

A Legacy of Leadership

In unanimous admiration, donors contribute \$2.5 million to establish the Edward J. Benz Jr., MD, Chair

When Edward J. Benz Jr., MD, steps down from his role as president and CEO of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and director of the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center on September 30, he will leave an enduring legacy of growth and achievement. Over the course of 16 years, he has grown the Institute into a truly world-leading cancer hospital for both adults and children, internationally renowned for the excellence of its comprehensive research program as well as for the unique intimacy and familial feel of its patient care experience. And he has achieved all of this with a warmth and humility that is uniformly cited by all who meet him.

In recognition of his transformative impact, Institute Trustees, faculty, staff, and so many friends, family, and supporters have contributed more than \$2.5 million to establish the Edward J. Benz Jr., MD, Chair at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The highest honor that Dana-Farber can bestow upon a physician or scientist, the Benz Chair will provide a permanent fund that can be used to bolster the strong clinical,

research, organizational, and financial structure and strategy Dana-Farber has in place.

All who contributed to the Chair were unanimous in appreciation for Dr. Benz.

“Ed is brilliant and an amazing leader,” said Josh Bekenstein, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who led the Trustee fundraising effort along with immediate past Board Chairman Gary Countryman, and inspired support with a leadership gift together with his wife, Anita. “He does it all for Dana-Farber in a selfless way and with such modesty. I feel incredibly lucky to have spent the last five years partnering with him.”

The Friends of Dana-Farber also made a lead gift to the Chair (see page 5), as did several Trustees including Alice Cutler and her husband, Stephen. Cutler’s dedication to volunteering at the Institute over the last 20 years brought her to cross paths with Benz. “I have a fondness and respect for Dr. Benz,” shared Cutler. “It is his compassion in all that he does that really makes the ‘special sauce,’ as he always says.”

More than 330 members of the



In a nod to Edward J. Benz Jr., MD’s love for his hometown Pittsburgh Steelers, Trustees, Institute leaders, family members, and guests cheered him with “terrible towels” at a May 2 event at which the chair in his honor was announced.

Dana-Farber community contributed to the Chair. Senior faculty and executive leadership heartily endorsed the effort, with nearly 100 percent participation.

“As president of the Institute, I get more credit for our accomplishments than I should,” said Benz. “The fact of the matter is that it is all of us together who power the heart of our

mission. This was a great Institute before I got here. It will be an even greater Institute long after I’m gone.”

The Chair will enable incoming President and CEO Laurie H. Glimcher, MD, to recruit exceptional new talent, and encourage Institute staff to dream big in aggressively pursuing the ultimate goal: a world without cancer. ■

Benz by the Numbers

Highlights from Dr. Benz’s extraordinary 16-year tenure as Dana-Farber’s longest-serving President and CEO.

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FROM \$265 MILLION TO

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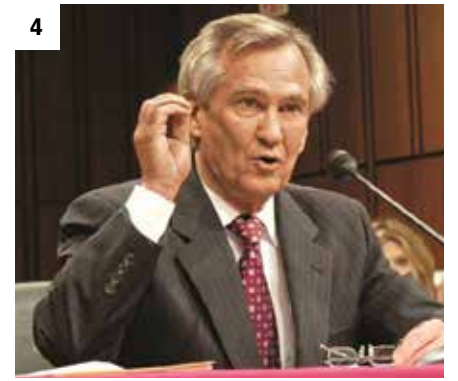
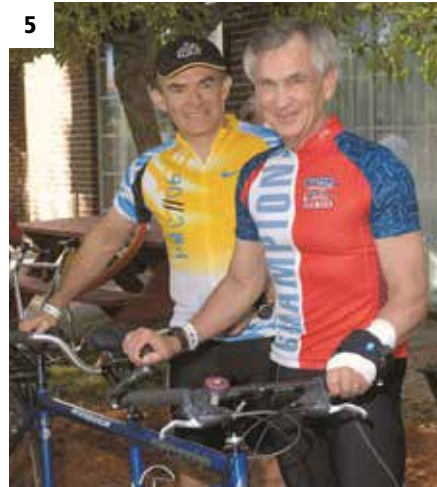
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41,000

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1. Dana-Farber patients are at the heart of Dr. Benz's fierce commitment to our unique, equal focus on research and patient care, and our signature "total patient care." Pictured here, the annual Halloween parade for Jimmy Fund Clinic patients. 2. The Yawkey Center for Cancer Care opened in 2011 with significant input from patients and their families, thanks to Dr. Benz. 3. Celebrating our partnership with the New England Patriots, with Institute Trustee Robert Kraft (center) and Kraft Family Professor of Medicine Ken Anderson, MD. 4. A passionate advocate who has briefed members of Congress and the White House. 5. Preparing to ride the Pan-Mass Challenge with Harry Holmes, MD. 6. With the two Board of Trustees Chairmen under whom he has served—current Chairman Josh Bekenstein (left) and immediate past Chairman Gary Countryman (right)—and his mentor, President Emeritus David Nathan, MD. 7. At the Molecular Cancer Imaging Facility, which enables scientists to assess the efficacy of treatments within days instead of weeks or months. 8. At the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. 9. The Longwood Center, in which Dr. Benz had the vision to build out several floors to expand our powerful basic research enterprise in cancer chemistry and biology. 10. At the WEEI/NESN Jimmy Fund Radio-Telethon. 11. Receiving his 15-year service award from Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Dorothy Puhly. 12. Kicking off the 60th anniversary of the Boston Red Sox–Jimmy Fund partnership with (from left) then Red Sox president and CEO and Institute Trustee Larry Lucchino, 2013 Jimmy Fund Co-Captain Will Middlebrooks, Jimmy Fund Clinic patient Jonathan, and Wally the Green Monster. 13. An internationally recognized hematologist who will return to research and teaching October 1. 14. With his wife, Margaret Vettese, RN, PhD, at Dana-Farber's Discovery Celebration in Palm Beach.

The Friends of Dana-Farber provide early momentum to Edward J. Benz Jr., MD, Chair

The Friends of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, an all-volunteer organization supporting and fundraising for Dana-Farber, made a most generous \$500,000 gift toward the Edward J. Benz Jr., MD, Chair, helping bring this important initiative to fruition.

"The Friends made this gift in support of the Edward J. Benz Jr., MD, Chair to honor Dr. Benz's generous spirit and commemorate his thoughtful leadership over the last 16 years," said Jennifer Cunningham Butler, who serves as co-president of the Friends with Suzanne Chapman.

"We hope our gift will further Dr. Benz's work and legacy here, celebrating innovation and excellence in research and patient care," said Chapman.

"Dana-Farber is incredibly grateful for the ongoing partnership, leadership, and vision of the Friends over the course of 40 years," said Benz. "I am humbled and honored by this generous gift to support our shared mission to conquer cancer."

The Friends organization was founded in 1976. Sheila Driscoll Cunningham, mother of Jennifer Cunningham Butler, was founding president. The Friends now

include more than 1,500 dedicated individuals who raise money for Dana-Farber and volunteer at the Institute. The Friends allocate funds toward groundbreaking research projects and programs to benefit patients and their families, in addition to sponsoring an annual Dana-Farber fellow.

"The Friends have had the honor of working closely with Dr. Benz as we support a broad range of Dana-Farber initiatives and programs, from junior researchers on the cutting-edge of new discoveries to gift bags for patients undergoing treatment to non-denominational spiritual health programs," said Chapman.

The Benz Chair will be a powerful tool allowing future Dana-Farber presidents to attract, retain, and support the brightest scientific minds pursuing cutting-edge research, delivering comprehensive patient care, and possessing the "special sauce" that Benz has made a vital part of the Institute community.

"The Friends are dedicated to ensuring the Institute is home to the best and brightest for our patients, and it is our hope that the Benz Chair will be a resource to attract outstanding talent to Dana-Farber," said Cunningham Butler. ■



Members of the board of the Friends of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, which made a leadership gift to the Edward J. Benz Jr., MD, Chair.

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