Smith was one of those people. Jenny began volunteering early. She was a Junior Grey Lady at Union Memorial Hospital when she was a teen. Her community service included memberships on the Boards of Directors of The United Way of Central Maryland, Villa Julie College, Carroll County General Hospital Foundation, Carroll County Children's Fund and the

Westminster Rotary Club. In 2000, the United Way of Central Maryland recognized her commitments by awarding her the Clementine Peterson Award for outstanding community service.

Jenny was well known for her professional dedication and formidable work ethic, she was equally known for her people skills and compassion for helping others; mentoring to and advocating for others were high on her agenda. She never lost sight of what it was like to be young, inexperienced, and starting down the career path. Despite all of her commitments, she never lost sight of the importance of family. She was a devoted daughter, sister and aunt. There

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was never too little time to bake cookies with a niece or vacation with the family.

Jenny Smith lost her battle with cancer in July 2001, at the age of 51. She will be remembered as a fair-minded, unselfish and humble person who lived with a mission to "make right" the lives of others who may not have had a better chance. She was an invaluable resource for the service community and one of the ties that bind. ■

BSNCF Welcomes and Thanks Board Members

BSNCF would like to welcome its newest board member, Mary Burrows. Mary was Jenny's Smith's life partner, and has already made a significant impact on our cause by being the title sponsor of this year's Baltimore Women's Classic 5K. Mary has also promised to sponsor the 2006 Baltimore Women's Classic.

Tom Barnett officially joined the Board in 2005, although he has been involved with the Foundation since its creation. Laurie & Tom Amatucci, Co-Chairpersons for the Baltimore Women's Classic 5K also joined the Board in 2005.

Additionally, BSNCF would like to thank all Board and Committee Members for their continued service and commitment to the Foundation. ■



Caribbean Night Filled with Calypso Rhythms

On Saturday, February 26, 2005 the Annapolis Parrot Head Club hosted a Caribbean Night at the BWI Ramada Inn. The night was full of entertainment, including a buffet dinner and a casino. It was a great time, not to mention it raised nearly \$7,000 for the Foundation! Special thanks to John Snyder and Pat Cary for organizing this event! ■

Calendar - 2006

Get Involved. Have Fun. Beat Cancer.

February

25 Caribbean Night

Each guest receives "Caribbean Cash" for the casino, and during the course of the evening, guests have the chance to use their winnings to bid on silent auction items. Buffet dinner and a Jimmy Buffet style band. Proceeds to go to BSNCF. For more information, contact BSNCF.

March

18 Rejuvenate III - Living It Up!

Join us for a day of REJUVENATING your self image, mind, body and spirit! Make up, fashion, finance, holistic approaches to wellness, stress management and reaching your full potential. 15% of all exhibitors proceeds will go to The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. For more information, contact Nikki Karl, President at MD.Central.NOCC@Ovarian.org.

June

25 2006 Jenny Smith Baltimore Women's Classic 5K

Be a part of the 2nd oldest consecutively run Woman's Race in America! Race proceeds benefit the Barnett-Searing National Cancer Foundation. For more information or to register for the race, go to www.baltimorewomensclassic.com.

Send a message of hope for the new year.

Whether it's a corporate gift or one to a loved one or friend, please keep the BSNCF in mind. We will send a card stating that a donation has been made in their honor. What better way to share the gift of giving?

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