Celebrating 30th year, Walk raises $8.5 million

On Sunday, September 23, more than 8,200 walkers celebrated the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai’s 30th year by raising $8.5 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Jimmy Fund Walk, the nation’s most successful single-day fundraising walk, has raised a total of over $135 million since 1989 to support critical cancer research and patient care for both adults and children with all forms of cancer.

For the 16th consecutive year, Hyundai Motor America was the Jimmy Fund Walk’s presenting sponsor, and was joined in 2018 by 48 other generous sponsors and more than 1,000 volunteers who provided support to walkers on routes ranging from the 5K to the full 26.2-mile marathon course.

President and CEO Laurie H. Glimcher, MD, walking for her third year, recognized as one of the most active programs in the United States, the Division of Gynecologic Oncology in the Susan F. Smith Center for Women’s Cancers at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute cares for more than 8,000 patients and conducts more than 30 clinical trials each year.

In recognition of the strength of this program, a generous donor has made a $5 million gift to support the work of Ursula Matulonis, MD, chief of the division and the Brock-Wilson Family Chair at Dana-Farber.

“This gift is truly going to have a transformative effect on our ability to research the most intractable forms of gynecologic cancer,” said Matulonis. “We are all so grateful for this support, which will enable us to apply scientific advances to thinking about how best to treat these diseases, bringing new hope to patients.”

Having assembled an unparalleled group of physician-scientists dedicated to finding new solutions to gynecologic cancers, and bolstered by this visionary gift, Matulonis and her team will address dire issues across the spectrum of gynecologic malignancies including: early detection, treatment resistant ovarian, recurrent endometrial, and invasive cervical cancers.

There is an urgent need for a way to diagnose ovarian cancer early, when it is most treatable, so part of this gift is supporting Dipanjan Chowdhury, PhD, chief of the Division of Radiation and Genome Stability, in developing a new blood test.

This test is based on discoveries by Chowdhury, showing that gene expression regulators called microRNAs produce an ovarian cancer-specific signature detectable in blood samples.

“Ovarian cancer is an area where we know an accurate, easy-to-access test for early detection can have a lifesaving impact,” said Chowdhury.
Dear Friends,

After 21 wonderful years at Dana-Farber, I am thrilled to introduce our new Senior Vice President and Chief Philanthropy Officer, Melany Duval, who will lead philanthropic efforts for Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund beginning this month. Melany is a seasoned development executive with extensive experience in managing campaign planning and strategy. She was most recently Vice President of Development at Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the largest community foundation in the world, which raised more than $1.4 billion in 2017. Prior to that, Melany was the Senior Associate Dean and Associate Vice President of Health Science Campus Development at the University of Southern California (USC) and provided leadership for the campaign to raise $1.5 billion for the USC Health Sciences Campus—the largest component of USC’s $6 billion fundraising campaign. She also worked for the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles in roles of increasing responsibility, where she helped successfully complete a $1 billion fundraising campaign—the largest in the institution’s history. I know that you will join me in giving her a warm welcome to Dana-Farber, and to Boston.

Melany will have the pleasure and privilege of getting to know our extraordinary family of donors, one of whom recently made an anonymous $5 million gift to support the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at Dana-Farber’s Susan F. Smith Center for Women’s Cancers. This powerful gift will advance our physician-scientists’ research into new treatment options for ovarian, endometrial, and cervical cancers, and support the Institute’s planned comprehensive capital campaign.

As always, the thousands of Dana-Farber supporters who participate in fundraising events have a major impact. This year marked the 30th Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk, where more than 8,200 walkers and 1,000 volunteers worked together to raise $8.5 million for Dana-Farber.

The 17th annual WEEI/NESN Jimmy Fund Radio-Telethon presented by the Arbella Insurance Foundation also had a banner year, broadcasting live for 36 hours from Fenway Park and raising over $4.4 million, as patients and doctors told their stories and shared their hopes for a world without cancer.

And Jimmy Fund Golf presented by Mohegan Sun shattered all previous records, as dedicated supporters raised $8.1 million through more than 160 tournaments, golf marathons, and mini golf events throughout the country.

Although stepping down from my formal role at Dana-Farber, I will remain an ardent supporter of the Institute, and of our mission to conduct the most advanced cancer research while providing top-quality patient care. It will be a pleasure to watch as Dana-Farber’s unparalleled researchers, caregivers, and supporters continue to advance the field on every front. Please join me in welcoming Melany to the team.

Sincerely,

Susan S. Paresky
Senior Vice President, Chief Philanthropy Officer

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“Philanthropy has fueled this work from day one. We are so thrilled and humbled by this most recent support, which will help us in our effort to make this test a reality for patients.”

Treatment resistance affects 70–95 percent of women diagnosed with late-stage ovarian cancer. With this support, Matulonis, Joyce Liu, MD, PhD, and Elizabeth Stover, MD, PhD, are designing new combination treatment regimens, and collecting tumor and blood samples to develop laboratory models to help search for novel targets and test drug combinations.

When endometrial cancer recurs or spreads, women have few treatment options. Liu and Panagiotis Konstantinopoulos, MD, PhD, are exploring how to best combine two of the newest and most promising therapeutic strategies for endometrial cancer: immunotherapy and antibody drug conjugates (ADCs). Part of this gift will fuel the researchers’ effort to evaluate how harnessing the power of the immune system works with ADCs, which chemically link a potent chemotherapy to an antibody to directly target cancer cells.

Cervical cancer remains a leading cause of mortality in women worldwide. In developed countries, the Pap test has increased early diagnosis leading to many cures, but also limited resources for developing therapies. With donor support, Matulonis and her team are leading a comprehensive preclinical program for invasive cervical cancers that includes collecting tissue samples and creating laboratory models to propel research.

This gift also provides early momentum to the Institute’s planned comprehensive capital campaign, which aims to help Dana-Farber transform the science of cancer.

Dana-Farber teams win $23 million in Moonshot grants to probe childhood cancers

In an ambitious effort to crack the code of aggressive childhood cancers lacking definitive treatments, the Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot program has awarded two of only four grants to research teams led by scientists at Dana-Farber.

One team, receiving $12.5 million over five years, is led jointly by Scott Armstrong, MD, PhD, chairman of Pediatric Oncology and the David G. Nathan, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, and Kimberly Stegmaier, MD, co-director of the Pediatric Hematologic-Malignancy Program, vice chair of Pediatric Oncology, and the Ted Williams Chair at Dana-Farber. Heading the other team, which is receiving $10.5 million over five years, is Cigall Kadoch, PhD.

The research teams were chosen among a competitive nationwide pool for their expertise and resources relevant to the challenge of studying rare pediatric cancers, which include Ewing sarcoma, the second-most common bone cancer in teens and young adults; synovial sarcoma; alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma; ependymoma; and a form of acute myeloid leukemia.

The cancers being tackled by the research teams are all driven by “fusion oncoproteins”—abnormally joined proteins in cells that act as powerful stimulators of malignant growth. These fusion proteins are formed by accident when two genes on separate chromosomes break and merge, forming a renegade partnership that disrupts normal gene regulation. Over many years, Armstrong has produced a series of pioneering discoveries about the role of fusion proteins involving the MLL (mixed lineage leukemia) gene and protein in causing acute leukemias with a poor prognosis. How such oncoproteins disrupt the normal molecular circuitry of cells in additional childhood cancers is one of the questions the scientists hope to answer, with the aim of finding new targets for drugs.

Scott Armstrong, MD, PhD, Kimberly Stegmaier, MD, and Cigall Kadoch, PhD (from top), are leading teams that received a total of $23 million in Cancer Moonshot grants to explore childhood cancers.
HomeGoods fights cancer, highlights patient artwork

HomeGoods, the leading national off-price home fashion retailer and a longtime partner of Dana-Farber, is in its 18th year of raising vital funds for pediatric and adult cancer care and research. Its “HomeGoods Helps Families Fight Cancer” fundraising campaign raised more than $2.3 million in 2018, bringing the company’s cumulative fundraising total to just under $14 million.

HomeGoods supports the Institute through several fundraising vehicles, including asking its customers to contribute at the register, with 100 percent of the proceeds going directly to Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund. Another popular fundraising program is HomeGoods’ sale of limited-edition, reusable shopping bags featuring artwork by two Jimmy Fund Clinic patients. This year, both featured artists are named Sarah.

The family of Sarah Aeedy, age 9, moved to New England from Iraq after she was diagnosed with thalassemia, a rare blood disorder, and sought treatment at Dana-Farber. During several months of chemotherapy and radiation, as well as a bone marrow transplant, Sarah passed much of her time during treatments by drawing. The design of her HomeGoods bag reflects her dream to someday live in a house with a garden, with flowers all around. Sarah Aeedy’s parents are grateful for the care she received at Dana-Farber, and relieved to have her bone marrow transplant, in which her younger sister was the donor, behind them. “Dana-Farber didn’t save only Sarah,” says her father, Ahmed Aeedy. “They saved us as a family.”

HomeGoods’ other featured artist, Sarah Podradchik, 13, of Melrose, Mass., was treated at the Jimmy Fund Clinic for germinoma, a rare form of brain cancer requiring chemotherapy and radiation. An active teen who enjoys skiing, swimming, snorkeling, and acrobatics, Sarah also has an artistic side that is reflected in her featured HomeGoods bag, a colorful heart design. “When I saw it in the store,” she says, “I was amazed by how many people wanted to buy my bag, and how this bag actually came to life.”

“HomeGoods is such an incredible company,” adds her mother, Debbie Podradchik. “They do amazing things for the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber.”

Both young artists are thrilled to help raise funds that will assist other patients, and HomeGoods’ consistent support of the Jimmy Fund results in flexible funds that can be used wherever they are needed most. Every time a HomeGoods bag is purchased at 475 stores across the country, half the proceeds go to Dana-Farber, providing ongoing support for innovative science and exemplary patient care.

Kirby’s fund seeks rapid progress in pancreatic NET research

There’s no easy time to receive a cancer diagnosis, but it was shocking for Kirby Grochal to learn that she had high grade pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) late in her second pregnancy. Still recovering from childbirth, Kirby began aggressive treatment under the care of Jennifer Chan, MD, MPH, director of Dana-Farber’s Neuroendocrine and Carcinoid Tumors Program.

Kirby’s family was devastated to learn that there is no cure for her rare form of cancer, although chemotherapy can help fight back the tumors. Hoping to speed discovery of new treatment options, Kirby’s parents, Melanie and Richard Green, and her husband Andrew’s parents, Barbara and Alan Grochal, made a generous gift to support Chan’s research. They established a fund in Kirby’s honor and set up a Giving Page on the Jimmy Fund website which allows family and friends to contribute. Over 1,000 friends and family members, plus those who supported 20 cyclists riding the Pan-Mass Challenge in Kirby’s honor, have contributed to the fund, which now totals more than $400,000.

Chan and her team will focus on better understanding the biology of high grade neuroendocrine carcinomas with the hope that their findings may translate into novel therapies. “I am inspired by Kirby’s strength, positive outlook, and commitment to advancing our knowledge about high grade neuroendocrine carcinomas,” said Chan. “We are grateful for the support of the Green and Grochal families.”

Pan-Mass Challenge presents $56 million to Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund

The committed riders of the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) went far beyond expectations in August 2018, leaving their $52 million goal in the dust to raise an unbelievable $56 million for Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund and bring the event’s cumulative total to $654 million raised since 1980. At a celebration in November recognizing the outstanding contributions of riders, donors, sponsors, and volunteers; the PMC presented a giant check representing this giant success to leaders of Dana-Farber. From left: Josh Beekenstein, chairman of the Dana-Farber Board of Trustees, PMC Board member, and PMC rider; Laurie H. Glitmer, MD, president and CEO of Dana-Farber and PMC rider; Billy Starr, PMC founder, executive director, and rider and Dana-Farber Trustee;Lisa Hughes, news anchor of PMC presenting sponsor WBZ-TV and PMC rider; Mark Lund, WBZ-TV president and general manager; Rekha Salwasser, executive director of presenting sponsor the Red Sox Foundation; and Robert Smith, PMC chairman of the board and PMC rider.
WEEI/NESN Jimmy Fund Radio-Telethon raises more than $4.4 million to strike out cancer

Healing and hope happen when people with the hearts of champions come together to fight cancer, as evidenced by the 17th annual WEEI/NESN Jimmy Fund Radio-Telethon presented by the Arbella Insurance Foundation. Broadcast live on August 21–22 at Fenway Park by New England Sports Network (NESN) and WEEI Sports Radio Network (93.7 FM), the 36-hour program raised over $4.4 million for Dana-Farber, bringing the event’s cumulative fundraising total to nearly $53 million since 2002.

Inspiration abounded through stories shared by Dana-Farber doctors, patients, and families that reached millions of people and inspired gifts from all 50 states and 5 countries. This lineup included 17-month-old Will Holbrook, who was diagnosed earlier in 2018 with hepatoblastoma, which starts in the liver. The spirited toddler fortunately had experts in this rare pediatric cancer nearby at Dana-Farber who helped him become cancer-free and healthy enough to toss baseballs all over the set during his segment. Another compelling story was that of high school teacher Jennifer McCann-Black, who learned that she had angiosarcoma, a cancer of the inner lining of blood vessels, when she was 31 weeks pregnant. Fortunately, her care team at Dana-Farber developed a careful treatment plan that addressed the health needs of both mother and baby. With their support and that of her family, students, and colleagues, McCann-Black gave birth to a healthy son, Michael, who joined her on-air.

The world champion Boston Red Sox once again pitched in at every level of the organization during the Radio-Telethon. Team ownership raised more than $185,000 through the Red Sox Partners Challenge, while several executives, coaches, and players made special appearances, including team President and CEO and Institute Trustee Sam Kennedy, manager Alex Cora, Jimmy Fund Captain Brock Holt, Mookie Betts, and Chris Sale, among others. Numerous celebrities also appeared on-air or phoned in with their support, including Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Patriots owner and Institute Trustee Robert Kraft and team president Jonathan Kraft, Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck and head coach Brad Stevens, and former Bruins star Shawn Thornton. Chairman of the Jimmy Fund Larry Lucchino, a former Dana-Farber patient, spoke about his treatment and the remarkable 65-year partnership between the Red Sox and the Jimmy Fund.

An anonymous donor gives back, renewing gift to the Lowe Center

An anonymous donor and his family, committed to supporting the best and brightest minds in the battle against cancer, have renewed their $100,000 gift to Pasi Janne, MD, PhD, director of the Carole M. and Philip L. Lowe Center for Thoracic Oncology, and director of the Robert and Renee Belfer Center for Applied Cancer Science. “I am amazed not only at the discoveries, advancements, and accomplishments of Dr. Janne and his colleagues, but also I am in awe of their ability to translate the science into caring patient interaction and compassion,” said the donor. This gift will help Janne uncover the genetic underpinnings of lung cancer subtypes, identify new drug targets, and accelerate the development of precision therapies, all with an eye toward improving how we treat this disease. “I am very grateful to this donor for his steadfast support, which energizes our work,” said Janne. “Together, we are doing everything possible to give our lung cancer patients longer, healthier lives.”

The donor was first introduced to Dana-Farber nearly 20 years ago while accompanying a colleague to the Institute for treatment. “My family and I are blessed with health and happiness at the moment and we look at our support for Dana-Farber as an essential part of giving back, sharing what we have, and, in a small way, trying to positively affect our neighbors, friends, community, and beyond,” said the donor.

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In recognition of a transformative $1 million gift to support Dana-Farber’s research into diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), the Mikey Czech Foundation visited the Yawkey Center for Cancer Care to celebrate the inscription of the foundation’s name on the Institute Benefactors Wall. This gift is the largest in Dana-Farber history for DIPG research and represents the foundation’s commitment to providing sustainable funding to advance personalized treatments and clinical trials for this extremely rare, aggressive, and fatal form of brain cancer.

Pictured above at the celebration are (from left) foundation Co-Founders Steve and Jennifer Czech, with Dana-Farber President and CEO Laurie H. Glimcher, MD. The Czechs established the foundation in honor of their late son, James Michael “Mikey” Czech, whose motto, “Never, never, never give up!” continues to inspire their efforts. ■

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**CONQUER CANCER**

**THE ASCO FOUNDATION**

Nine Dana-Farber Cancer Institute researchers recently received grants totaling $600,000 from the Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). ASCO, which is comprised of almost 45,000 oncology professionals from more than 120 countries, established its affiliate foundation with one important mission: to conquer cancer worldwide by funding breakthrough research and sharing cutting-edge knowledge.

Through its dedicated investment in the highest-quality clinical and translational research, Conquer Cancer is driving some of the most powerful advances in diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and cures of this pervasive disease. As part of this work, the foundation supports investigators at various stages of their careers through Young Investigator and Career Development Awards, among others. The Young Investigator Awards fund many of the nation’s most promising junior investigators at the pivotal time when they seek to transition from fellowships into faculty roles—a particularly challenging and precarious moment in their careers. The Career Development Awards support more established investigators who are working to forge independent clinical cancer research programs to advance cures for patients. Dana-Farber’s six Young Investigator grant recipients are Adam Durbin, MD, PhD; Ana Garrido-Castro, MD; Ankur Nagaraja, MD, PhD; Zach Reitman, MD, PhD; David Shulman, MD; and Adam Spelting, MD, PhD. The three Career Development Award recipients are Saud Aldohayyan, MD; Otto Metzger Filho, MD, and Marios Giannakis, MD, PhD. Taken together, these grants are helping to advance the foundation’s powerful overarching vision of building a world free from the fear of cancer.

“That the fact that so many researchers from Dana-Farber earned grants in our highly competitive process is a testament to the quality of physicians at your institution,” said Nancy Daly, Conquer Cancer’s executive vice president and chief philanthropic officer. “The Young Investigator Awards and Career Development Awards seek to stimulate the growth and development of the next generation of cancer researchers and support novel research. We anticipate with great hope the potential impact these nine grant recipients will have on patients everywhere.”

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**A Chance for Kids & Families® surpasses $15 million**

A Chance for Kids & Families® completed its 19th year in September 2019, raising more than $593,000 for cancer care and research at Dana-Farber. At 350 Burger King and 51 Valvoline Instant Oil Change locations across New England, New York, and New Jersey, customers could give $1 to the Jimmy Fund to receive a scratch-off card that revealed a guaranteed prize such as Burger King food prizes and gift cards, Valvoline Instant Oil Change services, and more. Customers could also scratch off “A Second Chance to Win” code and enter online for their chance to win a four-night all-inclusive vacation to Cancun, Jamaica, or Punta Cana courtesy of Funjet Vacations.

In its 19 years, A Chance for Kids & Families has raised more than $15 million. Dana-Farber patients and their families are a large part of the program’s success. This year, the Shrauger family visited a Burger King location in support of A Chance for Kids & Families, where program ambassador Isaac, age 5, and his younger brother Elijah became Burger King employees for the day. Isaac was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and is treated at Dana-Farber’s Jimmy Fund Clinic. The Shraugers’ Burger King visit visibly brightened not only the moods of the two children, but of Burger King’s employees, as well. “It was an absolute pleasure to have Isaac and his family visit our Burger King in Hyannis, Mass.,” said Bred Kohler, Burger King franchisee and president of Mastoran Corporation. “Isaac’s infectious smile and bright-eyed enthusiasm brought so much energy to the restaurant team.” Burger King prides itself on its commitment to programs like A Chance for Kids & Families as the company’s way to give back to its customer-base community.


**PanCAN invests in young researchers to fight pancreatic cancer**

Since its founding in 1999, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) has been committed to bringing urgently needed treatment advances to patients with pancreatic cancer. As the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States, pancreatic tumors are aggressive and resistant to current therapies. With the growing sophistication of genomic technologies, however, researchers have been able to better define the mutational profile of pancreatic cancer, making precision medicine approaches a compelling treatment option for this disease.

In memory of Skip Viragh, a prominent businessman and philanthropist who succumbed to pancreatic cancer in 2003, PanCAN awarded a $500,000 grant to Andrew Aguirre, MD, PhD, of Dana-Farber’s Gastrointestinal Cancer Center and Hale Center for Pancreatic Cancer Research. He will use these funds to explore new therapeutic approaches to disabling KRAS, a hard-to-target mutation that drives 90 percent of pancreatic tumors. To that end, Aguirre will block the MAPK signaling pathway, which competes with KRAS to drive cancer growth. Because pancreatic cancer is highly adaptable and can turn on compensatory pathways when one is blocked, Aguirre is also pursuing combination therapeutic targets. He and his collaborators will explore the treatment potential of two promising new targets in pancreatic cancer, SHOC2 and MEN1/MLL1, which will be administered alongside MAPK inhibitors.

“It has been my long-standing goal to develop new therapies for this disease and to make research and clinical advances to improve the lives of patients suffering from pancreatic cancer,” Aguirre said. “We are pleased to have awarded Dr. Aguirre with the 2018 Skip Viragh Catalyst Grant, his second research grant from PanCAN, selected through a rigorous peer-review process,” said Maya Bader, PhD, associate director of scientific grants, PanCAN. “It is our mission to build the pipeline of researchers focused on this disease and to accelerate progress to improve outcomes for everyone faced with pancreatic cancer.”

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— MAYA BADER, PHD, associate director of scientific grants, PanCAN
Dana-Farber team raises record $1 million in Falmouth Road Race

The New Balance Falmouth Road Race is a challenging race course, even for experienced runners, but that didn’t stop more than 300 people from running for Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund’s official team last August. Even more impressive, this dedicated group raised more than $1 million to conquer cancer—the most in team history!

Tony Marzulli, running on the Dana-Farber team for the first time, was one of the most successful fundraisers, raising more than $26,000 in honor of his wife, Jane. He retired early two years ago when Jane was diagnosed with glioblastoma and began her treatment under Patrick Wen, MD, director of Dana-Farber’s Center for Neuro-Oncology. The race was a perfect way for Tony to raise money for Dana-Farber and pursue a goal.

“It was a great experience being part of the team,” Tony said. “Everyone has a shared cause and it’s wonderful to know there is such a large community of people who want to raise money to honor a loved one fighting cancer.”

Weather and wind conditions can be notoriously difficult on the 7-mile course, so Tony enlisted his niece, Meghan McDonough, a past Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runner, for help with training. He personally reached out to family, friends, and former colleagues for help with fundraising. In the end, Tony’s training paid off on a perfect race day—he raised five times more than his original fundraising goal of $5,000.

“The excitement of race day and the history of Falmouth make for an amazing experience,” Tony said. “There were so many people cheering that I turned my music off to be in the moment with spectators, many of whom had signs for Dana-Farber.”

The Dana-Farber team has raised an amazing $7.85 million for cancer research and care since 2003. The largest charity team in the race, Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund’s runners take on hills and ocean views on the scenic course that begins in Woods Hole and ends in Falmouth Heights, Mass. Tony said the day was one of his top memories of all time—with the day he married Jane as number one—and he enthusiastically encourages others to get involved with the team.

“I can’t recommend the experience of running for Dana-Farber enough because of the kind of institution Dana-Farber is,” he said. “Everything Dana-Farber does is thoughtful and done with purpose.”

Elhilows renew commitment to multiple myeloma research

In the 15 years since she was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, Mary Jo Elhilow has made countless trips from her home in Florida to Boston to meet with Paul Richardson, MD, the clinical program leader and director of clinical research at Dana-Farber’s Jerome Lipper Multiple Myeloma Center, who oversees her care.

Impressed by his empathetic and knowledgeable approach, she and her husband, Vince (Skip), established a fund at Dana-Farber in 2011 to support Richardson’s clinical investigations. Earlier this year, the couple pledged an additional $100,000 to the fund.

“I am truly humbled and grateful for Mary Jo and Skip’s very kind generosity,” said Richardson, who is also the R.J. Corman Professor of Medicine. “Their invaluable support will fuel clinical studies designed to determine not just if a new treatment works, but also why, and to reduce toxicity, both short- and long-term, informing our future research and improving patient outcomes.”

The FDA has granted more than 24 approvals for new multiple myeloma therapies since 2003, in large part due to results from clinical trials led by Dana-Farber. These novel medicines have helped extend patients’ lives as much as three- to four-fold. The Elhilows’ gift promises to bolster success.

“We have faith in Dr. Richardson’s expertise and dedication as a leading oncologist in his field,” said Vince. “We hope that this research will eventually lead to a cure for multiple myeloma.”

New England customers pitch in to strike out cancer

In 2018, patrons of Taco Bell, KFC, and The Paper Store stepped up to raise nearly $297,000 in support of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute’s lifesaving mission. Participating store and restaurant locations throughout New England invited customers to help “Strike Out Cancer” and give $1, $3, or $5 to cancer care and research at Dana-Farber. In exchange, patrons received a personalized baseball pin-up to be displayed in-store and inspire other customers.

“The ongoing enthusiasm and passion of our employees and the generosity of our customers has enabled us to raise millions in vital funds for cancer research and patient care over the last 17 years,” says Roger Lockwood, Institute Trustee and chairman of Lockwood/McKinnon Company, a Taco Bell franchisee. “The Strike Out Cancer campaign mobilizes thousands of people throughout New England and in other states to take action in the fight against cancer.”

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Donor honors those lost with an eye on prevention, survivorship

When John McGinty reached certain milestones in his professional life, he resolved to give back by honoring friends and family members he has lost to cancer. Growing up, McGinty was friends with neighbor David Perini, Jr. and his family. Sadly, Perini passed away from Ewing sarcoma as a young man, and the Perini family established a survivorship clinic at Dana-Farber in his memory. McGinty also lost his great aunt and godmother to cancer when he was a teenager. The time was right, he established the McGinty Family Fund in Memory of Elizabeth C. McGinty to celebrate her life and support the clinic named after her childhood friend. Through his participation in Presidential Visiting Committees and other events, McGinty learned more about the Institute’s work and has made a new, generous gift to his fund. This gift will support the David B. Perini, Jr. Quality of Life Clinic and the Pediatric Cancer Genetic Risk Program under the direction of Lisa Diller, MD.

“All the doctors I have met at Dana-Farber are such brilliant and energetic people,” McGinty said. “I am continually impressed not only by their intelligence and passion, but also particularly by their deep compassion for the patients they care for.”

“John’s latest contribution will help advance our work around prevention and survivorship, important areas that don’t always get the attention they need,” Diller said. “We are so pleased John chose to honor the memory of David and his aunt with this generous gift.”

Bank of America’s Moynihan kicks off Joint Visiting Committee Symposium

In a conversation that ranged from the outlook for the U.S. and global economies to the impact of artificial intelligence on employment in the coming years, Bank of America chairman and CEO Brian Moynihan shared insights from his experience at the helm of one of the world’s largest financial services organizations as our featured speaker at the dinner kicking off the 2018 Joint Visiting Committee Symposium at the Seaport Hotel Boston in October. Presidential Visiting Committee members are donors and supporters of the Institute who provide advice to the President, serve as ambassadors to the broader community, and help provide and secure the resources to support Dana-Farber’s mission.

Interviewed by Dana-Farber President and CEO Laurie H. Glimcher, MD, in a fireside chat-style format, Moynihan, who has led BOA since 2010, was bullish on the prospects for sustained economic growth but spoke frankly about the challenges leaders will face as the labor market changes and technology advances. Pictured (from left): Dana-Farber Board of Trustees Chairman Josh Bekenstein with Glimcher and Moynihan at the 2018 Joint Visiting Committee Dinner.

Joe Cronin Memorial Jimmy Fund Fishing Tournament celebrates 25 years

On August 2 and 3, the Joe Cronin Memorial Jimmy Fund Fishing Tournament celebrated 25 years supporting Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund. The tournament honors the life of the late Red Sox All-Star, American League President, and baseball Hall of Famer Joe Cronin, and has donated more than $6.25 million to Dana-Farber since its inception in 1993. The tournament has many corporate sponsors, some of which include, Yeti, Costa Del Mar, Eversource, Horizon Beverage, Cape Fish & Lobster, and Cape Dairys. The two-day event was held at the Nauticus Marina in Osterville, Mass. Many local boat yards help to support the event: Crosby Yacht Yard, Oyster Harbors Marine, and Hyannis Marina. It attracted 68 boats filled with more than 500 participants—one of the best-attended fishing tournaments on the South Shore, Cape Cod, and the Islands. At the end of competition, guests were treated to a raw bar, dinner, and drinks under the tent. There were also silent and live auctions, and an awards program. The event contributed $250,000 for cancer research and patient care.

“Our committee works hard all year long and our efforts have paid off,” said Scott Swaflk, tournament chairman. “We are grateful for our sponsors, boat owners, contributors, and our community for coming together to make the 25th annual such a success for the Jimmy Fund.”

Tournament Chairman Scott Swaflk (center) with his wife, Jenn, and son, Nicholas.
Stop & Shop surpasses $70 million in funds raised for Dana-Farber over 25 years

“Over the years, we have made tremendous strides in our ability to treat childhood cancers, and Stop & Shop and their customers have consistently supported our research,” says Scott Armstrong, MD, PhD, Dana-Farber’s chairman of Pediatric Oncology and the David G. Nathan, MD, Professor of Pediatrics. “We are grateful for their ongoing support, which helps us to pursue promising research that may lead to more new treatment options specifically geared to children and teens."

Dana-Farber investigators are at the forefront of pediatric cancer research.

In recent years, studies have revealed important genetic differences between childhood and adult cancers, showing that precision therapies for pediatric cancers must be further developed to take such differences into account. Recent results suggest that many pediatric cancers contain a DNA mutation that could potentially be targeted by precision drug therapies, and Dana-Farber is part of a large national effort to genetically screen pediatric patient tumors and match any actionable mutations with targeted therapies.

The Institute’s faculty play leadership roles in a nationwide, multi-center clinical trial known as MATCH (for Molecular Analysis Therapy Choice), that offers genetic profiling services to pediatric and young adult patients with cancer, screening patients’ tumors for more than 160 cancer-related mutations. Nearly 1,000 patients are expected to participate—representing the largest pediatric precision medicine trial of this scale to date—and it is estimated that 10 percent will be matched with a targeted therapy.

“Stop & Shop is excited by the progress in pediatric cancer research, and proud to be a longtime partner of the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,” says company President Mark McGowan. “Once again, generous customers and associates have stepped forward with a goal of eradicating childhood cancer, and we look forward to continuing that support.”

Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, through its Our Family Foundation, has been a dedicated corporate partner to Dana-Farber for more than 25 years. In 2018, the company’s Help Cure Childhood Cancer campaign raised $2.5 million and achieved the impressive cumulative fundraising total of nearly $72 million.

Each summer, Stop & Shop invites customers to contribute to the Jimmy Fund at the checkout counter. As a thank you for their generosity, customers who give $3 or more receive coupon books with valuable savings opportunities.

Stop & Shop launched its well-known Triple Winner campaign in 1991, and in the years since, the support of customers and associates has resulted in essential funding for pediatric cancer, helping Dana-Farber’s physician-scientists accelerate the pace of discovery driving treatments to help our youngest patients.

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Loretta Richard honors mother while fueling breakthrough treatments for all

An avid runner and 10-time marathoner, Loretta Richard has not let adversity slow her down. Two years after losing her mother to gastric cancer, Loretta received a breast cancer diagnosis and sought the care of Dana-Farber’s Judy Garber, MD, MPH. Now cancer free, Richard is thinking ahead to her next marathon.

Throughout treatment, Loretta was struck by the diverse patient population at Dana-Farber. “Cancer doesn’t discriminate. It strikes randomly and is devastating.”

Hoping to make an impact on patients at Dana-Farber and beyond, Loretta and her husband, Bruce, established the Sarah Rhodes Fund for Cancer Research, named in memory of her mother. Under the direction of Garber, who is director of the Center for Cancer Genetics and Prevention and the Susan F. Smith Chair at Dana-Farber, and Ramesh Shivasdasani, MD, PhD, the fund has a dual purpose: to further research in both breast and gastric cancers.

“With the Richard family’s support, I will be better able to study a novel compound that may reduce breast cancer risk while preventing menopause symptoms for high risk women who have their ovaries removed,” said Garber.

Shivasdasani is investigating the development of gastric cancer on a molecular level. His work will inform the next generation of early detection, treatment, and prevention strategies for gastric cancer.

Loretta will run her next marathon to raise money for Dana-Farber and continue fueling new treatments for cancer patients everywhere.

Support for lung cancer research to honor beloved wife and mother

Pam Cooper was the center of her family’s universe, according to her husband, Dick Cooper. “Our girls were in orbit around her—we all were,” he says.

During their 46-year marriage, Dick’s career took them all over the world. Their daughters grown, the couple had settled in Chicago when Pam was diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer in 2014. When further testing revealed rare mutations of the disease, Pam’s doctors referred her to Dana-Farber’s Geoffrey Oxnard, MD. After months of traveling to Dana-Farber every three weeks for treatment, they relocated to Boston. Dick believes that Oxnard’s care extended Pam’s life by nearly two years, and for much of that time, her quality of life was excellent. However, her cancer eventually became resistant to treatment, and Pam passed away in June 2018.

After the devastating loss of his wife, Dick gave $100,000 to establish a fund in her honor, hoping newly discovered therapies would benefit future patients. He also set up a Giving Page where friends could join him in supporting Oxnard’s research into liquid biopsies, which analyze tumor DNA in blood and are used to choose targeted treatments. “It was a joy to care for Pam,” said Oxnard. “While treatment options are certainly growing, we need tools to help us pick the right path. With this gift we will study how liquid biopsies can help guide lung cancer patients to better therapies and better outcomes.”

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DFMC members celebrate $6.3 million raised in 2018

Members of the 2018 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC) were thrilled to announce their terrific total of more than $6.3 million raised during their 29th marathon season—nearly $1 million over goal—at an October celebration in Dana-Farber’s Yawkey Center for Cancer Care.

One hundred percent of the funds raised by DFMC supports the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which was established in 1987 by Dana-Farber Trustees Delores Barr Weaver and her husband, Walter, in memory of Delores’ mother. An invaluable driver of innovative, early stage cancer research at Dana-Farber, the Claudia Adams Barr Program continues to accelerate major scientific advances thanks to more than $92 million raised by DFMC since 1990.
Jimmy Fund Golf community hits a hole in one, raising record $8.1 million for Dana-Farber

Tens of thousands of passionate golfers hit the links in 2018 in support of cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as part of Jimmy Fund Golf presented by Mohegan Sun. The program raised a record-breaking $8.1 million through more than 160 tournaments, golf marathons, and mini golf events across the country.

Leading the way was Expect Miracles Foundation, which raised an incredible $1 million across multiple events throughout 2018. (See story on page 12.) The Dunkin’ Donuts Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament hosted by NDCP had an exceptional year as well, raising $900,000. (See story on facing page.)

The Stop & Shop Store Development Jimmy Fund Classic held its 27th annual tournament at The International Golf Club and Resort in Bolton, Mass., raising an impressive $550,000 for Dana-Farber’s pediatric brain tumor survivorship programs.

Two additional tournaments also raised critical funds for pediatric patients and their families. The 21st annual Robyn Elise Abrams Memorial Golf and Tennis Tournament raised more than $275,000 at Pine Brook Country Club and Weston Golf Club, both in Weston, Mass. And in its 33rd year, C&S Charity Golf Outing/Tee Up for Kids® contributed $260,000 from tournaments in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

In Western Massachusetts, the Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament/Jeffrey Vinick Memorial held its 39th annual tournament across three courses, raising more than $350,000 to support groundbreaking cancer research and compassionate care at Dana-Farber.

Other top tournaments invested in the next generation of talented researchers. The 11th annual John R. Svenson Classic, hosted at The Golf Club at Sacoconnesset in East Falmouth, Mass., raised more than $225,000 to fund a genomic research fellowship for targeted cancer therapies. The 3rd annual Bob Parsons Memorial hosted by Shem Creek Capital at Pine Brook Country Club raised over $185,000 to support a fellowship, research into early detection of pancreatic cancer, and Dana-Farber’s patient assistance crisis fund.

The members of Kernwood Country Club in Salem, Mass., hosted their 4th annual Swing to Support Dana-Farber. The private club raised more than $165,000 to support women’s cancers research.

With many events celebrating milestone anniversaries this year, the Jimmy Fund Golf community’s longstanding support of Dana-Farber was evident.

The Paul Dowd Jimmy Fund Classic celebrated 35 years, while the Woonsocket Little League Jim Carr Memorial Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament and Rybacki Memorial Invitational each marked 25 years. Together, these events and their organizers continued to demonstrate their unwavering commitment in the fight against cancer.

Jimmy Fund Golf is grateful for the collective efforts of all of our tournament organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and participants, who are making a difference in the lives of cancer patients today, while enabling research to drive home tomorrow’s cures.

Scott Shuster (left) and Michael Dunn of the C&W Services/Jimmy Fund Golf & Tennis Classic, which raised over $150,000 for the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber.

The Svenson Family welcomed golfers to their 11th annual John R. Svenson Classic, hosted at The Golf Club at Sacconnesset in East Falmouth, Mass., raising more than $225,000 in loving memory of husband, father, grandfather, and friend, John R. Svenson.

Lisa Parsons, Stacy Miller, Kara Sullivan, and Scott Goldberg (left to right) celebrated the third annual Bob Parsons Memorial hosted by Shem Creek Capital to raise money for pancreatic cancer research. The event has raised nearly $450,000 since 2016.

The membership of Kernwood Country Club came together on a beautiful day in July to support women’s cancers research—raising more than $165,000.

The members of the Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament/Jeffrey Vinick Memorial committee celebrated the tournament’s 39th year, raising more than $550,000 at events across three courses.

Stop & Shop Tournament Co-Chair Bill Lawrence (second from left) and Mike McEighght (far right) enjoyed a day on the links with committee members Sal Shrigio (far left) and Bob Fers after raising $550,000 for pediatric cancer.

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10% of all designated gifts supports our Faculty Research Fund to advance Dana-Farber’s research mission.
Expect Miracles Foundation raises $1 million for cancer research

Expect Miracles Foundation, a 24-year annual supporter of Dana-Farber, reached new fundraising heights in 2018, with an incredible $1 million gift, a first in its history. The foundation has cumulatively contributed more than $8.9 million to Dana-Farber through various fundraising endeavors, including flagship golf tournaments, galas, and networking events.

Based in Boston, Expect Miracles Foundation rallies the financial services industry to invest in lifesaving cancer research and patient care programs. Representatives from more than 150 financial firms participated in multiple industry events in 2018, including two large golf tournaments—the 24th annual East Coast Classic at Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth, Mass., and the inaugural Atlantic Coast Classic at Fiddler’s Elbow Country Club in Bedminster Township, N.J.

Proceeds from these events support research initiatives at Dana-Farber’s Robert and Renée Belfer Center for Applied Cancer Science, including the development of blood-based liquid biopsies for the early detection and diagnosis of cancer.

Under the direction of Cloud Pawelek, PhD, Belfer Center scientists use liquid biopsies, drawn from a simple blood sample, to identify genetic mutations in tumors. These tests, which are currently being used to guide treatment decision-making for patients at Dana-Farber, have the potential to be a more precise biomarker for cancer diagnosis, prognosis, early detection, and treatment resistance.

The foundation’s funding supported initial testing of liquid biopsies in lung cancer and has now extended the platform to other malignancies, including breast, head and neck, colorectal, and prostate cancer.

“Expect Miracles Foundation’s generous investment in our work allows the Belfer Center to pursue exciting new avenues in cancer research,” said Pasi Jänne, MD, PhD, director of the Belfer Center and of the Carole M. and Philip L. Lowe Center for Thoracic Oncology.

“They support has enabled Dr. Pawelez and his team to develop a truly revolutionary tool that can be used for making treatment decisions for cancer patients, without the challenges of traditional surgical biopsies. We cannot thank them enough for their partnership.”

In addition to liquid biopsies, Expect Miracles Foundation funding supports the Belfer Center’s development of patient-derived organoids—three-dimensional spheres that contain tumor cells and surrounding immune cells—to determine how tumors respond to immunotherapy agents. The foundation also supports studies aimed at discovering novel drug targets that complement existing immuno-oncology therapies.

“We are extremely grateful for the tremendous support the financial services industry has provided to our lifesaving mission this year,” said Frank Straus, founder and chairman of Expect Miracles Foundation.

“It’s wonderful to have so many philanthropic companies and individuals involved with Expect Miracles Foundation to help us reach this historic milestone in support of the critical research at Dana-Farber and the Belfer Center.”

Expect Miracles Foundation

Driving for a cure from Sunrise to Sunset

Conquering 36 holes of golf while braving a chilly fall in New England, day, more than 80 golfers participated in the third annual Sunrise to Sunset Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament on October 13. Through the dedicated efforts of everyone involved, the tournament generated more than $145,000 to support cutting-edge research and compassionate patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Alongside Boston Red Sox legend and celebrity host Jim Lombrong, participants played two rounds of golf across The International Golf Club and Resort’s two exclusive courses, The Oaks and The Pines. In order to take part in the event, golfers needed to commit to raising a minimum of $1,000 with many of the participants far exceeding that amount.

“It was incredibly meaningful to spend a day surrounded by participants dedicated to raising funds in honor of loved ones affected by cancer as well as individuals who had personally undergone treatment at Dana-Farber,” said Lombrong. “To be able to do that while playing golf in a beautiful setting made for a special event.”

The money raised from this tournament provides critical funding for Dana-Farber, enabling our researchers and physicians to pursue novel scientific investigations in the laboratory while elevating standards of care for patients and their families.

Jimmy Fund Golf presented by Mohegan Sun is grateful for the incredible dedication of all Sunrise to Sunset participants, who hit the links to support the fight against cancer.
Two-time cancer survivor supports vital research

Barbara Barron credits Dana-Farber with saving her life—not once, but twice. First, she was treated for breast cancer by the late Carolyn Kaelin, MD, MPH, FACS, who was beloved by Barbara and her husband, Arnold. “I felt that she was my friend as well as my doctor,” says Barbara. In 2012, the couple named a gene in Kaelin’s honor in Dana-Farber’s Gene Display, a space that Barbara finds inspiring every time she visits the Institute.

For the last 10 years, Barbara has received additional treatment at Dana-Farber, this time for lung cancer. Grateful to her oncologist, Michael Rabin, MD, of the Carol M. and Philip L. Lowe Center for Thoracic Oncology, the Barrons recently established the Barbara and Arnold Barron Family Research Fund under Rabin’s direction.

Rabin and his colleagues work with patient tissue samples and Dana-Farber’s sophisticated genome sequencing platform to build a database, overseen by Rabin, that enables more personalized targeted therapies for patients. “I am gratified that the Barrons have chosen to strengthen lung cancer research at Dana-Farber,” said Rabin. “The database and tissue bank which they so generously support has been the source of many important discoverers.”

After years of treatment, Barbara Barron considers herself fortunate, and is pleased to support research that will help others. “This is a place that saves lives,” she said.

Donor fuels immunotherapy research in melanoma

Cancer affects some families more than others. One generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous lost her husband and a niece to cancer one week apart in 2015. When her son was diagnosed with stage IV melanoma early in 2017, she said, “There was no doubt in my mind where we were going to go for treatment.”

Grateful for the care her son receives at Dana-Farber, the donor established a fund with a gift of $100,000 to support the research of her son’s oncologist, Patrick Ott, MD, PhD, clinical director of the Melanoma Center and the Center for Immuno-Oncology.

“I feel blessed that my son has responded beautifully to immunotherapy treatments,” said the donor. “But there are other people who don’t.” Her fund will support Ott’s investigations into why immunotherapies work for some melanoma patients, but not others, and how to improve the therapies to broaden the pool of patients for whom they are effective.

“This generous gift will fuel cutting-edge clinical research and trials that will ultimately help us provide better, more effective therapies for our melanoma patients,” said Ott.

As a social worker formerly employed in the medical field, the donor recognizes the importance of supporting research to improve therapies for patients. “Sickness is a part of life, and we need to pull together on this and support organizations, particularly Dana-Farber, in their research trying to conquer this disease.”

One Mission surpasses $1 million in gifts to support pediatric patients

One Mission childhood cancer foundation recently celebrated surpassing the $1 million milestone in cumulative funds raised for Dana-Farber’s Jimmy Fund Clinic. During their son’s treatment for cancer, One Mission Founders Ashley and Ari Haseotes experienced how hard the process can be, especially for pediatric patients and their families. Dedicated to doing “whatever it takes to get kids through cancer,” One Mission hosts a variety of events to raise funds that support fun activities such as the Jimmy Fund Clinic Summer Festival, Pig Day, and the Halloween Parade.

Above (from right), Ari and Ashley Haseotes celebrate the inscription of One Mission’s name on the Institute Benefactors Wall at the Yawkey Center for Cancer Care with Lisa Scherber, director of Patient and Family Programs, and Martha Young, child life specialist, at the Jimmy Fund Clinic.
year, kicked off the start at Dana-Farber by thanking all those participating and volunteering, and emphasizing the impact fundraising has on cancer research. Carlie Gonzalez, 17, a former patient at the Jimmy Fund Clinic, wowed the crowd with a stunning rendition of the national anthem before the thousands of participants took off on their walk to Copley Square.

This year’s event included 52 Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes, Dana-Farber patients who are featured on posters along the course, marking every half mile of the route and reminding walkers of the event’s mission.

$2 million milestone
For the last 20 years, Team Police Chiefs has been a staple of the Jimmy Fund Walk, lining up in uniform at the Dana-Farber start line. The 2018 Walk marked a very special occasion for the team: They surpassed an incredible fundraising milestone of $2 million cumulatively raised—an outstanding accomplishment.

The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association has a 65-year history with the Jimmy Fund. The association’s commitment to the Jimmy Fund is recognized by the Hector J. Pelletier Award, given each year to a team member who exemplifies immense commitment to the Jimmy Fund, the Institute, and all the patients and families Dana-Farber serves. The award is named in honor of Cohasset Chief of Police Hector J. Pelletier, whose dedication to the fight against cancer led to making the Jimmy Fund the official charity of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association in 1953.

Mark Leahy, executive director of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, is co-captain of Team Police Chiefs along with Westborough Police Chief Jeffrey Lourie. For Chief Leahy, Walk day has been especially meaningful after his friend, Southborough Police Chief Billy Webber, lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in 2008 at the age of 53. Leahy says a shared passion to end the disease unites his team as they walk every September.

“In the 20th year with the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai, Team Police Chiefs achieved a tremendous milestone: raising $2 million in cumulative fundraising.”

— CHIEF MARK LEAHY, executive director of the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association and co-captain of Team Police Chiefs

An exclusive presentation for President’s Circle members
Members of Dana-Farber’s President’s Circle giving society enjoyed an inside look at the programs offered by Dana-Farber’s Leonard P. Zakim Center for Integrative Therapies and Healthy Living at a special presentation entitled “Healing the Whole Person.” Jennifer Ligibel, MD, director of the Zakim Center (below, center), discussed the many benefits of integrative therapies in cancer treatment. The evening included a visit to the Zakim Center and an engaging Q&A session.

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“Everybody who walks has been affected by cancer,” says Chief Leahy. “The Walk is a way for the Police Chiefs to show solidarity in the fight for a cure.”

The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk thanks its walkers, volunteers, teams, sponsors, and those who gave in 2018, and looks forward to next year’s event on September 22, 2019.
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Dinner with Friends celebrates friendship, food, and philanthropy. Guests will delight in food, cocktails, and demonstrations from our host, Chef Jeremy Sewall, and his celebrity chef friends, while raising vital funds for Dana-Farber. Contact Dawn Belizaire at 617-632-3909 or Friends@dfci.harvard.edu.

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