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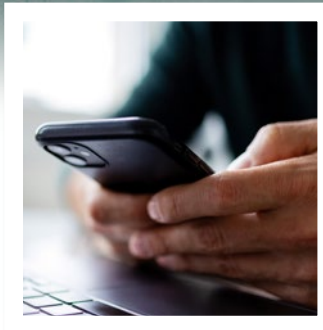
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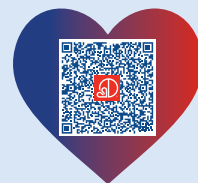
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

At Deborah Heart and Lung Center, progress is measured not simply by physical milestones, but by the lives we touch. As we look ahead to an impactful second half of the year, we are proud to celebrate a vital step in the continued evolution of our campus.

This summer, we look forward to gathering for the Phase 2 Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. This event marks a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to advancing the environment where healing takes place, ensuring our infrastructure matches the world-class care our clinical teams provide every day.

Building on this momentum, we are preparing to launch two transformative initiatives that reflect the heart of the Deborah Difference: The Main Lobby Renovation and the Deborah Guest Residence.

Together, these projects will redefine the patient and family experience. The reimagined lobby will welcome visitors with a warm, restorative space designed to ease the stress often felt when arriving for care. Simultaneously, the Deborah Guest Residence will provide patients and their loved ones with a sanctuary of comfort during treatment. This residence also serves a dual purpose by supporting our ability to recruit and retain the elite physicians, fellows, and nurses who make our care exceptional.

These initiatives represent a significant philanthropic investment in our future. They allow our supporters to be part of something bigger than themselves—ensuring that the dignity and comfort of our patients remain at the forefront of everything we do.

Throughout this issue of Inside Deborah, you will read powerful stories from those we serve. These narratives are the true reflection of our impact and the reason we continue to innovate and grow.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for being an essential part of the Deborah family and for helping us carry forward a legacy where there truly is "no price on life."

With gratitude,

Gary B. Rubin
Chairman of the Board
Deborah Hospital Foundation



RUNNING **AGAINST THE ODDS:**

A marathoner's triumphant comeback

When you run, the first thing you notice is the rhythm—steady, relentless, like a drum keeping time to a distant, invisible pace. Each beat is strong and purposeful, echoing the countless miles behind it, a heartbeat shaped by early morning runs and long stretches of open road.

For Bob Taylor and his wife, Donna, running wasn't just a hobby. It was a way of life. Together, they completed more than 100 marathons, chasing finish lines side by side and accomplishing remarkable goals along the way. Their dedication to the sport even earned them an induction into the Marine Hall of Fame.

For years, staying active meant staying healthy—or so they believed.

Then, about three years ago, what should have been a routine eye surgery revealed something far more serious. Bob's ophthalmologist immediately referred him to a cardiologist. Thankfully, a friend recommended Deborah Heart and Lung Center, and that recommendation changed everything—Bob was seen the very next day.

After undergoing tests, he was sent home wearing a heart monitor. Later that evening, the phone rang with a call he would never forget. He needed to return to Deborah immediately. It was an emergency.

Bob's clinical team was monitoring him from Deborah and determined—he needed a pacemaker.

In an instant, his future—the miles—the races, and the runs with his wife suddenly felt uncertain.

Bob now faced the possibility that he might never run a marathon again. Running wasn't just exercise; it was his identity, his joy, and the bond he shared with his wife.

Thanks to the advanced skills and precision of Deborah's electrophysiology team, he received expert care that addressed his condition and gave him a path forward. Their knowledge and dedication were critical in saving his heart—and his passion for running.

But Bob refused to let that be the end of his story.

He approached recovery and physical therapy with the same determination that had carried him across dozens of finish lines. He treated it like a job—with discipline, focus, and relentless effort. Step by step, mile by mile, he rebuilt his strength.

And today, Bob is back.

Back to running. Back to racing. Back to sharing the road—and the finish lines—with Donna.

Together, they continue to embrace a full, vibrant life surrounded by their children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren. Their story is one of endurance, resilience, and the powerful bond of a couple who never stopped moving forward.

Bob and Donna give back to Deborah Hospital Foundation because they never forget what was given to them: a second chance, exactly when they needed it most.



Bob Taylor with his quilt patch of marathons completed.

Celebrating the completion of Phase 2



This summer, Deborah Heart and Lung Center reached a landmark moment in our storied history. With an exclusive ribbon-cutting ceremony, we celebrate the completion of Phase 2 of **Deborah100:The Project**. This milestone represents more than just a renovation; it is a profound commitment to the comfort and dignity of those who walk through our doors.

Over the past year, the hospital patient floors have been transformed. Every existing double-occupancy room has been redesigned into a private suite, mirroring the advanced infrastructure and modern design established in the newly constructed Olsen Family Patient Care Pavilion during Phase 1.

Advancing the Standard of Care

The completion of Phase 2 also introduces critical clinical upgrades across the hospital:

- **Modernized Catheterization Labs:** Equipped with cutting-edge imaging and procedural enhancement technologies.
- **State-of-the-Art Electrophysiology Lab:** Providing precision care for complex heart rhythm conditions.
- **Superior Air Purification:** Implementing leading advancements in our Operating Rooms for enhanced patient safety.
- **Infrastructure Vitality:** Adding new roofing and moisture mitigation systems to preserve the integrity of our facility.

With these updates, Deborah now features 94 licensed beds. We are proud to be among the first hospitals in New Jersey to offer a completely private experience for every patient, ensuring that the environment for healing is as focused and serene as the care itself.

The Foundation of Our Future

“This ribbon-cutting is a celebration five years in the making, anticipated by our patients, donors, and staff alike,” said Jim Andrews, President & CEO of Deborah Heart and Lung Center and Deborah Hospital Foundation. “While this concludes the **Deborah100:The Project** infrastructure improvements that will carry us through the next decades, our journey continues. Our next focus—The Deborah Difference—will center on our unique People-Centered Care approach, enhancing a world-class experience rooted in compassion and specialized expertise.”

A Legacy Continued

The evolution of our campus is a reflection of our original mission. Founded in the Pinelands to provide a restorative environment, Deborah has now integrated these natural healing elements into every modern recovery space.

“For 104 years, we have operated on the principle that ‘There is no price on life’, ensuring that no patient ever receives a bill for their care at Deborah. This project is a testament to the power of philanthropic investment. By choosing to be part of this mission, our supporters are doing more than updating a building—they are joining something bigger than themselves and ensuring that Deborah remains a beacon of hope and a leader in clinical excellence for the next century,” added Steve Toal, Executive Vice President, Chief Philanthropy Officer at Deborah Hospital Foundation.

To get more involved or learn about some naming opportunities, contact the Foundation at 609-893-0100.



A LIFE SAVED, A LEGACY INSPIRED:

The story of Father Bruce Janiga

In 1966, an 8-year-old boy named Bruce Janiga was struggling to breathe. Alarmed by his shortness of breath and chest pains, his parents rushed him to a local hospital. The doctors suggested an invasive exploratory surgery. Understandably frightened, his parents sought another option, and a family friend, Stanley Fryczynski, Jr., stepped in to help. As the President of Deborah Heart and Lung Center, he arranged for Bruce to be admitted immediately.

At Deborah, doctors performed a series of tests and quickly reached a diagnosis: a pulmonary teratoma, a rare and life-threatening tumor. A few days later, a skilled surgical team performed a life-saving operation. Bruce spent the next several weeks recovering under the compassionate care of Deborah's dedicated staff.

Now at the age of 67, Bruce recalls, "They made me feel like a celebrity. The nurses lovingly fussed over me and ensured my every comfort." The kindness extended to his family, too. "I'll never forget the extraordinary care I received. My mother was even given a place to stay in the nurses' quarters so she could remain close to me during my recovery." Meanwhile, his father, along with siblings Joseph and Susan, sent their love and support from home.

This experience left an indelible mark on him. When he returned home, he and his sister organized a backyard carnival to raise money for Deborah. This early expression of gratitude was a sign of the empathy and service that would define his life.

Now a Pastor at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Father Bruce says with deep conviction that Deborah saved his life. "Without the skill, knowledge, and compassion of the surgeons, physicians, and nurses, I would not have survived."

As he discerned his vocation to the priesthood, his heart remained connected to the world of medicine. He volunteered in the Intensive Care Unit of a local hospital to better understand the relationship between caregivers and patients. For two decades, he taught high school students at Seton Hall Prep, always encouraging them to care for those in need. He even turned generosity into a friendly classroom competition, challenging his students to see who could raise the most funds for a worthy cause.

Rooted in the extraordinary care he received as a child, Father Bruce continues to champion Deborah's life-saving work. It is for this reason he has chosen to establish a lasting legacy by remembering Deborah in his will, and was recently welcomed into Heritage Circle Society.

To remember Deborah in your estate plans and become a Heritage Circle Society Member, contact Ellen Krivchenia at 609-893-0100 and get started.

The Deborah Difference starts here

At Deborah Heart and Lung Center, our guiding principle has remained steadfast for over a century: “There is no price on life.” This philosophy not only shapes the patient experience but drives every innovation on our campus.

Explore our interactive naming opportunities

We are thrilled to introduce Deborah’s new interactive naming opportunities webpage—a dynamic way to see the latest campaign projects—click on each building, and explore the creative visions to elevate our campus. This interactive experience lets you:

- Discover which spaces are currently open for naming opportunities
- See which opportunities have already been filled
- Visualize the design concept
- Learn about the impact these spaces will have on patients, families, and our medical teams

This is a virtual tour of the future Deborah campus—where you can see our mission in action and engage directly with the spaces that will help transform lives.

Two of our most anticipated projects are the Main Lobby and the Guest Residence renovation.

The Main Lobby renovation will create a warm, welcoming entrance, blending modern design with natural elements to reduce stress and instill confidence from the moment patients arrive.

The Guest Residence will provide patients and families with a comfortable, homelike environment that eases the stress of travel and supports recovery.

Through our interactive webpage, donors can discover naming opportunities—from patient suites to consultation rooms and shared spaces—creating a meaningful legacy at Deborah. Every click and gift

help bring The Deborah Difference to life—shaping a future where compassion, comfort, and healing are at the heart of every patient experience.

To learn more about naming opportunities and how you can invest in these projects, contact the Foundation at 609-893-0100.



Explore the Deborah Difference and start naming today!

Medical Office Building

Guest Residence

Deborah Heart and Lung Center

Gardens and Living Wall

Ben Yang, MD, joins Deborah Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.

Deborah Hospital Foundation is proud to welcome Ben Yang, MD, as our newest Board member. Ben earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Yale University and completed his medical training at NYU School of Medicine and Lenox Hill Hospital. He is a retired radiologist with 26 years of clinical experience.

Through his involvement with other charitable organizations such as Children's Dyslexia Centers of NJ, The Arc of Camden County, LUCY (Lifting

Up Camden's Youth) Outreach, Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey and MACODEP, he has supported initiatives that strengthen families and expand access to care—experience that brings valuable insight and leadership to Deborah.

Reflecting on his service, Ben shared, "I hope to use my network and skills to further the Foundation's mission and find meaningful purpose in my retirement years."

Ben lives in Medford, NJ with his wife, Karen.



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The Canister Champions— creating a legacy of giving

Ann's connection to Deborah Hospital Foundation isn't just long-standing, it's deeply woven into the fabric of her life story. Years ago, while raising her family in North Jersey, Ann Levinson and her late husband, Milton, found themselves drawn to Deborah not simply as supporters, but as believers in something bigger. It wasn't just the mission that inspired them, it was the unmistakable sense of unity, compassion, and purpose that surrounded the entire Deborah community. For them, giving back wasn't an obligation; it was a calling rooted in the belief that everyone deserves access to exceptional cardiac and pulmonary care.

Ann's bond with Deborah is also personal, her daughter was a patient when she was four years old and Ann eventually became a patient. It was her experience that opened the door for Milton, introducing him to the organization that would soon become such a meaningful part of their lives. Together, they didn't just participate, they immersed themselves.

Years later, the couple moved to Florida, and soon Ann became Co-President of the Florida Plantation Chapter, bringing energy, leadership, and heart to every effort. And Milton? He became something of a legend. Known affectionately as the "champion of canister drives," Milton could be found just about anywhere, near ATM machines, in bustling grocery stores, or at Chapter events, proudly wearing his Deborah apron, handing

out literature, and inviting others to be part of the cause. His dedication was nothing short of remarkable. In a single year alone, he raised over \$6,000, one small donation at a time, all through his beloved canisters.

But their impact didn't stop there.

The Levinsons had a special gift for bringing people together. They organized creative, spirited fundraisers that turned giving into a shared experience, events filled with laughter, connection, and purpose, raising close to \$600,000. Through their enthusiasm, they built not just support for Deborah, but a lasting community of friendships and advocates.

They further cemented their commitment to Deborah and its mission by becoming chapter life members for Lakewood, Plantation and Tamarac, as well as the Heritage Circle Society, a distinguished collective of individuals who have chosen to include a gift to Deborah Hospital Foundation in their wills or estate plans.

Today, Ann reflects on her volunteer years with warmth and pride. Her home tells part of that story, filled with Deborah awards, certificates, and plaques that honor their dedication. But to her, each piece represents far more than recognition. They are reminders of lives touched, bonds formed, and a mission carried forward together, a fitting tribute to a couple whose generosity, spirit, and devotion leave an enduring mark on Deborah's legacy.

Inspired by Ann and Milton's journey?

You can join Deborah's Heritage Circle Society by including Deborah in your will. Our partner FreeWill makes it simple to create your will at no cost.

Scan the QR code to begin.



Ann Levinson
Volunteer and generous donor

Liaison MEMED BV: Leading the way in diagnostic innovation

Deborah Heart and Lung Center has always been at the forefront of medical care and technology, and we're proud to announce a groundbreaking achievement: Deborah is the first hospital in New Jersey to implement Diasorin's Liaison MEMED BV test. This new advancement in diagnostic testing for bacterial or viral infections is transforming the way we offer rapid, accurate results that will help our clinicians make more informed decisions.

The Liaison MEMED BV test is a cutting-edge tool that can identify bacterial and viral infections in a fraction of the time compared to other traditional methods. By providing near-instant results, it allows for quicker intervention, helping our

patients receive the appropriate treatment without delay. This test not only improves patient outcomes but also enhances the efficiency of our healthcare teams.

"The key difference is speed. With the LIAISON MeMed BV test, we can deliver actionable results in under an hour. Traditional culture-based methods can take one to three days to provide confirmation, which means this test gives clinicians useful information during the actual patient encounter rather than after the fact," explained Christopher Soto, Laboratory Director at Deborah Heart and Lung Center.

The technology behind the Liaison MEMED BV test is particularly exciting because it combines molecular and immunological technologies, enabling a more comprehensive understanding of the infection process. By detecting biomarkers associated with bacterial infections, the test can quickly differentiate between bacterial and viral infections, which is crucial for tailoring the right treatment plan.

"Being the first hospital in New Jersey to adopt this technology reflects Deborah's commitment to bringing clinically meaningful innovation to our patients. This is not innovation for innovation's sake. Having this technology means patients have earlier access to a test that can reduce uncertainty and support faster care decisions in critical situations," said Soto.

The Liaison MEMED BV test will not only benefit our current patients but will also play a vital role in future medical advancements, ensuring that we continue to provide exceptional care.



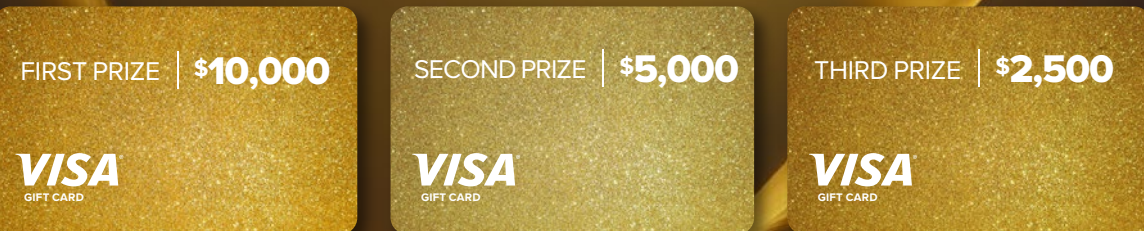
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