

## WESTON HOSPITAL EXPANSION UNDERWAY

On Sept. 27, shovels were turned at the official groundbreaking ceremony that marked the beginning of construction for Phase II of the Weston campus expansion. The project includes emergency department expansion and a new hospital tower.

Cleveland Clinic Florida President Wael Barsoum, MD, led the ceremony that was attended by City of Weston officials, community leaders, philanthropists, clinic administrators, and medical staff. Campaign for Cleveland Clinic Florida Co-Chair Mike Maroone spoke at the event.

The expansion will include the addition of a 180,000-square-foot, multi-level tower; 75 additional hospital beds; three more operating suites; a new Women's Center; expansion of the emergency department, imaging and laboratory facilities, and the cafeteria; as well as renovation of common areas and additional parking. A new family health and ambulatory surgery center also is planned for Coral Springs.

*Top, from left, Rick and Rita Case, Wael Barsoum, MD, Mike and Monica Maroone, Angelica Guckes, Sean Lang*

*Bottom, from left, Diana Galindo, MD; Frank Eidelman, MD; John Donohue, MD*



## TEA FOR TWO OR 42!

Glenda Abbate welcomed 42 guests to her Weston home for a Ladies Tea that she co-hosted with Monica Maroone. The gathering provided an intimate setting for Cleveland Clinic Florida supporters to learn more about the current hospital expansion. Wael Barsoum, MD, led an interactive discussion about Cleveland Clinic Florida's growth, the new Women's Center and the upcoming *Raise the Roof!* event planned for Nov. 18. For more information, visit [giving.ccf.org/RaiseTheRoof](http://giving.ccf.org/RaiseTheRoof) and see page 6.

*Top, from left, Monica Maroone, Wael Barsoum, MD, Glenda Abbate*

*Bottom, Wael Barsoum, MD, discusses the expansion and new Women's Center*

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Dear Friends:

I am excited to announce that for the first time ever, Cleveland Clinic Florida ranked **No. 1 in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale metropolitan area** (up from No. 3 last year) in the annual survey of best hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and I

could not be more proud of the work that we have done to attain this honor. This No. 1 ranking correlates directly with the high-quality care that we provide and the successful outcomes we achieve on behalf of our patients every day.

I also am excited to announce that gastroenterology and GI surgery ranked No. 49 nationally, and orthopaedics and geriatrics were ranked as high-performing specialties.

In addition, the following procedures and conditions were ranked as high performing:

- Heart Failure
- Colon Cancer Surgery
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Hip Replacement
- Knee Replacement

Last month, we broke ground on the largest expansion of our 28-year history. This \$302 million capital investment will support construction on our Weston campus and of a new family health and ambulatory surgery center in Coral Springs. The addition of hospital beds and critical care areas will allow us to accommodate our growing transplant program, the largest in Broward County, and the many patients who come to Cleveland Clinic Florida for complex care. Our emergency department capacity will be increased and a new Women's Center created. Additional campus enhancements also will include a new cafeteria, renovation of common areas and additional parking.

I hope to see you in November at a special fundraising event on our Weston campus called *Raise the Roof!* It will be an extraordinary evening honoring five of our longtime master physicians, and I hope that you will join us as we raise the roof on the next phase of our expansion.

I am grateful to all of our supporters, who help make it possible to extend the reach of Cleveland Clinic's unique model of medicine. Thank you for your trust in us and your support of our mission to provide better care of the sick, investigate their problems, and further educate those who serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wael Barsoum'.

**Wael Barsoum, MD**  
**President, Cleveland Clinic Florida**

## Wael Barsoum, MD, is First to Hold the Robert and Suzanne Tomsich Distinguished Chair in Healthcare Innovation

On Aug. 3, Wael Barsoum, MD, was honored with The Robert and Suzanne Tomsich Distinguished Chair in Healthcare Innovation at a reception in Cleveland. Approximately 80 people attended, including Toby Cosgrove, MD, Cleveland Clinic CEO and President, and Joseph Iannotti, MD, PhD, Orthopaedic & Rheumatologic Institute Chair. As the first recipient, Dr. Barsoum will use the gift to enhance education programs, promote collaboration and further important initiatives at Cleveland Clinic Florida.



From left, Michelle Tomsich, Joan Heaney, Michelle Barsoum, John Tomsich, Bob Tomsich, Carol Fountain, Wael Barsoum, MD and Macy Barsoum. Front row, Suzanne Tomsich, Mikaila Barsoum, and Maya Barsoum





From left, Nicole Edwards, music therapist, and Teresa Anderson, patient

## PANERA BREAD BAKERY-CAFÉ SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE CANCER CARE

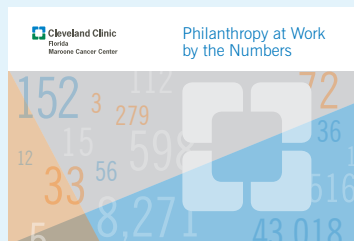
In September, Panera Bread bakery-café and Cleveland Clinic Florida joined forces to help support cancer patients and families in South Florida. Panera Bread bakery-café in Broward and Palm Beach counties made a contribution from sales of coffee tumblers to help advance innovative treatments and care for cancer patients at Cleveland Clinic Florida's Maroone Cancer Center. The initiative was a success, with Panera Bread bakery-café selling out of the special tumblers within two weeks. Sam Covelli, owner and operator of numerous Panera Bread bakery-café in Ohio and Florida, has been a longtime supporter of Cleveland Clinic, and we are grateful for his continued commitment.

Teresa Anderson, a recovering cancer patient, is among those who will benefit from this partnership. One year ago, she began her journey to beat cancer.

"The cancer team treated me as a whole person, not just a person with breast cancer," she says. "At every turn, I met doctors, nurses and staff who were not only skilled and professional but displayed heartfelt compassion that went beyond a job description."

## MAROONE CANCER CENTER UPDATE

The Maroone Cancer Center at Cleveland Clinic Florida is doing great things. Stay informed with *Philanthropy at Work by the Numbers*. Visit our website at [tinyurl.com/MarooneCancerCenter](http://tinyurl.com/MarooneCancerCenter) to see the latest news and learn how philanthropy is impacting our care for cancer patients.



## RHONDA'S KISS RAISES \$100,000 TO HELP CANCER PATIENTS

April 22 marked the Palm Beach debut of Rhonda's Kiss, a memorable evening hosted by the Marc A. and Rhonda L. Stefanski Foundation. The event raised funds to provide nonmedical financial support for Cleveland Clinic Florida cancer patients facing financial challenges as a result of their disease. Nearly 200 people attended the event at The Breakers in Palm Beach and danced the night away with a private performance by renowned recording artist Kenny Loggins. The event, which included an auction, raised \$100,000.

The support by sponsors and guests will help patients maintain their dignity and assist them when they are in treatment. "It's an important step in treating the whole patient," says Marc A. Stefanski, foundation founder and CEO.

Cleveland Clinic Florida's Maroone Cancer Center will use the funds for nonmedical needs ranging from assistance with covering rent and utilities to smaller expenses, such as wigs and transportation to appointments.



From left, Alex Stefanski, Jamie Williams, Ashley Stefanski Williams, Marc Stefanski, Melissa Stefanski, Kyle Stefanski, Kara Dattel, Brad Stefanski

## COUPLE'S GIFT LAUNCHES LIVING DONOR LIVER TRANSPLANT PROGRAM

In 1979, Junming Le, PhD, was one of the first Chinese citizens to receive a United Nations fellowship for study in the U.S. He was excited to realize his dream, but it also meant parting with his beloved bride of 10 months, Sai Hong Yan, who wasn't permitted to accompany him. He promised her that he would be successful abroad within five years and that she would join him, or he would return to China.

Dr. Le kept his word. After five years in New York working from 9 a.m. to midnight in labs at Memorial Sloan Kettering and New York University School of Medicine, living on ramen noodles and struggling to pay the rent, he completed his studies. His wife, who adopted the name Iris, joined him at last. Within a year, they had a daughter, Daniella. Within 10 years, at the New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Le helped pioneer a new kind of drug with monoclonal antibodies — molecules produced to mimic natural disease-fighting antibodies found in human immune systems.

Approved by the FDA in 1999, the drug, Remicade®, revolutionized the treatment of immunological diseases, helping millions of people with Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, rheumatoid arthritis and other illnesses. It also helped make Dr. and Mrs. Le's fortune.

Grateful for their success, in 2006, the couple established a charitable foundation in their names to help further medical research and patient care. They moved to Boca Raton, Florida, in 2010, and recently, through their foundation, made a generous gift to Cleveland Clinic Florida supporting the purchase of equipment that helped launch Florida's first



*From left, Junming Le, PhD, and Iris Le*

living-donor transplant program. The Integra CUSA Excel + system helps in the safe and effective removal of soft tissue.

"The CUSA allows us to perform the most sophisticated and complex types of surgeries on the liver," says Cristiano Quintini, MD, of the Department of Liver Transplantation and Hepatobiliary Surgery and the Department of General Surgery at Cleveland Clinic. "It represents one of the biggest technological advantages in liver surgery in the past 50 years."

Dr. Le says that he and his wife are excited to make this gift.

"We believe that we should give back," Dr. Le says. "I think that by donating this equipment, we will help save a lot of lives. This is the beginning of a new era for medical research, and Cleveland Clinic Florida is a famous hospital with a very good reputation. We want to be part of that."



## ELAINE BLAIR RECEIVES 2016 HARTLESS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The Rod and Carole Hartless Scholarship provides funding to an exemplary Cleveland Clinic Florida caregiver who is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Elaine Blair was selected as this year's recipient. As a caregiver in the intensive care unit (ICU), Ms. Blair works the night shift in Weston and attends nursing school full-time at Broward College.

"I love going to school and learning, and I don't think I will ever stop," she says. "Working at Cleveland Clinic Florida, I found my passion in life. I would love to become a nurse in the ICU and, eventually, a nurse anesthetist. I know this will require a lot of hard work, and I'm so grateful to the Hartlesses for the support provided through their nursing scholarship."

*Elaine Blair*



## THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

### Marsha and Stephen Zimberg, MD Support Gynecologic Research and Training

With federal funding for medical education shrinking and demand for skilled surgeons soaring, Marsha and Stephen Zimberg, MD, decided it was time to act.

Their passion to support educational research opportunities resulted in a major gift supporting fellowships at Cleveland Clinic Florida, where Dr. Zimberg is a gynecologic surgeon.

“This gift is for fellowship training and gynecologic research that many men and women don’t get in their programs,” says Dr. Zimberg, who performs and teaches minimally invasive surgical techniques.

His experience with this approach began in the 1980s, when the field was in its infancy. “Now, we have the ability to do large, complex procedures through 5-millimeter incisions,” he says.

**Visit Dr. and Mrs. Zimberg’s personal fundraising page at [tinyurl.com/MIGSfund](http://tinyurl.com/MIGSfund).**

Patients often go home the same day and are back to normal in a week to 10 days.

The Zimbergs were concerned about women’s future access to these procedures. “My wife and I felt that we needed to use our own money to get the training programs going and also fund research into the field of minimally invasive gynecologic surgery.”

The first fellow to graduate now heads a minimally invasive surgery program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Currently, there are two fellows a year for a two-year program.



Marsha and Stephen Zimberg, MD

Mrs. Zimberg says she learned the importance of teaching and mentoring during her career in manufacturing security vehicles and limousines, helping other women at a time when there were few in the industry. She says she believes in sharing knowledge and resources with those who need it.

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**–Stephen Zimberg, MD**

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“It gives us an inner glow to think that people could get better from cancer or be able to conceive a child when they otherwise couldn’t because of this training,” Mrs. Zimberg says. “We think that’s a glorious legacy.”



## VELOSANO 3: CONGRATS, FLORIDA TEAM!

Bike riders from across the United States geared up in Cleveland for VeloSano 3 the weekend of July 29-31. Each member of the Florida team completed the 25-mile course and collectively raised more than \$32,000. As of event weekend over \$2.7 million had been raised. Fundraising continued through October 1 and the final total raised is available via [velosano.org](http://velosano.org). Every dollar raised by participants benefits cancer research at Cleveland Clinic.

Florida team, from left, Wael Barsoum, MD, Michelle Barsoum, Jennifer McGreevy, Mike Maroone, John Hoctor. Not pictured is team member Doug Johnson, MD.

The Power of Every *One*.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### RAISE THE ROOF! NOV. 18, 2016

Help us *Raise the Roof!* at our Weston campus on Nov. 18. The evening will benefit Cleveland Clinic Florida's expansion and honor five master clinicians: Howard Bush, MD; Diana Galindo, MD; Elizabeth Stone, MD; Andreas Tzakis, MD; and Steven Wexner, MD. Join us for live entertainment, fine food, specialty drinks, a live auction and a special performance by Cleveland Clinic's own band, *Skin and Bones*. Visit [giving.ccf.org/RaiseTheRoof](http://giving.ccf.org/RaiseTheRoof) for details on sponsorship packages and to purchase tickets.



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**FEB. 25, 2017**

The Cleveland Clinic Florida Ball  
Reflections of Versailles:  
The Hall of Mirrors  
Mar-a-Lago, Palm Beach  
Black tie

For more information, please contact  
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at 561.804.0264.



**We hope to see you at *Raise the Roof!* on Nov. 18. To purchase tickets, please visit: [giving.ccf.org/RaiseTheRoof](http://giving.ccf.org/RaiseTheRoof).**

*From left, Andreas Tzakis, MD; Howard Bush, MD; Steven Wexner, MD; Diana Galindo, MD; and Elizabeth Stone, MD*

## LOCATIONS

### WESTON

Cleveland Clinic Florida  
2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd.  
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### KRUPA CENTER

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