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BUILDING A FUTURE OF EXCELLENCE



Elliot Chaikof, M.D., Ph.D.

New surgical pavilion will facilitate leading-edge advances

To Elliot Chaikof, M.D., Ph.D., BIDMC's new inpatient building represents more than the sum of its parts. It's a manifestation of the institution's beliefs—an embodiment of its philosophy. "Architecture reflects the values that we hold as important to us, representing our beliefs, and reflecting our aspirations and goals," says Chaikof, chair of the Roberta and Stephen R. Weiner Department of Surgery. "The construction underway is rhetoric in stone. It speaks to our focus on patients, to our deep commitment to excellence, and to our continued desire to drive innovation."

Chaikof's surgical team will have a major presence in the new building. As the Beth Israel Lahey Health system's hub for high-acuity care and patients who require the most complex surgical interventions, BIDMC is committed to treating these patients in the most technologically

advanced and modern environment. "The surgical pavilion is absolutely essential to surgeons' ability to repair, reconstruct, and replace, and to provide care of the highest quality to patients," Chaikof says. The pavilion will be made up of eight state-of-the-



art operating rooms, each providing the optimal environment to support a diverse range of procedures. Several of these will be hybrid operating rooms—versatile spaces that not only contain the most advanced

equipment and technology, but are easily adaptable to accommodate a wide array of surgeries and procedures. The surgical pavilion will also feature a welcoming reception desk, which will be named for Laura and Geoffrey S. Rehnert, who made a generous gift in support of the new building. "I am remarkably grateful to the visionary donors who are supporting this building, and by extension, our work in surgery," says Chaikof. "Their dedication to this institution's mission enhances everything we do."

Of all the operating rooms' many features and benefits, perhaps the most compelling to Chaikof is their ability to accommodate the ever-growing multidisciplinary teams required to complete some of the most complex and intricate surgeries modern medicine has to offer. "More and more, the types of challenges that we're taking on in the operating room are bringing diverse teams together: head and neck surgeons with neurosurgeons, plastic surgeons and surgical oncologists, cardiothoracic surgeons with vascular surgeons, and the list goes on and on," says Chaikof, explaining

that these teams require several elements to operate effectively: tools, technology, and most importantly, space. Whereas most technologies require less space as they advance, many of the latest surgical tools require more space. The operating rooms in the new inpatient building are built to accommodate this. "These more spacious rooms will greatly enhance our teams' ability to seamlessly interact. To have an environment that improves collaboration among nurses, doctors, staff, and technologists will have an enormous impact at BIDMC, in our community, and beyond."

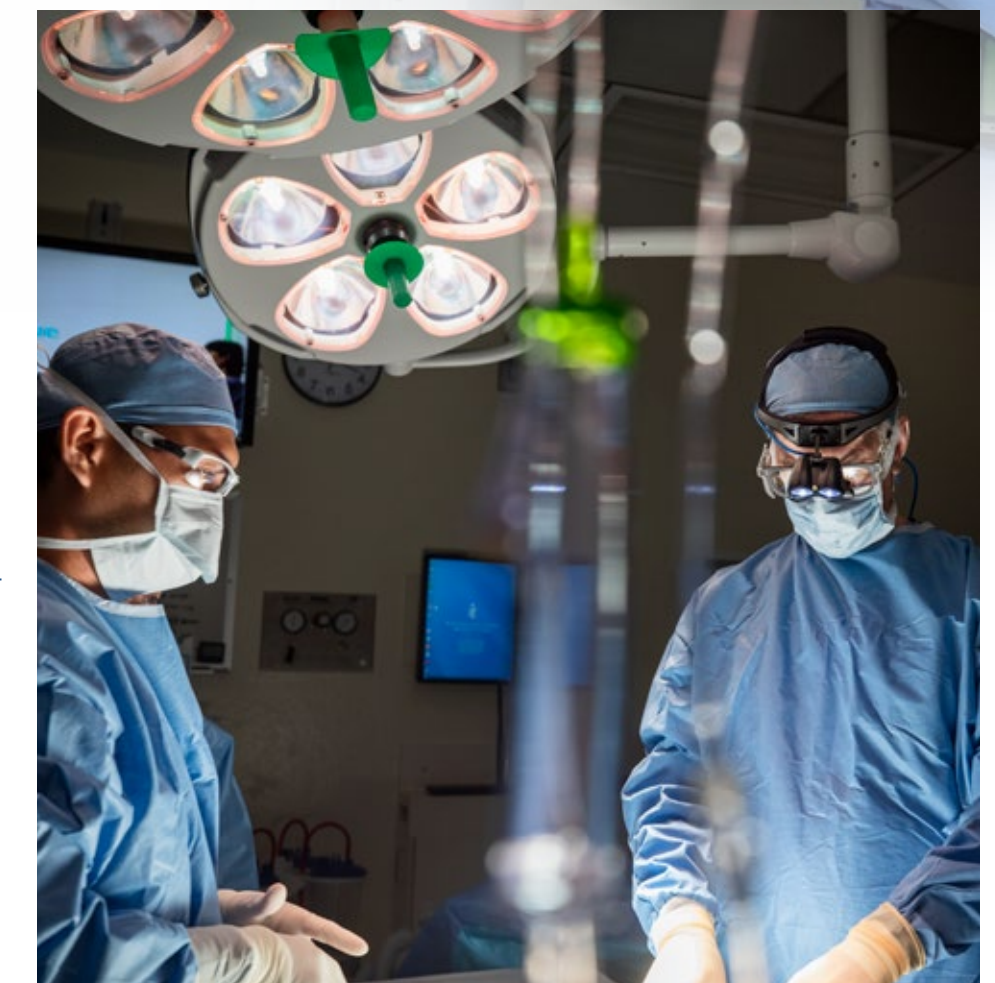
Because the building's construction will take several years, most of its equipment has yet to be purchased. Many of these surgical tools and technologies are in a state of continuing evolution. Over time, technology will advance—and these new innovations will be at the center of the building's new operating rooms. Although not all of these innovations are fully defined, Chaikof is certain they will enhance not only BIDMC's clinical outcomes, but its staff's ability to be efficient, effective, nimble, and to make the very best use of precious resources. "The surgeries we perform are exceedingly complex, and therefore, the equipment we use is becoming increasingly intricate," says Chaikof. Among these are leading-edge imaging tools that allow his team to perform minimally invasive surgery to reduce our footprint of care; surgical robots that assist surgeons in performing precise procedures; and new technology that not only enables advanced patient monitoring during surgery, but also monitors the function and interactions of the

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entire operative team. "Monitoring the patient during surgery is standard practice. Monitoring the performance of the surgical team, however, is novel and ensures that we optimize the entire environment so that each team member is 'operating' at his or her full potential," says Chaikof.

In addition to their ability to house multidisciplinary staff performing the most complex surgeries and procedures imaginable, the new building's operating rooms will be what Chaikof calls 'learning laboratories.' Simply put, they will be hotspots for innovation and education. "As a top Harvard Medical School teaching hospital, education is our business," says Chaikof. "We are providing great patient care, yes, but we also have the distinct privilege of educating and preparing future leaders in medicine." The ability for residents and fellows to operate alongside pioneers like Chaikof in these brand new, high-tech facilities will enhance their training and drive their learning potential to new heights—as individuals and within teams. In his view, young trainees are not the only ones who benefit from this 'learning laboratory' model. "Part of this new building is to facilitate a curious, inquisitive environment in which every single member of the team is constantly innovating by embracing new tools and approaches and by challenging themselves and everyone around them to provide



the very best care to patients," says Chaikof. "To really embrace lifelong learning, this building will allow us to better understand what we're doing currently and why, and what we should be doing better by asking difficult, but important, questions." By introducing new technology in a safe, thoughtful, and creative manner and continually questioning current team practices and processes—Why are we doing it this way? What if we tried it another way?—Chaikof aims to turn each interaction with a patient into an opportunity to improve the next.

Few people are as enthusiastic as Chaikof is about this new building's surgical potential—and the

philosophy it represents. "On so many different levels, this building is an important crucible of care, as a way to bring people together; to help us teach, innovate, and discover; to help us study our processes; to serve our community as never before," he says. "We are delivering on what it means to be part of the new Beth Israel Lahey Health system. Within this new system and this new building, we function as a focal point for exceptional care, with an opportunity to do things differently than anyone has done in Massachusetts before, or anywhere else for that matter." ■

LETTER

from Kris



Kristine C. Laping (right) with
BIDMC President Peter J. Healy

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Dear Reader,

The Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center name is synonymous with excellence. As a world-class, Harvard-affiliated academic medical center, we not only provide superior clinical care, but we continually define and shape the field of medicine through our academic mission, leading-edge teaching, and biomedical research.

The Office of Development's goal is to sustain and continue our legacy of excellence in healthcare, and I am so proud to report that we raised more than \$72 million in Fiscal Year 2019. Perhaps even more significantly, we have raised nearly \$95 million for the construction of the state-of-the-art new inpatient building on our West Campus, which we officially broke ground on in June 2019 (see photos from this event on the back cover). This new facility—opening in 2023—will offer the most sophisticated environment modern medicine has to offer. With this ambitious project already well underway, we are quite literally building BIDMC's future of excellence.

This issue of *Giving Matters* is focused on the new inpatient building and the generous donors who are making its construction possible—including families who have supported BIDMC's mission for generations. In this issue, you will read about two couples who came together to name Boston's premier outdoor healing garden (page 6). You will get an in-depth look at the new building's thoughtful design, construction, and features (page 10). You will learn about innovative advances in surgery (page 2) and cardiovascular medicine (page 16) that will take place within the new building. And you will read about pioneers, board leaders, BID babies, forward thinkers, and world champions—all of whom are leaving legacies at BIDMC. It is through their immense generosity, vision, and dedication that we continue to build our future of excellence.

On behalf of the medical center and the patients and families we serve, thank you for being a member of the BIDMC family.

Sincerely,
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BUILDING BOSTON'S FUTURE

Douglas T. Linde

A family's major gift breaks new ground

As BIDMC builds its future—both literally and figuratively—one family has been building Boston for decades: the Lindes. Just as they have played an integral role in the city's growth, the Linde family has been essential in the medical center's development. As president of Boston Properties, a large real estate investment trust, member of the Board of Trustees of Beth Israel Lahey Health, and co-chair of the *Where Extraordinary Lives* campaign at BIDMC, Douglas T. Linde is passionate about BIDMC's signature brand of state-of-the-art care. "I was a BI baby," says Doug with pride. "This is where my family goes for all their care. It's where my grandparents received their care. BIDMC has been part of our lives for generations." And now, the Lindes are cementing their role in the medical center's future with a generous gift from the Linde Family Foundation to support BIDMC's new inpatient building.

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Douglas T. Linde

Following in the footsteps of his parents, who have been dedicated to the institution for more than four decades, Doug became involved with BIDMC in 2006. His father, the late Edward Linde, formerly served as chair of the board of Beth Israel Hospital. During his tenure as a

BIDMC trustee, Doug provided valuable insight and expertise with a particular focus on helping to strengthen operations at the medical center. "During that time, the hospital reached a place in its development where it could support a large capital investment, which was exciting," says Doug. "A new building was what BIDMC needed most."

When his three Board of Trustees terms—spanning the course of nine years—came to an end, Doug continued to be actively involved as a trustee emeritus. "BIDMC is at a pivotal point. Now that we are effectively a system, we are focused on caring for the entire population of Eastern Massachusetts," says Doug. "As the epicenter of that system, where all the most complex patients will be treated, BIDMC's role is paramount. Our capital plan and this new facility are critical for our long-term success."

Doug was not only driven to partner with BIDMC because of his family's longstanding commitment, but also because of the pressing need to support medical institutions. "Healthcare is vital to the U.S. economy, to our cities, and to our families. And yet, hospitals across the nation struggle to make ends meet," says Doug, pointing out BIDMC's continued strength in a competitive marketplace. "So this building isn't about BIDMC getting bigger. It's about being smarter and more thoughtful about healthcare delivery. It's about creating the most efficient, effective, productive building that will give our patients the very best opportunity to get well."

Thanks in part to the generosity of the Linde Family Foundation and to Doug's passion, time, and dedication as a board leader, the new facility won't just be a place where people can receive excellent care—it will also provide the highest level of service to maximize the patient experience. "I am grateful to everyone who helped fund this remarkable building," says Doug. "It's an honor to carry on my family's legacy with an institution that is so important to the community, to the long-term prosperity of the city, and to so many patients and families." ■



Bill and Lynn Kargman

Creating COMMUNITY

Major gift names new building's garden courtyard

Lynn and Bill Kargman have a long history of creating communities. As a leader in the affordable housing industry, Bill has spent nearly 50 years turning apartment buildings into shared communities of neighbors, with the underlying belief that no matter their means, everyone deserves a comfortable place to live. Lynn, a decades-long member of the medical center's leadership—serving on BIDMC's Leadership Board and its executive council and previously as a trustee of Beth Israel Hospital—embodies the concept of community through her deep commitment to the medical center's mission to provide superior healthcare to every patient.

It was this communal spirit that inspired the Kargmans to make a generous gift in support of BIDMC's new inpatient building to name the healing garden's courtyard. Gracing the center of an outdoor oasis on the sixth floor, this peaceful space will enable patients and family members to gather, relax, and find solace. "We wanted to provide patients and families with a quiet, healing environment away from the hustle and bustle of the hospital," says Bill, who was motivated to support the courtyard in honor of his wife's longstanding service to BIDMC. "Daily walks outdoors bring Lynn so much joy, so making this gift was natural for us."

Married in 1967, the couple has consistently focused on community in both their professional lives and in volunteer endeavors. Bill began his career as a public defender while Lynn worked in advertising at Harvard University Press and subsequently managed the *Harvard Health Letter*. Following her successful career, Lynn continued to pursue her passion for health by actively supporting Beth Israel Hospital as a volunteer, community leader, and donor. In 1971, Bill took over the management of his family's development company, First Realty Management, which was the first provider of affordable housing in New England.

"I grew up not far from here, and I remember playing with children from different backgrounds who lived on different streets," says Bill. "We all came together in the public park." This fond memory prompted him to add recreational rooms to his company's buildings and launch resident activity programs to encourage residents to interact. Bill's community-focused approach became an industry model, and in 1990, he founded the National Affordable Housing Management Association, which created a national program to recognize communities of quality. "Lynn and I know firsthand the importance of creating spaces where people can find enjoyment and form relationships," he says. "We strongly believe that just like housing, access to extraordinary treatment and healthcare facilities should be available to all people, regardless of their circumstances. That's why this new inpatient building is so important." ■

THE GARDEN THAT HEALS

Two BIDMC families partner to name Boston's premier rooftop garden

Contemplation. Renewal. Joy. That's what takes place in Carol F. Anderson's garden. "Whether I am planting or harvesting or observing the resident bluebird couple, my garden is my sanctuary," says the Board of Trustees chair. "It is where I appreciate the wonders of nature and the cycle of life." When Carol and her husband, Howard, were deciding how best to support BIDMC's new inpatient building, they found themselves inextricably drawn to the rooftop healing garden. Set on naming the space—a place that signifies relaxation, rest, and friendship—they were inspired to approach their friends Midge and Tom DeSimone and ask them to partner in the endeavor. Together, the two couples have made a generous \$6 million gift to support the new building. With this support, the beautiful outdoor oasis that will bear

their names—one of the city's only hospital rooftop healing gardens—will forever link these four key BIDMC leaders.

In the words of Tom, Board of Trustees vice chair and co-chair of the *Where Extraordinary Lives* campaign,

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Carol F. Anderson

the course of events that allied the two couples was 'kismet.' "Coming together to do something for the hospital that we all love, something that was really going to be different,

was almost like fate," says Tom, who grew up appreciating gardens because his late mother, like Carol, was an avid gardener. "The inpatient building is a vitally important part of the medical center's future, so this is where Midge and I wanted to focus. There's no other hospital in the city that will have a garden that is as significant and integrated."

Located on the roof that will connect the Rosenberg Building to the new inpatient facility, the garden will offer patients and families an opportunity to take in fresh air and focus on their physical and emotional health. "Scientific research has demonstrated the positive impact of the natural world on people's moods and well-being," says Midge. "A serene and inviting space where people can relax is invaluable in a stressful hospital setting, and that was appealing to us." Among the garden's many features will be a private space with direct access to the intensive care unit, providing solace for patients and family members who are facing challenging medical circumstances. "We were comforted to think that patients and caregivers would be

able to find peace and refuge through this unique outdoor space," says Howard, who Carol calls an 'apple-picker extraordinaire'; he donates hundreds of bushels each year to local food pantries.

For the Andersons and the DeSimones, the opportunity to play a role in the creation of the new building is both an honor and a duty. "I truly think that people who have been successful should support endeavors outside of themselves," says Tom. "It's your personal responsibility to find a cause that you can be committed and loyal to. For us, BIDMC provides that with its long history of compassion and excellent patient care."

The Andersons and DeSimones are equally devoted to the betterment of their community. In Carol's view, the building is essential to continuing BIDMC's status as a world-class medical center. "This structure is inspired by the patients we serve and will provide an unparalleled environment for them," says Carol. "Integral to that goal is the healing garden." ■

Howard M. Anderson (left), Carol F. Anderson (left center), Tom DeSimone (right center), Midge DeSimone (right)

Q&A

Walter Armstrong

Senior Vice President of Capital Facilities and Engineering

With a longstanding career committed to managing large-scale capital projects in urban environments, Walter Armstrong is responsible for master facilities planning, design, and construction at BIDMC. He oversees everything from planning and permitting to construction and maintenance operations across the medical center's 2.8 million square feet of building space.

What is your role in BIDMC's new inpatient building project?

My job is pretty straightforward: I am responsible for delivering a high-quality building that meets the needs of our patients, their families, and our staff while staying within budget and on schedule. Luckily, I have a very talented team. They have the skills and experience to work collaboratively with the BIDMC community and outside experts to design and build a project of this magnitude.

How are you ensuring the building best meets the needs of patients, families, and staff?

Each of these groups was deeply involved in the planning process to address every facet of the building's operations—clinical functions, maintenance, food preparation, and more. Our patient, family, and staff advisors put a tremendous amount of time and effort into enabling us to design a healing environment specifically for BIDMC. Their ideas influenced everything from patient room layouts, to furnishings, to collaborative work spaces for our clinicians.

What are some of your favorite building features?

I have so many it's difficult to choose, but there are two elements that resonate strongly with me. I think it's so important that all patient rooms, including ICU rooms, will have a comfortable space for families and visitors to be



with their loved ones. I am also very excited about the many ways in which the building interacts with the natural environment to provide a feeling of respite—whether it is the spectacular rooftop healing garden, the views of Boston's Emerald Necklace parkland, or the landscaping that surrounds the building.

How does philanthropy factor into the construction of this new building?

The new building could never happen without it! Healthcare buildings are complex and very costly. If you look back at BIDMC's history, you can see that each generation of the hospital community has stepped up to support a major new campus building. This says something quite remarkable to me about the generosity of our community and about the important role that BIDMC plays within it. This building is our generation's way of continuing that profound, longstanding commitment to extraordinary patient care. ■

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GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY

Major gift names new building's main lobby

BIDMC's longstanding commitment to equality and inclusion is a point of pride for Marilyn and André Danesh, Ph.D. The institution's history of service to Boston's Jewish clinicians and patients, as well as its current-day practice of serving patients of all backgrounds and advocating for the underserved, deeply resonates with the Daneshes, who were inspired to support the medical center with a generous \$10 million gift for the new inpatient building. With this commitment, they will name the main lobby, which will warmly welcome all patients, families, and visitors and serve as the gateway to BIDMC's transformative care. "We are excited to share a piece of our legacy with the medical center that has changed so many lives for the better, and that will continue to do so for generations in this incredible new building," says André, who is a trustee advisor emeritus.

That the Daneshes would develop a long and meaningful tradition of philanthropy was only natural—giving back is an intrinsic part of their heritage. Growing up in Iran before World War II, André observed his father and grandfather fund the creation of a hospital in their home city of Borujerd. Never forgetting their generosity, André keeps his childhood experiences top of mind when making decisions about his own philanthropy. Growing up in Colorado, Marilyn, too, was shaped by a household infused with volunteerism. "BIDMC's history demonstrates a dedication to the local community that is reminiscent of our families' own past," she says. "So we are happy to be able to invest in the hospital's future."

This model of commitment would stay with André as he built his success from the ground up. "I came to America in my youth with only \$67 and a Persian carpet, but I was able to get an education and become successful," says André, who against all odds became a chemistry professor and ultimately an investor. "I am very proud of my adopted country, which has given me freedom of religion and the ability to pay it forward." He and his

wife decided they wanted to pass on a respect for their humble beginnings and a deeply rooted tradition of helping others, with their parents' particular focus on healthcare institutions. "It isn't important to me to have material wealth," says Marilyn. "We are more interested in giving back to our area. We've always said, 'What can we do in Boston? How we can help our own community?'"

The couple's gift couldn't have come at a better time to have a community impact as the medical center constructs the new state-of-the-art facility to care for diverse patients and families from across New England, the nation, and beyond. Designed with input from all BIDMC constituencies—including patients, families, staff,



Architectural rendering of the new building's main lobby

physicians, and community members—the building will truly represent all those who provide and receive care there every day. "This is going to be one of the most modern and sophisticated hospital buildings in the country," says André. "We are very proud to be part of it and we are humbled to support our community in this way." ■



BUILDING A FUTURE OF EXCELLENCE

BIDMC breaks new ground with
West Campus inpatient facility

Embracing its new role as the hub for complex care within the Beth Israel Lahey Health system, BIDMC's effort to construct the city's most advanced medical facility is well underway, with plans to welcome its first patients in 2023.

This remarkable new facility will modernize and upgrade the medical center's environment to enable it to respond to the increasingly acute needs of our patients, while training and cultivating the physician-leaders of tomorrow.

Situated on BIDMC's West Campus at the corner of Brookline Avenue and Francis Street, this building will serve as the new gateway to the prestigious Longwood Medical Area, perpetuating BIDMC's status as a world-class academic medical center and leading Harvard Medical School teaching hospital. Reflecting BIDMC's deep commitment to patient-centered care, every aspect of the new inpatient building was designed to meet the ever-evolving needs of those it serves, with architects incorporating valuable feedback from the staff who treat patients every day.

"The harmonious combination of innovation and thoughtfulness is evident in our new building's design and will attract patients from around the globe who seek our distinctive brand of medicine," says Peter J. Healy, president of BIDMC. "It will also allow us to maintain our competitive edge in the Boston-area healthcare marketplace by helping us attract and retain the best and the brightest physicians and staff."

It doesn't stop there. This exciting project will not only elevate BIDMC, but will also make a meaningful impact on the city at large. In addition to the building's construction, the medical center will invest in community-based health initiatives, partner with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, and contribute to pedestrian and cyclist improvements along the Riverway and Brookline Avenue.



Sarah Holton, senior facilities space planner at BIDMC (left), and Susan Blomquist, associate principal at Payette (right), along with their teams, joined forces to design the new inpatient building.

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For patients, by patients

BIDMC is building its new facility to stand the test of time, not just structurally, but in how it will function to meet patients' changing needs. To ensure this, the design team prioritized patient input.

"We gathered feedback from hundreds of hospital stakeholders including clinicians, patients and families, staff, and leadership, in addition to community groups and city regulatory agencies," says Patricia Folcarelli, R.N., Ph.D., vice president for Health Care Quality. "The result will be a structure suited to our unique needs and built to reflect our equally unique culture of compassion and respect."

In addition to 158 new inpatient beds and public and family spaces, the building will include an inpatient pavilion, a surgical pavilion housing eight state-of-the-art operating rooms, an intensive care center, and four cardiac procedure rooms—all designed to maximize the patient experience. "BIDMC cares for the most high-risk, vulnerable patients, so seeking their input was truly paramount to our design process," says Marsha Maurer, D.N.P., R.N., Cynthia and Robert J. Lepofsky Chief Nursing Officer and senior vice president for Patient Care Services.

Safety first

Inside the building, improved room layouts, updated lighting, and multi-purpose workstations will allow clinicians to continually monitor and communicate with patients. All inpatient and intensive care unit rooms will be outfitted with overhead patient lifts for enhanced safety. Highly advanced drug dispensaries and documentation areas will ensure greater accuracy. A brand new emergency helipad and bridge to the Berenson Emergency Department will prioritize the safety of our critically ill patients. Even the building's floors will be safer—their seamless edges will prevent the spread of bacteria and their firm but flexible material will minimize injuries due to falls while providing relief to staff who are on their feet all day.

"With innovations in infection control and leading-edge technology in this new facility, we will be poised to make enormous strides in quality and safety," says Anthony Weiss, M.D., M.B.A., chief medical officer. "It will offer us



new opportunities to promote interaction, foster teamwork, and encourage efficiency while being flexible enough to adapt to our patients' needs over time."

Tech in mind

Imagine using virtual personal assistants and digital whiteboards to provide timely updates to patients, or bedside video conferencing to connect with physicians or loved ones anywhere in the world. The new inpatient building will be able to accommodate these innovations and more.

"Hospitals must be smart and able to evolve with new technologies," says Manu Tandon, M.B.A., M.P.A., chief information officer. "The level of digital connectivity in the new building will enable us to better understand patient, family, and clinician behavior and will allow our team to design apps and operating systems accordingly. Clinicians and researchers will be able to access data from patients and procedures in real time to inform medicine and improve outcomes."

A world-class experience

The building's spacious single-patient rooms will create a restful environment with comfortable furniture, designated space for families, and quiet and efficient ventilation systems. With bright, welcoming public areas, soaring lobbies, and a translucent sky bridge connector—all featuring open floorplans and soothing colors—the building will be as modern as it will be aesthetically pleasing. Patients, visitors, and staff can unwind outdoors in the rooftop healing garden or within the building's



spaces for staff respite. With no detail too small, even the facade will be healing, complementing the Emerald Necklace with sandstone-colored terracotta and glazed green tiles—contributing to an improved experience for patients, staff, and passersby alike.

"Studies have shown that well-designed, calming, and appealing clinical environments can reduce pain, improve outcomes, and enhance the patient and staff experience," says Healy. "Operating and procedure rooms will be optimized to treat even the most complex diseases, allowing for centralized procedures and advanced technology within the hospital, which supports both patient comfort and staff efficiency. Enhancing the staff experience is critical to providing superior patient care."

Next generation

As part of BIDMC's commitment to its education and research mission, conference centers in the new inpatient building will be multidisciplinary hubs for collaboration, providing additional teaching spaces for faculty to interact with medical students, residents, and staff. "In a renewal of our allegiance to education as a leading Harvard Medical School teaching hospital, the entire building will foster a culture of learning and collaboration," says Gyongyi Szabo, M.D., Ph.D., chief academic officer. "Moreover, our identity as a Harvard hospital provides an unparalleled opportunity to focus on a full range of patient-centered research—from basic discoveries to the development of new therapies, healthcare delivery models, population health science research, and more. The new building will be instrumental to our mission to be a source of world-class research and education."

Within the building, the latest video conferencing technologies will connect BIDMC to the Beth Israel Lahey Health system and to the world, enabling enhanced communication via telemedicine. Patient rooms and surgical suites will create ideal environments for our clinicians to conduct research and education. Open spaces throughout the facility will encourage interactions among clinicians and researchers that lead to shared ideas and cross-disciplinary projects—and ultimately, better care.

System-wide

Through the establishment of Beth Israel Lahey Health, BIDMC will serve more patients than ever before across Massachusetts and beyond. "As a prominent part of the Beth Israel Lahey Health (BILH) system, BIDMC is making an impact on a much broader scale," says Kevin Tabb, M.D., president and CEO of BILH. "This building is vital to our success—not just as an institution, but as the state's premier integrated healthcare system. It will embody our ambitious, interconnected, and patient-centered approach to the future of healthcare delivery." ■



NEW INPATIENT BUILDING FAST FACTS

10 stories
345,000 square feet



4 cardiology procedure rooms



128 inpatient beds

30 intensive care unit beds



7 operating rooms

1 hybrid operating room





Edward Ladd

Preparing BIDMC for tomorrow's challenges

An avid humanitarian, Edward “Ted” Ladd is intently focused on the future with one question in mind—what more can he do? With a deeply personal approach that has become his hallmark, the vice chair of BIDMC’s Board of Trustees has granted his leadership and guidance to the medical center for the past three decades. “BIDMC is absolutely essential to healthcare delivery in Massachusetts,” says Ted. “We’ve got excellent clinical outcomes, innovative discovery, and superb medical education. I have enormous pride in the institution and feel honored to play a small part in its success.” And now, he’s propelling BIDMC’s future forward with a \$2.2 million gift to its new inpatient building.

Stewarding the work of BIDMC during this exciting time of growth and change is not the only thing on Ted’s plate. He also serves on the board of eight nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping Boston thrive. Like BIDMC, each benefits from Ted’s forward-thinking approach. Embracing his role as caretaker of the future, Ted travels across the world as part of his mission to protect Boston from the harrowing effects of climate change, bringing valuable knowledge home with him.

Despite multiple efforts focused locally and around the globe, Ted has a single passion. “The central challenge of our time is the allocation of our resources between the present and the future,” says Ted, who is unequivocally focused on the latter. “In my opinion, the future always gets starved.” He applies this philosophy when encouraging others to support the medical center’s future. “Being an academic medical center of the highest caliber, BIDMC delivers world-class healthcare today, but tomorrow is going to bring unprecedented challenges. We sit poised to overcome them and shape a new paradigm in healthcare, and to do so, our facilities need to be leading-edge. That’s why this building is vital,” says Ted.

It’s a task that will require extraordinary support, and Ted believes the community will answer the call. “I am shameless in asking others to give to this important undertaking because I am passionate about BIDMC’s future. We have an ambitious goal, and we are going to make it happen,” Ted says with optimism. What part of the future is he most looking forward to? Walking through those brand new doors. ■

Charting a course for SUCCESS

When Lois Silverman Yashar made the decision to attend Beth Israel Hospital’s School of Nursing nearly 60 years ago, she embarked on a relationship with the institution that would deeply influence her life’s course. “From that point on, Beth Israel and BIDMC became part of my family and have taught me valuable lessons about organizations, about leadership, and about giving back,” says Lois, BIDMC trustee emerita and a leader in Boston’s business community. Over the decades, her generosity and involvement have helped chart the medical center’s course. With a gift of \$1 million for the new inpatient building, Lois and her husband, James J. Yashar, M.D., continue their long legacy of philanthropic support.

“My husband, Jim, trained at Beth Israel as a surgical resident, coincidentally at the same time that I was training as a student nurse,” says Lois, who in 2005 became the first female chair of BIDMC’s Board of Trustees and in 2007 named the Silverman Institute for Health Care Quality and Safety. “Jim and I didn’t cross paths then, but we share similar, positive memories of our experiences.” Both Lois and Jim feel strongly that the quality of clinical care at BIDMC is extraordinary and the caregivers who practice at the medical center are unparalleled. “We believe that the construction of the new building sends a message to the community that BIDMC is strong, that it continues to grow, and that its future is bright,” says Jim.

Lois has always taken an active role in her philanthropic commitments, having served on every BIDMC board committee, including as chair of the BIDMC Foundation, the Board of Trustees committee responsible for overseeing philanthropy at the

medical center. In appreciation of her service as chair of the Board of Trustees, the medical center named the Lois E. Silverman Department of Nursing in her honor.

“BIDMC has always been there for me and my family. We are extremely grateful to the doctors, nurses, and staff,” says Lois. “Our gift to support the new inpatient building is our way of saying thank you.” ■



Lois Silverman Yashar and James J. Yashar, M.D.



Candice and Howard Wolk

FOCUSED on family

As accomplished as Candice and Howard Wolk are individually, their proudest achievement as a couple on one sunny morning in August was being the first guests to arrive at Canobie Lake Park. For Candice, a former director of sales, and Howard, BIDMC trustee advisor emeritus and co-president of The Cross Country Group LLC, this was the perfect day. The Wolk’s promptness had earned them the privilege of serving as ribbon cutters to the park’s entrance that morning, much to the delight of their twin daughters. “Candice and I relish in our family,” says Howard, who finds the most pleasure in simple moments like this one. “That’s what it’s all about for us.”

When the Wolk’s daughters were born at the medical center in 2011,

their devotion to the institution was already firmly in place, but the experience certainly added to it. “BIDMC is a world-class medical facility that has everything and it’s where our family was created,” Candice says. Keeping the institution competitive on a global scale is one of many reasons for the Wolk’s latest gift of \$2 million to support the new inpatient building. With this gift, the couple will name the elevator lobby located on the first floor.

Howard, who has been honored by BIDMC for his longtime dedication and leadership, was initially introduced to the medical center by his late cousin and mentor, Theodore “Ted” Cutler. “The people I interact with at BIDMC are beyond inspiring. It’s humbling to be a part of this community,” says Howard, mentioning Lois Silverman Yashar, Alan Rottenberg, Ted Ladd, Kevin Tabb, M.D., and others he has worked with during more than a decade of

involvement with BIDMC. According to the Wolk’s, the quality of the people at BIDMC is paramount to it being the highly regarded institution it is today. It’s also a significant impetus for their support of the new inpatient building. Howard points out that it is no small matter to be the hospital that trains one-third of the Harvard Medical School faculty. “BIDMC has incredibly talented doctors, nurses, and researchers. The environment in which they operate

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Howard Wolk

matters,” Candice explains. “To continue to recruit and retain the best talent, you need the best facilities and the best culture.”

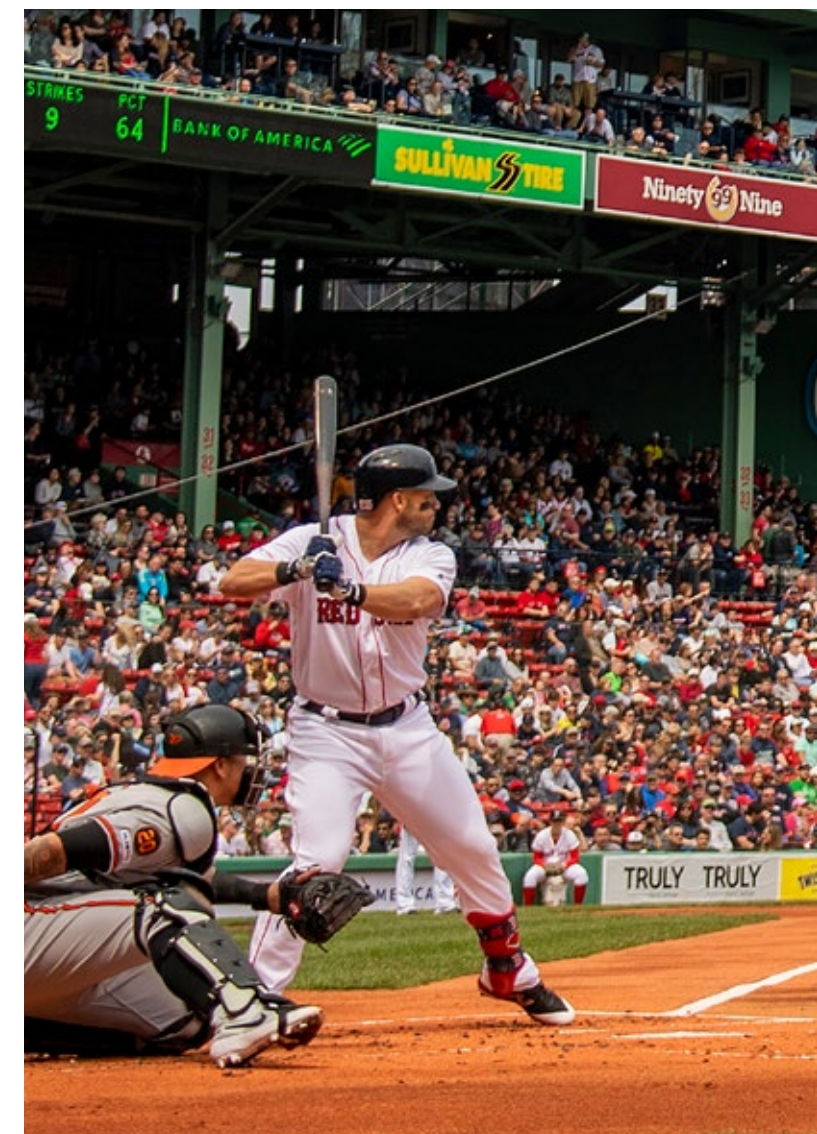
The Wolk’s see the new building’s private rooms, state-of-the-art facilities, and technological sophistication as essential. “It is our privilege to support one of the best medical institutions across the globe,” says Howard. “That is exactly the legacy we want to leave for our daughters.” ■

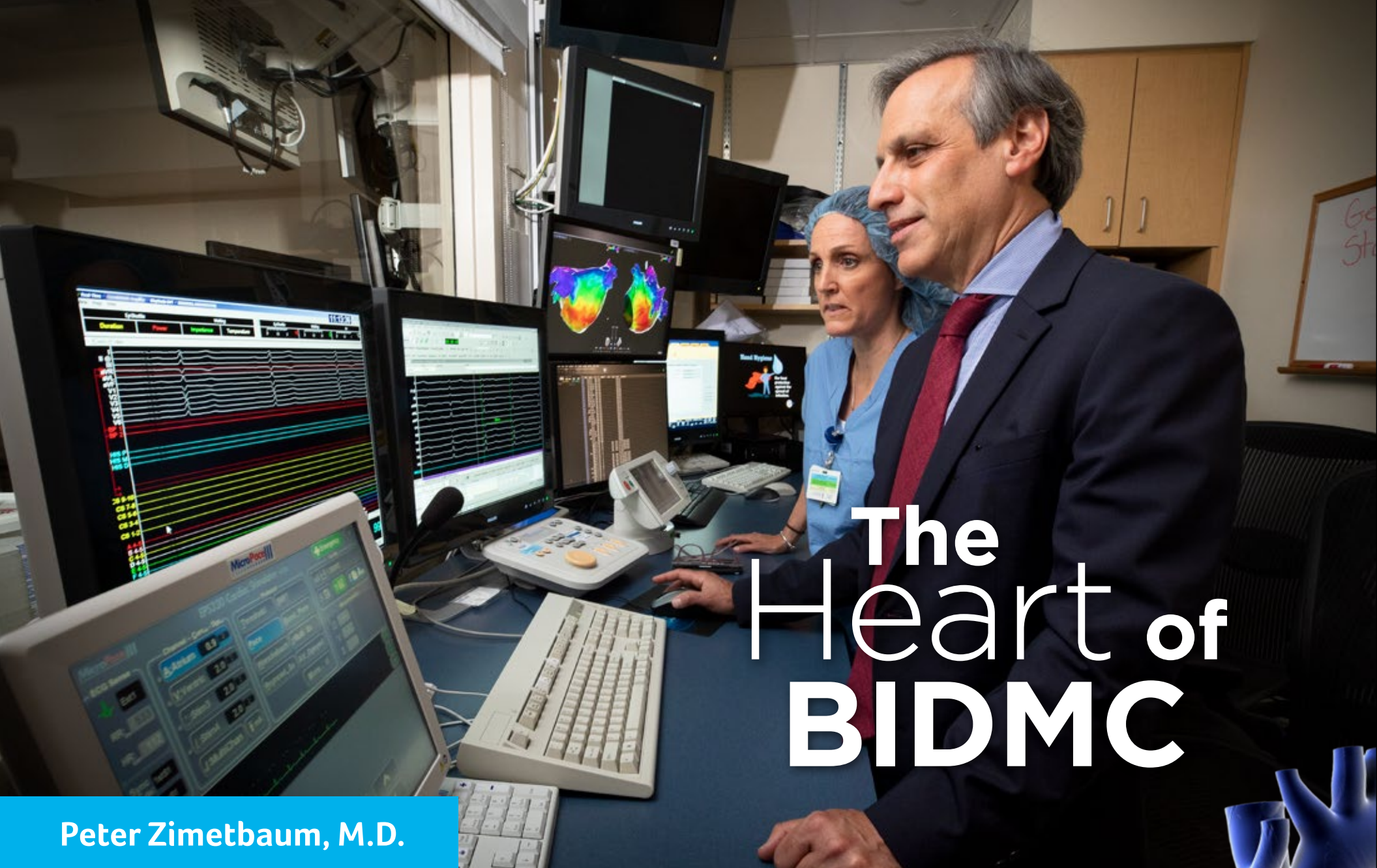
HITTING IT out of the park

Throughout their long history together, the Boston Red Sox organization and BIDMC have shared a special bond as neighbors. While one is winning championships in Fenway Park, the other, just down the street, is providing championship-caliber care to players and fans alike. “BIDMC has been a tremendous supporter of our club for nearly 20 years,” says Troup Parkinson, executive vice president of Corporate Partnerships of the Boston Red Sox Baseball Club Limited Partnership. “The hospital provides remarkable service, delivering the best care to players and fans for decades.” Adds Samuel Kennedy, president and CEO of the Boston Red Sox and BIDMC trustee advisor: “People from across the globe visit Fenway Park—it’s a rite of passage for many. As an academic medical center of excellence, with doctors who are the best in their field, BIDMC is similar in that it attracts patients from all over the world.”

In appreciation of the extraordinary care provided by BIDMC, and to invest in their shared community, the Boston Red Sox Baseball Club Limited Partnership made a generous gift to BIDMC’s new inpatient building. It is exactly the kind of impact that the club is looking to make off the field. “Not only are we neighbors in the Fenway neighborhood, but we have both played a key role in the area’s prosperity,” says Parkinson, noting that BIDMC and the Red Sox often collaborate to sponsor landmark community endeavors such as the Red Sox Scholars, a college scholarship and enrichment program, and the 9/11 Blood Drive with the American Red Cross. “We have a mutually beneficial partnership; our missions are one and the same.”

With this partnership, the Fenway neighborhood is flourishing—as are the Red Sox and the medical center. “Since we’ve been together, we’ve won four championships,” says Parkinson. “We couldn’t be more proud or fond of our relationship with BIDMC.” ■





The Heart of BIDMC

Peter Zimetbaum, M.D.

New cardiovascular facilities will continue lasting legacy

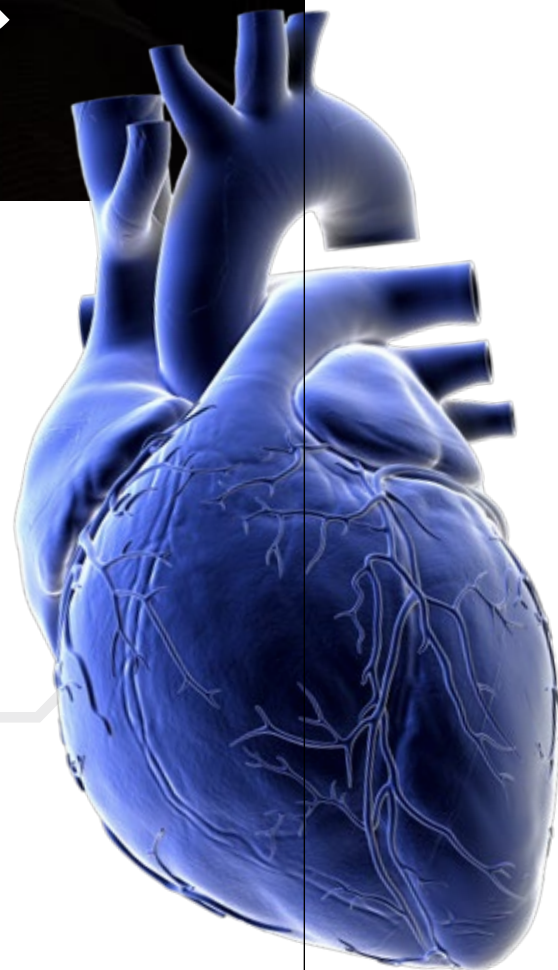
In his 30 years at BIDMC, Peter Zimetbaum, M.D., has seen tremendous growth and development—not to mention change. From his time as a young intern to his current role as associate chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine and director of clinical cardiology, Zimetbaum has been a vital part of one of the medical center's most prominent specialties. With the help of philanthropy, he is poised to continue to transform cardiovascular care for the next generation alongside Chief of Cardiology Robert Gerszten, M.D.

"It's a privilege to work every day in an institution with an enormous legacy in cardiology," says Zimetbaum, alluding to his division's history of pioneering work in electrophysiology, interventional cardiology, and scientific discovery. A national leader in the treatment of structural

heart disease, the division is also at the forefront in the development of new non-surgical procedures for valvular heart disease and evaluating outcomes to improve care. Even considering all the pioneering advances he has witnessed over the years, Zimetbaum believes that now is the most exciting time for cardiology at BIDMC. "We are at a pivotal point where we are doing so many novel, innovative things to redefine our field," he says. "And we are recruiting the best and the brightest from around Massachusetts, nationally, and internationally."

With the construction of a new inpatient building on BIDMC's West Campus, where a large portion of inpatient cardiovascular services will move, BIDMC is literally building on its storied history. And it's the largest change Zimetbaum has seen at the medical center in three decades. "This new building could not possibly come at a better time," he says. "In it, we will have access to state-of-the-art interventional tools in a contemporary environment that resonates with the division's incredible energy and talent." The new building will house brand new cardiac facilities, including both catheterization and electrophysiology laboratories, specialized cardiac procedure rooms, and technologically sophisticated operating rooms designed for collaborative use with multidisciplinary surgeons. In the operating rooms, Gerszten and Zimetbaum's team will perform leading-edge electrophysiology studies, structural heart procedures, surgical ablations, and much more. "Cardiologists have developed new techniques and treatments, such as minimally invasive heart valve procedures, that were not even dreamed of several decades ago, and certainly not when BIDMC's buildings were originally constructed," says Gerszten. "We need new facilities to match the new standards of care—which, in many cases, are being set by our own physicians."

Many things within the division, on the other hand, haven't changed—like the focus on patients above all else. "Something that is vitally important to BIDMC, and to me personally, is that we offer patient-centered care, and that is instilled in everyone here," says Zimetbaum. "Although we're a world-class academic division, we prioritize our responsibility to our patients and our colleagues above all else. We do this in part through incredibly successful multidisciplinary programs. This is



rare, and it distinguishes us from other major academic institutions." Thoughtfully designed to maximize the patient experience, the building delivers in this regard with single rooms that include amenities like sleeping space for loved ones. "Offering a more private setting to facilitate discussions with patients and a more inviting, comfortable physical space really enhances the care we provide to patients and families," says Zimetbaum.

Something else that hasn't changed? The division's culture. "People are incredibly supportive of each other here," says Zimetbaum. "Primarily, our first function is to take care of patients, and afterward, we take care of our colleagues. That generates a tremendous culture

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Peter Zimetbaum, M.D.

of respect, which makes BIDMC a very special place to work." Stemming from the culture, there is also an emphasis on engagement, teamwork, training, and career development for faculty. This has been fostered by Zimetbaum and Gerszten alike and passed along to everyone in the division. "We are invested in our team's success, and certainly we have improved morale as a consequence," he says. "When faculty feel valued and that their work is meaningful, it translates into better patient care."

Another constant in the division is its physicians' and leaders' enduring spirit of innovation. Three years ago, Zimetbaum led the launch of BIDMC's Cardiac Direct Access Unit (CDAC), which he describes as a cardiac urgent care center, a novel concept in the field. Through the CDAC, patients can see a cardiologist, receive immediate care, and avoid an unnecessary emergency room visit. Often, as a result of this timely and efficient treatment, hospital admission is avoided, leading to the unit's tremendous success—and to other hospitals nationwide looking to replicate the CDAC. In the realm of innovation, Zimetbaum is also deeply involved with the Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Center for Outcomes Research in Cardiology, led by Robert Yeh, M.D. There, a talented team of physician-researchers applies novel,

rigorous analytics in combination with profound clinical expertise to evaluate and understand health outcomes. "Through analytics at the highest possible level, the center will be an incredibly valuable tool within the Beth Israel Lahey Health system," says Zimetbaum. "Bobby and his team are playing an integral role in evaluating what's working, what's not, and discerning areas of focus to ultimately advance delivery and outcomes."

Zimetbaum is quick to point out that one cannot discuss innovation in his division without mention of vital support from donors. "Philanthropy is critical to our mission," says Zimetbaum. "It has catalyzed a renaissance in this division and allowed us to accomplish what was once never thought possible." Despite receiving tremendous National Institutes of Health (NIH) support, the division relies on fundraising, which is more flexible in nature. This allows Zimetbaum's team to advance novel ideas like the Smith Center and hire emerging young faculty like Dr. Yeh—investments that traditional funding often won't support. "In order to build programs and to truly innovate, you need philanthropy. Without it, none of this would be possible."



Robert Yeh, M.D. (left), Peter Zimetbaum, M.D. (right)

In an environment with so much transformation, growth, and impact, it's refreshing to know that some things—like a distinct culture and an innovative spirit—are here to stay. "We have always been and will continue to be a very nimble division that tests novel ideas and invests in them when they're working," says Zimetbaum. "It's an honor for me to lead a group of exceptionally talented and driven people who are transforming the field of cardiology, and I look forward to continuing this work in the new state-of-the-art inpatient building." ■

GOING BACK to the beginning



As career-long healthcare professionals, Sherwin and Lois Goodblatt have a special appreciation for what it means to provide extraordinary care. Sherwin will never forget visiting BIDMC for the first time as a cardiology patient in 1974, when a team of warm, patient, and attentive staff answered his every question. The caliber of care impressed him then and is the reason he continues to visit BIDMC today. "When you are a patient at BIDMC, you are treated like royalty," he says.

Already longtime supporters of BIDMC's preeminent Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, the Goodblatts were thrilled to learn that the new inpatient building will feature sophisticated and modern cardiac facilities. In considering their gift, the couple recalled Sherwin's experience as a patient in the catheterization lab, where his care began more than four decades ago. It was only fitting that they committed \$1 million to name a spacious, highly-advanced catheterization lab in the new building. Their support will enable the medical center to facilitate transformational infrastructure upgrades in the new space.

"We want to help more patients access the latest equipment and get the best care, just like we have," says Sherwin. "Lois and I wouldn't go anywhere else." ■



BUILDING ON A FOUNDATION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Lisbeth L. Tarlow and Stephen B. Kay

Major gift names Brookline Avenue garden promenade

Throughout his more than 35 years as a leader of BIDMC and Beth Israel Hospital, Stephen B. Kay has helped position the medical center to thrive, all the while maintaining its longstanding mission to provide outstanding care to all patients. This mission reflects the deeply held belief of the Goldman Sachs senior director and his wife, Lisbeth L. Tarlow, that everyone deserves access to high-quality care—no matter their means or background. Today, with their gift of \$2.5 million to support BIDMC's new inpatient building and name its garden promenade located on the corner of Brookline Avenue and Francis Street, the couple has helped lay an important foundation. The new building will reflect the values they are most passionate about: healthcare equality, inclusion, and social justice.

"BIDMC has always offered state-of-the-art care, but with this new building, it will soon be able to deliver that care in a 21st-century space," says Steve, former chair of the Board of Trustees at both BIDMC and Beth Israel Hospital and the first chair of CareGroup. The building will be a commanding presence in the Boston landscape, outfitted with sophisticated clinical facilities, surgical suites, and research laboratories. But Lis, a Leadership Board member emerita, is quick to point out that

aesthetics alone are not its essence: "The building will be beautiful, yes. But more importantly, it will be a reflection of BIDMC's longstanding principles of compassion, community service, and empathy."

During their long history of involvement, Steve and Lis have witnessed firsthand what makes BIDMC unique among Boston hospitals. "Unfortunately, the healthcare system is not created equal. Often, the most vulnerable patients are left out," says Steve, who is passionate about public health. He cites BIDMC's consistent focus on providing outstanding nursing care and mental health services, supporting immigrant populations, and actively promoting social justice through community health centers as among its most meaningful endeavors. "The values of BIDMC are reflected in the priorities of the institution's remarkable leadership," says Lis. "Both Kevin Tabb and Pete Healy have a deep sense of humanity that we admire."

Sustaining the medical center—and its culture of inclusion—will continue to be a priority for Steve and Lis. "We appreciate that the new building will enhance BIDMC's welcoming environment, and certainly the promenade will play a part in that," says Steve. Adds Lis: "But, at the core, the primary reason that patients will always come to BIDMC is the medical center's extraordinary care and undeniable focus on diversity and providing access to those who need it most." ■

On the RISE

Ronald P. O'Hanley is committed to Boston's greater good. A generous philanthropist and active community leader, the State Street CEO shares his invaluable leadership and business acumen as a member of the Board of Trustees of Beth Israel Lahey Health. In addition, Ron has doubled down on his commitment to BIDMC with a \$2 million gift to the new inpatient building.

"It has been an incredible journey working with our brilliant hospital leaders to establish BIDMC as a center of healthcare excellence in Boston," says Ron. "This building is the next step in elevating the medical center's mission, bringing together senior leadership, clinicians and staff, board members and supporters, and patients and families to create a truly impressive new inpatient building that will stand the test of time."

Similarly, Ron's relationship with BIDMC has stood the test of time. His dedication to the institution began in the early 2000s when he joined the Leadership Board and the Community Benefits Committee, and he has since served in many roles at the medical center, including as vice chair of the Board of Trustees. Sharing in BIDMC's humanitarian philosophy, Ron also works with numerous Boston organizations to advance causes in healthcare policy, education reform, and climate change, among other interests. ■



Ronald P. O'Hanley



Steven N. and Pamela S. Lesser

Leading by EXAMPLE

Pamela S. and Steven N. Lesser know how rewarding it is to be a part of the BIDMC family. Eleven years ago, after suffering an unexpected cardiovascular event, Pam received lifesaving care from the late Mark Josephson, M.D. Ever since, Pam and Steve have been committed BIDMC ambassadors, supporting cardiovascular initiatives and volunteering their time to advance the medical center's mission. And now the couple's generous gift to support the new inpatient building

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Pamela S. Lesser

will advance BIDMC's facilities, propelling all types of care, including cardiovascular. "When you're sick, your surroundings can make a huge

difference in your recuperation," says Pam. "This building was designed to be truly conducive to healing."

For the past decade, the Lessers' engagement has grown right along with the medical center, as BIDMC has expanded clinical programs, made pioneering discoveries, and hired remarkable talent. Having served on the CardioVascular Advisory Committee for ten years, including six years as chair, Pam now provides critical leadership as chair of the Trustee Advisory Board. "BIDMC is such a dynamic place," says Pam. "There is nothing more important than your health, so giving back to the institution that saved my life is a very easy choice."

The new inpatient building is simply the next step in the journey for the pair in their steadfast partnership with BIDMC. In June, a critical milestone was reached with the building's groundbreaking ceremony. "Watching Pam and the other leaders break ground on the new building was very special," says Steve. "Her work with BIDMC is one of the things she enjoys most." Adds Pam: "We are thrilled to be a part of the momentum around this phenomenal new building, and we are honored to be able to support it." ■

TWO of a kind

Kindness isn't something new to Kenneth and Marcia Leibler. It's been a cornerstone of their family for generations. And while they align themselves with BIDMC for many reasons, it's the kindness they see emanating from every aspect of the organization that keeps them invigorated, rewarded, and deeply committed. To them, giving goes much deeper than financial support. Their recent \$1 million gift to name an elevator lobby on an inpatient floor in the new building is critical, but Ken and Marcia also give their talent, time, and heart.

The couple's dedication to BIDMC has deep and powerful roots. "My parents were Holocaust survivors," explains Ken, a trustee advisor emeritus, who has shared his lifetime of financial services expertise as a former president of the American Stock Exchange and current chairman of the Putnam Funds. "The only reason so many of my family members escaped was the courage and compassion of others. My grandparents were hidden in basements of Catholic churches in Italy. My aunts were sent as small children to London through an underground network. Without the kindness of strangers, they wouldn't have survived."



Kenneth and Marcia Leibler

When Ken's family arrived in this country and settled in New York City, his parents became involved with a hospital coincidentally named Beth Israel that served Jewish immigrants. When the couple moved to Boston in 1990, it seemed a natural fit to continue their work locally with Beth Israel Hospital and then BIDMC. "The medical center's tradition of kindness and serving everyone in the community aligns with our own priorities," says Marcia, a Leadership Board member emerita, who for many years taught English as a second language to BIDMC researchers and staff. "It's known for treating people of all backgrounds and means fairly and compassionately—all with a level of care and academic achievement that is exemplary."

Their commitment to the new inpatient building is born from the shared values of inclusion and compassion. "The new building will be state-of-the-art, yet patient-centered," says Ken. "When you're retrofitting old buildings, there are a lot of compromises to be made. But by building from the ground up, BIDMC has the opportunity to incorporate the latest technology in a way that works best for patients—offering excellent care, privacy, peace of mind, and dignity." And that's what it's all about for the Leiblers—beyond treating patients with exceptional care, treating them with exceptional kindness. ■



Michael Hackel and
Danielle F. Remis Hackel

FAMILY Flagship

BIDMC is a place that Danielle F. Remis Hackel, co-chair of the *Where Extraordinary Lives* campaign, and Michael Hackel hold dear, for it represents fond memories of deeply compassionate care. It is where their children were born, where their parents receive care, and where Danielle underwent major surgery. BIDMC has been there for their family, and in turn, Danielle and Michael have become true leaders within the organization. With a gift of \$1 million to name an elevator in the new inpatient building, they are supporting the institution for decades to come and highlighting to their children, Rose and Harris, the importance of giving back.

Danielle and her family have relied on the medical center for more than a decade since she was first diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune disease. “When we heard about the new landmark destination for BIDMC and the Longwood Medical Area right next to our home in Brookline, we knew we should support it,” says Danielle. Adds Michael, “BIDMC is one institution where we want to create a family legacy.”

Having previously served as a trustee advisor and chair of the Leadership Board, Danielle is a trustee and chair of the Foundation. Michael, in addition to being a grateful patient, shares his expertise with the medical center by supporting the monthly amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) Clinic Connection luncheon. This program, spearheaded by grateful patients and Michael’s father, Richard Hackel, connects individuals suffering from ALS and helps them reduce isolation.

The family’s years-long partnership has been invaluable in propelling the medical center’s mission forward. “We are so grateful for the incredible care our family has received for generations,” says Michael, who, with Danielle, is proud to support BIDMC’s next generation with the new inpatient building. Says Danielle, “BIDMC is like our flagship—a place we call home.” ■

A welcoming LEGACY

Major gift names new inpatient building waiting area

Sitting in a conference room in BIDMC’s Feldberg Building, Sarah Salter Levy and Steven D. Levy proudly describe the thrill of recently welcoming their first grandchild. Baby Lillian is now the third generation of the Levy family born at the medical center. She is also part of an institutional legacy with a familiar name: Feldberg. In the early 1960s, her great-great grandfather—and Steven’s grandfather—Morris Feldberg was among a group of Boston business leaders who supported the expansion of the former Beth Israel Hospital. Later, in 1966, the new building was named in recognition of a generous gift from the Feldberg family. Now Steven and Sarah are embarking on a new chapter of this legacy. Their commitment to support the new inpatient building will name the first floor lobby’s waiting area the Levy Lounge.

“I think the new building will be a reflection of the phenomenal people and outstanding care that have consistently been BIDMC’s most important features,” says Steven, trustee advisor and president of Tamarack Investments, Inc. “When you enter the inpatient building, you’re going to immediately feel warmth and comfort, and in naming the Levy Lounge, we wanted to mirror those feelings.”

Just as the Feldberg Building has welcomed generations of BIDMC patients and their families, the Levy Lounge will be an inviting space. “We want it to be a place where people can gather or just relax,” says Sarah, who has actively served the medical center for more than 30 years as a longtime member of the Leadership Board and former president of the Friends of BIDMC, an all-female volunteer group. Among her many areas of support is the development of new programs focused on women’s behavioral health.

“Even as BIDMC is building and expanding, it has maintained the essence of what made it so special 58 years ago when Steven’s grandparents made their first gift,” says Sarah, adding that BIDMC’s commitment to caring for the underserved and treating all patients with compassion and respect are the same values that are important to the Levys today—just as they were to the Feldbergs before them.

The couple is looking forward to celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this coming year, and as their own family continues to grow, Steven and Sarah are proud to give back to their extended family. “BIDMC grabs your heart,” says Sarah. “Once you’re a part of the BIDMC family, it lasts forever.” ■



Sarah Salter Levy
and Steven D. Levy

Supporting an extended FAMILY

Within a few years of immigrating to the Boston area from Italy, Nino Micozzi began to see BIDMC primary care physician Bruce Pastor, M.D. It was the early 1970s—before Nino met his wife Pamela, before the birth of their two sons, and before the couple would go on to launch a highly successful real estate management company. Nearly 45 years later, Nino’s relationship with BIDMC has grown exponentially. Not only do he and Pamela remain patients of Dr. Pastor, but over the decades, the couple has effusively referred a multitude of friends and family members, volunteered, and hosted a private dinner in their home to benefit the medical center. Today, just as they have nurtured their own family, the Micozzis continue to play an integral role in BIDMC’s development with a \$1 million gift to support the new inpatient building and name a family waiting room.

“We have received excellent care from a lot of great people at BIDMC, and it’s always a wonderful experience,” says Nino, CEO and principal of Micozzi Management, Inc., which owns and manages apartment communities throughout Greater Boston and Rhode Island. “My parents required more and more medical attention as they grew older, and BIDMC did an outstanding job of meeting their needs.” Even while



Nino and Pamela Micozzi

maintaining its focus on patient care, he adds, BIDMC has also carefully expanded its world-class research program and specialty treatments. “We feel very good about giving back to an organization that has made such amazing progress.” And with the construction of the new building, this progress continues. “In the past, I don’t think hospitals gave as much consideration to the holistic and social aspects of care,” says Pamela. “In designing this building with a healing garden, an aesthetically

appealing environment, and family-friendly facilities, BIDMC has been particularly sensitive to patients’ comfort and well-being. This is an essential part of the healing process.”

Just as the Micozzis take great pride in their own family, which now includes five grandchildren, they are proud to be part of BIDMC’s growth and expansion. “BIDMC has been there for us for most of our lives,” says Pamela. “We wouldn’t go anywhere else.” ■

A shared HISTORY

Many people gratefully maintain that BIDMC is a significant part of their lives, but Elayne and David Weener take this claim to a whole new level. Having witnessed BIDMC grow into a world-class academic medical center over more than 50 years, David and Elayne have made an additional \$1 million gift toward the new inpatient building. “BIDMC has been a major part of our lives for a long time,” says David.

The Weeners’ history tracks right along with the medical center’s, starting with humble beginnings. The couple met in 1964 on Brookline Avenue. David worked in the former Beth Israel Hospital’s accounting department to put himself through college and Elayne was studying at Simmons College. As their relationship grew, so did their involvement with the institution. David went from volunteering on the finance committee—a role he started in the early 90s and maintains today—to serving on New England Deaconess Hospital’s Leadership



David and Elayne Weener

healthcare need. “We never hesitate to hop on a plane for what we feel is the very best care,” says Elayne.

Although they have been supporting the medical center since 1991, it was the outstanding care David received for lung cancer that prompted the couple’s first major gift in 2007.

“Seeing David get such compassionate care really endeared the institution to me,” says Elayne. David has since been successfully treated for kidney cancer and metastatic melanoma, and Elayne, too, has been the beneficiary of exceptional care at BIDMC. To thank the institution, they decided to name the nursing command center in the new building’s intensive care unit, which will facilitate enhanced communication and efficiency for critical care nurses.

For David, it is an honor to be a part of BIDMC’s journey. “There were days when the hospital’s balance sheet wasn’t as impressive as today,” says David. “Our strong financial footing makes this remarkable building possible.” Crediting Beth Israel Lahey Health President and CEO Kevin Tabb, M.D., and BIDMC President Peter J. Healy with the institution’s impressive growth, David and Elayne also recognize the importance of philanthropy. “Without donations, none of this would be feasible,” says Elayne. “We are proud to play our part.” ■

"Beth Israel Deaconess is one of Boston's treasures—a unique combination of professionalism, innovation, and sound leadership. We are honored to make this investment in the future."

—Alexandra J. Fuchs and Gideon Argov



“We all should support our new building to ensure BIDMC’s position as one of the top hospitals in the Boston Area.”

—Michael F. Cronin

A portrait of Dr. David J. Nisbet, President of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a middle-aged man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit, a white shirt, and a red patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and standing in front of a blurred background that appears to be an indoor setting with warm lighting.

“We chose BIDMC for two reasons: every patient is treated like they are family by all levels of providers, and the amazingly innovative medical research conducted there.”

—James P. Dougherty

“We are thrilled to support the continuing growth of BIDMC as a wonderful, caring hospital with a first-class new clinical space that it deserves.”

—Karen M. Firestone

A portrait of William A. Johnston, President of BIDMC. He is a middle-aged man with short brown hair, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a dark navy blue suit jacket over a light blue and white striped button-down shirt. He is standing in a hallway with light-colored wood-paneled walls. To his right, a white notice board with several papers is visible on the wall. The lighting is soft and even.

"I am proud to support BIDMC's remarkable new building. The expansion will not only help to advance the standard of care, but it will also mean countless patients and families will gain access to world-class treatment."

—William A. Johnston

"The medical center's foundational principle of caring for the Jewish community and the underserved resonates deeply with us. We are honored to support BIDMC's mission."

—Carol S. and Alan L. LeBovidge

"The combination of cutting-edge research and compassionate, patient-centered care makes BIDMC a national model. When you add its history of serving populations ignored by others, supporting the opportunity to extend the medical center's mission with a new facility was an easy choice."

—Margaret A. McKenna

“We are very proud of our heritage of learning to give back, no matter how our circumstances may be. We are also very proud of the fact that our children are following our feelings of giving back to those less fortunate. We are delighted to support BIDMC in their latest endeavor to provide quality care to all of their patients.”

—Deanna and Sidney D. Wolk

Your Giving Matters

Thank you to all our dedicated BIDMC supporters.
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