

*"Happiness comes
from what we do.
Fulfillment comes
from why we do it."*

- Simon Sinek
author and inspirational speaker



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Annual Report **2021 - 2022**

One of the most emotional times in a person's life is when they find out that a loved one is sick.

When you hear that someone you care about has cancer, it changes your life.

This happened to my family in 2016 when we found out that my father had stage four lung cancer. The feeling of being unable to help, of being upset that cancer had picked a family member and scared of what was to come next left us overwhelmed.

There are so many questions, so many issues to address when you find yourself and your family in this situation. There is a deep need to keep hope. That's why we chose Roswell Park for my dad's care.

You can hear or read about how Roswell Park is a wonderful place and that we are lucky to have such a great cancer center here in Western New York. This is true, without a doubt. But that becomes so much more real when you walk through the doors for your first visit. A journey driven by hope begins.

As a son, I was amazed by the people at Roswell Park. Not only were they great with my dad, but they were very kind to my mom and my brothers, as well. Dad received top-notch treatment and was an early participant in OmniSeq, the latest innovation in personalized medicine developed at Roswell Park which uses comprehensive molecular and immune profiling to best treat each individual patient.

I joined the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation Board almost 10 years ago and became Chair three years ago. My goal was to help raise funds and awareness for the Foundation's work: supporting innovative research, enhancing the quality of care for patients and their families and bringing the most advanced treatments to the forefront, offering everything in our power to the patients who come to Roswell Park for hope.

When I think about my father's fight, I wonder if the outcome could have been different if he had gotten cancer only a couple years later. What if we had two extra years' worth of cancer research? Could the new advancements in our knowledge of cancer have helped in Dad's fight? That's why I continue to fight, so more patients will have the advantage of the newest therapies and treatments.

It is my hope that the activities of the Foundation will allow cancer patients to know that they are not alone. There are investigators and clinicians developing new science every day to help them beat cancer. That this science is here now and that they have reason to be hopeful. Beyond that, there are community members who believe in that work and wholeheartedly support it in every way they can. People like you. Together we can sustain that hope for patients now and in the future.

— **Jim Newman**
Chair, Board of Directors,
Roswell Park Alliance Foundation

On the cover: Maria Thor, longtime Roswell Park donor, fundraiser and volunteer, clings to one of her supporters after ringing the Roswell Park Victory Bell. Maria is a cancer survivor who received treatment for leiomyosarcoma at Roswell Park. Read her story on page 20.



The future of cancer care is now

Over the last decade, groundbreaking research in understanding the immune system and how to unlock its anti-tumor capabilities has led to the development of immunotherapies with the potential to eradicate cancers that resist current conventional therapies.

These immunotherapies are the future of cancer care, developing right here in Western New York.

Roswell Park's team includes world-class leaders who help develop the national guidelines for managing those side effects. One of these leaders is Deputy Director Renier Brentjens, MD, PhD, The Katherine Anne Gioia Endowed Chair in Cancer Medicine, Chair of the Department of Medicine and Professor of Oncology in the Departments of Medicine and Immunology. Roswell Park has brought together a critical mass of highly accomplished physicians and translational scientists who are singularly focused on effective immunotherapies with the greatest promise.



Dr. Brentjens and Dr. McDowell in The 11 Day Power Play Cell Therapy Center

Immunotherapy

Inside every one of us is an immune system that, doctors have discovered, has innate powers to fight cancer. Roswell Park is at the forefront of developing a new class of cancer treatments called immunotherapies that could unleash this potential and stop cancer in its tracks.

Immunotherapy can use your immune system in two ways: by powering up your immune system so it is stronger and better able to fight cancer and by enhancing or altering your cells to target and attack cancer cells. Because of the immune system's unique abilities to fight off invaders, these immunotherapies may hold greater potential than current treatment approaches to fight cancer.

Emphasis has been made at Roswell Park to invest in research that will continue to drive this science forward, leading to new treatment options that would have seemed impossible just years ago.

Cell Therapy

One area Roswell Park continues to grow is cellular therapies. This type of immunotherapy treatment uses reengineered cells to help a patient's immune system identify and attack cancer cells.

Dr. Brentjens has his sights on clinical trials currently which will improve CAR T-cell therapy for lymphomas and for other B cell cancers, as well as a trial for multiple solid tumors like lung, pancreatic and melanoma to name a few. Those trials are in very early stages, but it takes forward thinking and thoughtful planning to bring about changes this groundbreaking.

Roswell Park has already done incredible work using redirected CAR T-cells in research and patient care, exploring its potential and innovating its uses. Current facilities are limited but with your support, our production capabilities will be enhanced with the equipment necessary to do more in-house.



The 11 Day Power Play Cell Therapy Center

Recognizing the urgent need to advance cell therapy options for patients in Western New York and around the world, The 11 Day Power Play stepped up.

Founders, Mike and Amy Lesakowski, have been inspired by their experience with cancer to fuel cancer research. Since year one, The 11 Day Power Play has donated over \$4.5 million to Roswell Park. The center's name recognizes the event's significant and continued dedication to research initiatives at Roswell Park.

Learn more at
roswellpark.org/celltherapycenter

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"The foundation that we lay now will help us more rapidly open the subsequent trials," Dr. Brentjens said. "Everything that we're doing now is to gear up our institution, our facility, to run those trials. At best there is a handful of institutions that are equally well set to move this technology forward."

Launching Clinical Trials

The first step to exploring and developing new treatment options is clinical trials. Roswell Park is advancing groundbreaking new treatments at every turn including the brain cancer vaccine SurVaxM, the lung cancer vaccine CIMAvax, a CAR T-cell trial Miltenyi and adoptive cell therapy trials giving hope to patients with several cancer types.

Roswell Park's Division of Translational Immuno-Oncology is dedicated to speeding access to the most promising immunotherapy treatments through clinical trials. Few institutions in the nation have the facilities for pre-treatment, manufacturing and post-treatment of immunotherapies and gene therapy clinical trials. Roswell Park has all of this, making it uniquely positioned to lead cutting-edge trials.

Immune Monitoring Program

The Immune Monitoring Program, newly formed at Roswell Park, will empower researchers to analyze on a deeper level how each trial treatment interacts with a patient's complex immune system.

This innovative program will be integrated into the clinical trial process at Roswell Park, with an emphasis on laboratory research and analysis. Roswell Park scientists will look at immunotherapy trial patient's blood, tissue and tumor samples in search of ways to make improvements to the treatment.

Critical data related to immunotherapies will be unlocked to expand our deep understanding of immunotherapies — all made possible by generous donors like you.

Release the Breakthroughs

Roswell Park is on the cusp of even more immunotherapy breakthroughs that have the potential to save lives and the power to shape the future of cancer care.

Funds raised through the Release the Breakthroughs campaign are dedicated to continuing these efforts and securing Roswell Park's leading role in bringing about these treatments. Supporters of this effort ensure that patients have access to emerging immunotherapy options.

Donors are the driving force behind immunotherapy at Roswell Park. You are making innovative treatments possible and giving hope to patients.



Nicky, leukemia patient, with her husband Ed

In Roswell Park's Bill and Jane Green (bottom right photo) Transplant and Cellular Therapy Center a team of transplant coordinators have an important job.

Sometimes, chemotherapy isn't enough for a hematology patient. The cancer might recur or the treatment might be unsuccessful. For those patients, a bone marrow transplant might save their life. It may sound simple but finding a donor with a good match and coordinating a transplant can be a long, expensive process.

That's when transplant coordinators come in. They work to see patients through their transplant processes, including finding their best match.

HLA typing finds the best genetic match for a transplant and is more complicated than simply matching a blood type. Because of this, it is more expensive and not typically covered by health insurance when a patient needs to find a donor who is not a familial relative.

Through a Quality-of-Life grant, made possible by the generosity of donors, patients have financial support through their HLA typing and transplant process.

Finding the perfect match

When ALL returns

Nicoletta Walsh was relieved when she first learned she had acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or ALL. It was March 2020 when out of nowhere she began to feel ill and was experiencing backaches. Having been healthy most of her life, Nicky knew she needed to get checked out.

"I was feeling so bad that when they told me what I had and how I was going to get treated, honestly, I was almost relieved," she said. "They told me I was young and healthy and I'm going to be okay." Now she had answers and a plan. **She is a wife and mother of two young adults. She has so much to live for.**

Nicky endured six months of chemotherapy and went into complete remission. She beat cancer. Nicky went on with her life, enjoying time with her family in Clarence and continuing visits to Roswell Park for routine bloodwork.

In October 2021, she got the news that her ALL had returned.

"When it came back, I was angry," she admitted. "I was like, you've got to be kidding me. I was perfect for a year and a half and now it decides to relapse?" Her only option at that point, she said, was a bone marrow transplant.

Nicky started an immunotherapy to fight her ALL while she began the transplant process. She was matched with a donor halfway around the world in March 2022.

"I was on immunotherapy for about five months and it completely got rid of the leukemia," she said. "So I went into the transplant with no disease and a 100% match, which was unbelievable. I was extremely fortunate."

Thanks to early detection, the best available testing at Roswell Park, the power of immunotherapy and an incredible genetic match, Nicky is back to herself.

"Without the transplant I would have been done. That's a little scary, but I felt I was in really good hands at Roswell Park. I mean, I couldn't be in better hands."

A Meaningful Difference

For Nancy Cook, the past couple of years have been particularly difficult. She lost her beloved husband in May 2020, had COVID-19 that December, suffered pneumonia and that spring, lost her sister. In 2022, she found out her brother was diagnosed with cancer. Unfortunately, her trials did not end there.

In April 2021, Nancy found out she had a myelodysplastic syndrome, or MDS, a type of slow-growing leukemia. The 68-year-old, Mohawk, NY resident stepped back from the job she had enjoyed since 1989 in the kitchen of an elementary school and made her way to Roswell Park.

"It was hard, but the people at Roswell Park are fantastic," she said.

Nancy, too, needed a bone marrow transplant. She spent five months in Buffalo, her two adult children taking turns caring for her. She was filled with gratitude when she learned the Alliance Foundation would cover the cost of finding Nancy a match for her transplant.

Now, Nancy is home and looking forward to getting back to her church community.

There are many aspects of battling cancer that can add financial burdens on patients. Thanks to the generosity of donors, finding the perfect match for an allogeneic transplant isn't one of them.

Roswell Park is passionately supported by people who believe in our mission. Your gifts empower us to fund programs like this one, ensuring patients have access to this critical testing and subsequent treatment.



Donors send hope of brain cancer vaccine worldwide

What started 15 years ago in an unassuming laboratory at Roswell Park is giving hope to patients around the world today.

Roswell Park became the first center in the phase 2B clinical trial of its brain cancer vaccine, SurVaxM, to treat patients in early 2022. This immunotherapy treatment is currently offered to over 250 newly diagnosed patients with glioblastoma through 15 centers in the U.S. and China through the randomized multicenter SURVIVE trial.

SurVaxM was developed at Roswell Park by Robert Fenstermaker, MD, Chair of Neurosurgery, and Michael Ciesielski, PhD, Assistant Professor of Oncology. The unique treatment vaccine, now being developed by MimiVax, targets survivin, a protein that helps cancer cells stay alive. Drs. Fenstermaker and Ciesielski have been moving the clinical trial forward every step of the way.

"Glioblastoma is a terrible disease. It affects the patient, it affects the family and it's deadly," Dr. Fenstermaker said. "For a person to agree to participate in a randomized trial like this takes courage, particularly the courage to say, 'I may not benefit from this, but other people in the future may.'"

"It gives you a glimmer of light in this dark tunnel you're faced with."

Christy's Story

Christy Smothers Glover turned 40 on the radiation table at Roswell Park. Not anyone's ideal birthday celebration but Christy said she was grateful to be alive.

She and her husband, Anthony, are co-pastors of the Apostolic Rock Temple. They live with their children in Buffalo where Christy was born and raised. Throughout her life, Christy has been comforted and strengthened by her faith. Before her current calling, in the early 2000s, Christy worked at Roswell Park.

"While working as an employee, I was able to witness firsthand the lives saved," she said. "Never in a million years would I have thought that 10 years later, they would be saving mine."

Christy thought her headaches and dizzy spells in the fall of 2021 were symptoms of stress caused by the busyness of her life. But the symptoms became increasingly concerning and ultimately brought her to the ER in October. After an initial diagnosis of sinusitis, she came to Roswell Park for a second opinion.

"My life was turned upside down overnight."

Glioblastoma. She needed immediate care to reduce the swelling on her brain and underwent surgery just two days later.

"They saved my life for sure."

When she recovered from her surgery, she began looking into clinical trials. She came across SurVaxM and a very familiar name to her by that point: Dr. Fenstermaker.

"I was just so proud, I'm really a Buffalo hometown girl," Christy said. "I was so proud that somebody from the area had created this." She was ready to put her faith in Roswell Park once again. "I felt that God directed me and gave me the OK, and I trusted the team. Dr. Fenstermaker has this certainty about him and I felt confident in his work."

In early 2022, Christy enrolled in the phase 2B trial of SurVaxM at Roswell Park.

"We started this with an eight-patient, phase 1 study with a couple of patients who were failed by every therapy that's out there," Dr. Ciesielski said. "They probably had a few months left to live and we saw some of those patients live years."

And that is the aim, explains Dr. Fenstermaker: "Our ultimate goal is to have a new drug that will improve the survival of patients with glioblastoma." That first phase treated patients with recurring glioma. A phase 2a study came next, treating 63 newly diagnosed glioblastoma patients.

"The clinical trial gave me so much hope," Christy said. "Having such a devastating diagnosis was horrible. The statistics were so low for the overall survival rate; that alone can kill the fainthearted."

She is looking forward to the day when this trial is the standard of care for patients everywhere. Until then, she said, she is holding on.

"It gives you a glimmer of light in this dark tunnel you're faced with."

SurVaxM reaches pediatric and young adult patients

Following the continued success of SurVaxM in adults, a multicenter clinical trial sponsored by the Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium (PBTC) has opened for pediatric patients with brain cancer.

In addition to Roswell Park, the PBTC expects to roll out the study to approximately 12 other children's centers across the country.

Thanks to donors, this Roswell Park discovery is giving hope to children and their families.

Generosity Drives Results

When Drs. Fenstermaker and Ciesielski began their work, their task was to harness the success they saw in a Petri dish and translate that to an approach that would demonstrate success for patients.

For years, Roswell Park donors have been empowering them to reach this advanced stage on the road to FDA approval. At this stage of trials, it costs approximately \$50,000 per patient. Every donation helps to offset costs, covering critical aspects of the work and keeping this trial on track.

"Every donation really makes room for another patient to be able to get into the study," Dr. Ciesielski said.

Dr. Fenstermaker is confident SurVaxM would not be a reality without the passionate support of Roswell Park donors.

"This work would never have gotten to this point without donations. Never. I don't see how it could have succeeded; it would've died on the vine."



Christy, brain cancer patient



Unlocking

Many of the world-class scientists at Roswell Park have new research ideas that could change the course of cancer treatment and lead to cancer cures. But without appropriate funding, their ideas would never get off the ground and become lifesaving standards of care. Roswell Park's Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) seeks to bridge this gap.

Donations to the SAC initiative provide seed funding for new projects and can be made to fund research for a specific type of cancer. Researchers submit their applications to compete for donated funds and an internal, objective committee decides which projects receive funding.

In 2021, Roswell Park leadership expanded SAC grants to include a wider range of research including community outreach and engagement. More funds were made available to more researchers working toward the Roswell Park mission and giving hope to so many patients near and far.

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with help from the Scientific Advisory Committee

Donor-funded projects included:



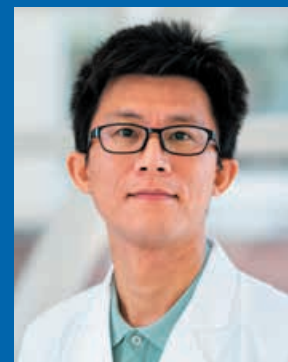
A new blood test that may predict fatal cancer relapse

Theresa Hahn, PhD

Allogeneic blood or marrow transplantation (AlloBMT) has been used for over 60 years to cure blood cancers. Cells are collected from a healthy donor and infused into a patient with blood cancer so those new cells can recognize the cancer cells. Dr. Hahn will investigate a new blood test that may help determine if there is an association between the amount of a specific marker on a gene in the donor cells and fatal cancer relapse.

Dr. Hahn believes certain cells are better at killing cancer cells and will investigate a new blood test to determine if there is an association between the amount of those markers and fatal cancer relapse.

If this study is successful, it has the potential to predict fatal cancer relapse and improve survival after this kind of transplantation.



Limiting prostate cancer bone metastasis by targeting nutrients

Hai Wang, PhD

Most cancer patients die not because of complications from their original tumor but due to problems that arise when the tumor has metastasized to other sites. Bone is the predominant site for metastases of prostate cancer, causing skeletal complications and marked decreases in quality of life and survival rates.

Dr. Wang and his team hypothesize that prostate cancer cells that spread to bone change the way nutrients are converted into energy. They will investigate exchanges of nutrients between cancer cells and bone-forming cells called osteoblasts, to better understand the metabolic processes and molecular signaling when prostate cancer metastasizes to the bones.

They hope to stop the metastatic disease process and expedite future clinical trials.



Deciphering and disrupting the growth of triple-negative breast cancer

Chia-Hsin Lori Chan, PhD

There are limited treatment options for patients with triple-negative breast cancer. Dr. Chan will lead an investigation into how triple-negative breast cancer uses glucose and glutamine to fuel its growth and evade the immune system. Studies have shown that targeting the glucose and glutamine pathways individually has not had any sustained benefit in patients. The goal of Dr. Chan's work is to decipher the key regulatory node and mechanisms under the cancer's growth dependency on the coactivation of glucose and glutamine metabolism to better understand — and ultimately disrupt — the growth of triple-negative breast cancer.

Unlocking the secrets of cancer with help from the Scientific Advisory Committee



Understanding small cell bladder cancer

Qiang John Li, MD, PhD

Bladder cancer affects 83,000 new patients in the U.S. every year. Small cell bladder cancer is the most aggressive variant. Dr. Li wants to better understand the origin of small cell bladder cancer; to find out how it differs from conventional bladder cancers. To do that, he will use lineage tracing methods to identify cells of origin. These answers will provide a better insight into how the small cell variant is formed and help to find novel treatments for this lethal disease.



Using CAR T-cell therapy to target survivin in pediatric solid tumors

Priyanka Nanjireddy, MD

Solid tumors have a high mortality rate in pediatrics. Existing treatment options like chemotherapy, surgery and radiation are limited and can have adverse effects that leave patients with poor quality of life and high probability of relapse and death. Dr. Nanjireddy will use CAR T-cell therapy to target survivin, an anti-apoptotic protein that fuels cancer growth and is found on the surface of many solid cancers found in pediatric patients. This approach will radically change the therapeutic landscape for pediatric solid tumors.



A full list of 2021-2022 SAC grant winners:

MULTIPLE CANCERS

Understanding cancer care needs and perceptions in WNY

Maansi Bansal-Travers, PhD

Finding new uses for existing therapies to overcome immune-checkpoint inhibitor resistance

John Ebos, PhD

Influence of yoga on cancer-related stress in cancer survivors

Kathryn Glaser, PhD

Activating the immune system to kill cancer cells without damaging DNA

Katerina Gurova, MD, PhD

Seeking a way to predict and prevent disease relapse after checkpoint inhibitor therapy

Scott Olejniczak, PhD

BLOOD

Decreasing infections related to allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplants

George Chen, MD

Assessing COVID-19 revaccination strategies for hematology patients

Elizabeth Griffiths, MD

LUNG

Assessing and addressing barriers to lung cancer screening

Kathryn Glaser, PhD

Understanding drug resistance in non-small cell lung cancer

Lei Wei, PhD, and Grace Dy, MD

PEDIATRICS

Designing more efficient therapeutic strategies to suppress pediatric neuroblastoma

Anna Bianchi-Smiraglia, PhD

Improving medication adherence in pediatric patients

Elizabeth Bouchard, PhD, and Kara Kelly, MD

PROSTATE

Creating novel therapies for aggressive prostate cancer

Dhyan Chandra, PhD

Filling a critical knowledge gap surrounding prostate cancer gene

Dean Tang, PhD

Understanding what drives early onset prostate cancer in African American men

Anna Woloszynska, PhD

Revealing how racial disparities in epigenetic age affect early onset prostate cancer

Anna Woloszynska, PhD

Weight loss interventions for early-stage prostate cancer patients

Karen Yeary, PhD

OTHER

Discovering how aggressive triple-negative breast cancer evades treatment

Subhamoy Dasgupta, PhD

Finding an effective targeted therapy for colorectal cancer after conventional methods fail

Eugene Kandel, PhD

Identifying new therapeutic targets for esophageal cancer

Steven Hochwald, MD

Identifying what initiatives renal cell carcinoma and makes it susceptible to immune checkpoint blockades

Jason Muhitch, PhD

Targeting beta-adrenergic stress pathways as a novel immune checkpoint in advanced melanoma

Benjamin Switzer, DO

Pancreatic cancer genetic database

Joseph Maher & Christos Fountzilas, MD

A novel approach to suppressing bladder cancer with steroid hormones

Li Tang, MD, PhD and Yue Wu, PhD

A "Tag Team" approach to T-cell therapy in ovarian cancer

AJ Robert McGray, PhD

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Uncovering barriers to cancer care in the LGBTQ+ community

Maansi Bansal-Travers, PhD

Emerging issues at the intersection of tobacco regulatory science and cancer prevention

Richard O'Connor, PhD

MONOPOLY comes to Buffalo *to support pediatric patients*

In the fall of 2021, Roswell Park and Oishei Children's Hospital teamed up for a fundraising endeavor.

In collaboration with over 50 community partners, the hospitals worked with Hasbro and the Cooley Group to create the First Edition City of Buffalo MONOPOLY game.

In just over a month, 7,500 limited-edition games were sold at Western New York Tops Friendly Markets locations, raising \$375,000 for the Roswell Park Oishei Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Program. Buffalonians across the country bought the game to enjoy the first-of-its-kind game celebrating all things Buffalo and benefitting our area's youngest patients and their families.

The funds raised from this game made way for Roswell Park to create a dedicated Pediatric Transplant Nurse Coordinator position, now held by Erin Hughes, RN, to support our pediatric and young adult patients. In this role, Erin coordinates transplants and everything leading up to them, including finding a donor when needed. This specialized role allows Erin to spend more time with individual patients and their families, guiding them through the process and managing their individual needs along the way. She's also able to follow each patient and family post-transplant to ensure they're receiving all the quality care they need.



Kathleen, pediatric patient

Giving Every Child A Fighting Chance



**ROSWELL PARK
COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER**

The Courage of Carly Fund (CCF) has been serving our youngest cancer patients and their families for more than 20 years, since Carly Collard Cottone, a brave brain cancer warrior and fierce advocate for childhood cancers, founded it in 2000. During Carly's time as a patient at Roswell Park, she consistently helped her fellow fighters, sharing toys, spreading joy and creating memorable moments with those around her.

The pandemic has been hard on everyone in our community but for our pediatric oncology and blood disorders families, it can be extra stressful. With the support of donors this year, CCF safely hosted parties, movie nights, a holiday celebration and provided opportunities for patients and families to connect.

*"I am so thankful for
Courage of Carly!
They have done so many
amazing things for me, my
family and so many other
kids like me."*

- Colt (right) 11-year-old leukemia patient



"For years, I have witnessed the hope that family members, friends, customers and co-workers have been given thanks to the amazing care provided by Roswell Park."

- Scott Bieler,
CEO, West Herr Automotive Group



Below: (left to right) Partner Frank Ciminelli, Roswell Park's Dr. Candace Johnson, donors Kathy and Scott Bieler, patient Joanne Bauer and supporter Matt Lasher.



Expanding services for our neighbors in Buffalo's northern suburbs

In 2021, Roswell Park announced an expanded Amherst location at Park Club Lane with the support of longtime supporter Scott Bieler, CEO of West Herr Automotive Group. In recognition of his significant gift to the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation, the newly constructed building will be called the Roswell Park Scott Bieler Amherst Center.

A ceremonial groundbreaking was celebrated in December 2021 and the topping out ceremony was held in May 2022 when the final beam was put into place.

The Roswell Park Scott Bieler Amherst Center will enable an expansion of the services currently available at Roswell Park's Amherst Center on College Parkway, creating a Williamsville hub for cancer patients in and around Buffalo's northern suburbs. After the completion of the building, all services currently provided at Roswell Park's College Parkway location will move to the new location. Patients of the neighboring Roswell Park Hematology Oncology Northtowns and Breast Care of WNY sites on Park Club Lane will also be able to take advantage of these services.

"For years, I have witnessed the hope that family members, friends, customers and co-workers have been given thanks to the amazing care provided by

Roswell Park," Scott said. "I want Roswell Park to continue their incredible work for patients and cancer research for years to come, and that's why my commitment remains unyielding. I am thankful to our many Western New York customers and their generous support of West Herr that allows us to give back to this community in so many positive ways."

It will bring comprehensive services including clinical trials, screening, diagnostics and chemotherapy to patients north of Buffalo and in the Niagara region. The new location will provide enhanced services for patients with various cancers, all in one convenient and welcoming center designed by cancer experts and informed by input from cancer patients. New services offered at the Williamsville location will include radiology services, onsite labwork and pharmacy, and an expanded list of subspecialty care provided by experts focusing on gynecologic, urologic, dermatologic, gastrointestinal and thoracic cancers and lymphoma.

Scott Bieler and his wife Kathy have been key supporters of Roswell Park for over 20 years. Scott has served on the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation board since 2002. His significant contribution to Roswell Park's 2015 capital campaign led to the naming of the Scott Bieler Clinical Sciences Center, which opened its doors in May 2016 on Roswell Park's downtown campus.





Ride for Roswell reaches four locations

The 26th Ride for Roswell, presented by the West Herr Automotive Group, had participants celebrating across WNY.

More than 6,100 participants raised over \$5.2 million to fuel groundbreaking research, innovative clinical trials and compassionate patient care programs at Roswell Park.

The 2021 Ride brought together people passionate about ending cancer as we know it. They demonstrated their dedication through their fundraising and enthusiastic involvement in the Ride.

One of those participants, and the 2021 Torch Lighter, was Annie Cohoon. Annie is a mom of three young children, Jack, Finley and Maddox, and wife to Mike. She was diagnosed with breast cancer at 40 years old in 2020.

Annie's diagnosis rocked her to her core. Her family grabbed hold of the best tools available to fight back against her cancer: she started treatment at Roswell Park, and they all signed up for the Ride for Roswell in support.

Friends, family, loved ones and strangers supported Annie's Ride. "The reason I ride is because I want the accessibility of Roswell Park to be there for everybody," Annie said. "To know that there is a cure for this, even if you get a stage 4 diagnosis."

Annie's inspirational story is just one of thousands of reasons we all continue to ride.



Relive the 2021 Ride for Roswell by scanning this code with your smartphone camera.



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- Annie,
breast cancer survivor





EMPIRE STATE RIDE TO END CANCER

On the road *again*

Empire State Ride brought over 220 cyclists on a 500+ mile adventure across New York State in 2021.

Together, these road warriors raised more than \$1.5 million to fight cancer at Roswell Park, bring leading research, exceptional care and lifechanging treatments to patients in Western New York and around the world.

Finding your reason to ride

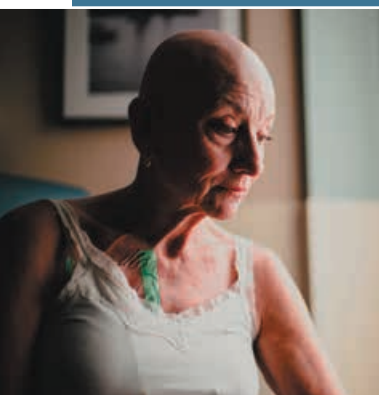


For Maria Thor, five-time ESR participant and one of last year's top fundraisers, so much has changed since July 2021.

In November 2021, she received a daunting diagnosis: leiomyosarcoma, a rare cancer.

"I'll never forget it," Maria said. "I was riding my bicycle when the doctor called and said I had a fatty mass. I almost fell off my bike."

A tumor the size of a grapefruit was resting on her left kidney. After months of chemotherapy at Roswell Park, Maria underwent surgery in March 2022, rang the bell shortly after and was back on her bike training for ESR 2022.



Maria rides because she has seen the lifechanging care at Roswell Park firsthand. She rides because she knows her fundraising makes an impact on patients' lives every day.



Excelsior Riders Support Groundbreaking Research

Funds raised support many promising research projects at Roswell Park. One example is an investigation into racial health disparities for African American men with prostate cancer in a project led by Anna Woloszynska, PhD.

African American men are more likely to have prostate cancer, more likely to have aggressive forms and more likely to lose their battle. Dr. Woloszynska will take a deeper look at these patients' epigenetic age — a way of determining age not in terms of one's chronological age, but their biological age taking into account disease risks and exposures — to determine if an accelerated epigenetic age contributes to early onset disease in patients younger than 55. Discoveries from this study could help reduce and even eliminate the existing racial health disparity.



EMPIRE STATE RIDE LONG ISLAND TO END CANCER

A new venture in the Empire State

The inaugural ESR Long Island saw more than 255 riders in the Town of Oyster Bay, New York raise \$100,000 for Roswell Park and Catholic Health on Long Island, a Roswell Park Care Network affiliate.

Through the cross-state affiliation, Catholic Health is expanding treatment options and offering more than 25 clinical trials, pushing their standards of cancer care to new heights for their patients. Donor support plays an impactful role in these partnerships.



New look, *same great cause*

Bald for Bucks has a new look but the same powerful purpose.

The 2021-22 school year saw over 15 schools and more than 460 individuals participate in Bald for Bucks.

In March 2022, Buffalo Sabres player Jeff Skinner joined the Bald movement, shaving his head and donating \$53 for every \$50+ donation made to his Bald for Bucks fundraiser in March.

For 20 years, students, teachers, principals, parents and community organizations have used their hair to show they are committed to ending cancer and this year was no different.



Helping Indigenous and rural communities navigate cancer care at Roswell Park

Roswell Park has been reaching patients in a new way, through the support of the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation. Through a \$3.3 million grant, Roswell Park has been collaborating with the Indian Health Service and geographically matched rural federally qualified health centers across New York for a three-year project that is expected to reach 3,200 community members.

This grant has allowed Roswell Park to provide onsite and virtual patient navigation services to guide patients in Native American and rural communities through cancer prevention, screening, treatment and education on clinical trials, palliative care and survivorship.

"It can be intimidating for some people because it's such a big center and the process can be really overwhelming," said Community Patient Navigator Marissa Haring who serves patients through the Center for Indigenous Cancer Services at Roswell Park. "We're there to ease them through this process.

The cancer-focused program seeks to address the health disparities in these communities by building trust, supporting access to resources and education and ultimately creating generational changes in health.

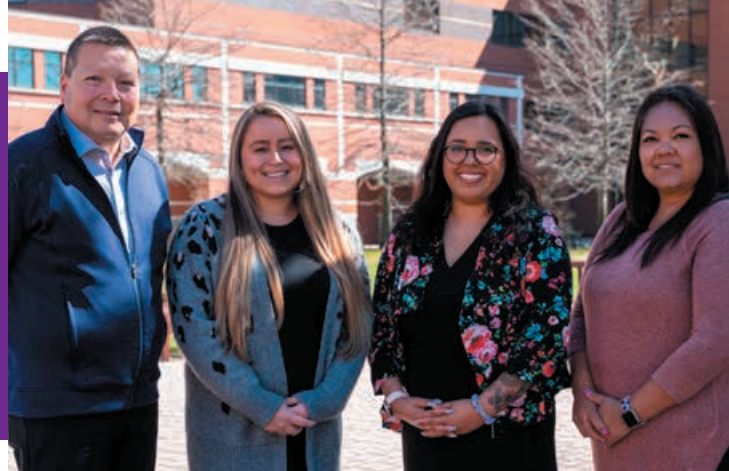
"Health doesn't happen overnight," said Rodney Haring, PhD, MSW, Director of the Center for Indigenous Cancer Services at Roswell Park. "Health is a long-term process. For many societies, it's a generational change."

Focus on Screening

Patient navigators (pictured above) support patients by completing any necessary screening processes and, for diagnosed patients, supporting through their cancer journey. This can include scheduling assistance, transportation coordination, linking to community resources and other support.

"Through outreach efforts, we've seen tremendous impact on increasing cancer screening rates in partnership with the federally qualified health centers and primary care providers," said Kate Glaser, PhD, Assistant Professor of Oncology in Roswell Park's Department of Cancer Prevention and Control.

The primary focus for her team through this grant has been promoting screenings for breast and colorectal cancers, closely followed by lung cancer screenings.



Embedded in the Community

"One aspect I think is really important is that we are hiring in our communities, both in a rural context and also on the reservations or territories," said Dr. Haring. "The navigators fluidly traverse between Rowell Park, their communities and their offices in the communities, really doing community-based events."

Like so many people, Marissa has had cancer touch her own family. "I know how hard all the appointments can be, so it's really important for me to support families in that way," she said. "I also love being able to work in my own community. I know many of the patients I work with — I grew up around them — so it's more personal for me."

"It's really important that we maintain this presence in the community with these well-trained community members who can really work together in these different spaces," Dr. Glaser added.

"And it isn't just the patient or the individual it's the family. And then it isn't just the family, it's the community," Dr. Haring said. "So we're finding ourselves on this whole journey from screening to palliative care to survivorship and how we braid those together in conversation for the betterment of our societies."

Donor Support Creates Lasting Change

Programs like this wouldn't be possible without support from all those who see the promise of what Roswell Park can offer.

"We are grateful for the support of foundations, corporations and individual donors who make it possible for programs like this to happen," Dr. Glaser said.

Not everyone has the opportunity to see this program and others like it firsthand.

"All of the patients I work with, they're so glad they have this program. It's specifically for them and they've never had this kind of support before," Marissa said.

And it's not just helping today.

"It's really making a change for our future generations," Dr. Haring said. "What we lay down now is just the foundation to that change. Sustaining these programs is the continuance of that change."



The 11 Day Power Play

After transitioning to an outdoor event to keep players and spectators safe and healthy, The 11 Day Power Play returned to the ice in November 2021.

The event saw the Frozen 40 play a continuous hockey game for 11 days to break the world record for longest hockey game. It also brought together 40 teams in an invitational to the other ice, with hundreds of players teaming up to fight cancer one shift at a time. Under the leadership of Mike and Amy Lesakowski, all players and teams raised a collective \$2.1 million, with \$1.1 million allocated to Roswell Park, for cancer research and wellness programs at charities across Western New York.





It's said time and time again, the Roswell Park community is like no other.

But the Roswell Park community isn't just the professionals caring for patients, the researchers dedicating their life to finding cures or the patients courageously fighting. It's also the supporters who choose to join Roswell Park in the fight to end cancer by donating, attending events, fundraising and even hosting their own fundraising events.

Now more than ever, Team Roswell is a crucial part in the fight to end cancer. In 2021-22, Team Roswell hosted 121 events and had 252 Facebook fundraisers, raising a total of \$2.1 million for cancer research at Roswell Park. These are just a few of the incredible events our supporters have made possible.



WANAKAH 100 HOLES OF GOLF
\$152,173

16 golfers and 6 relay teams each play 100 holes of golf, walking every step of the way. While doing so, they raised critical funds for the Courage of Carly Fund at Roswell Park and the Luca S. Calanni Foundation.

A TASTE FOR LIFE
\$51,797

A Taste For Life, co-chaired by Susan Roney and Leanne Stepien, was back to sample fabulous wines, craft beers and sweet and savory treats at the Saturn Club. More than 455 guests raised funds to advance lung cancer treatments and therapies at Roswell Park.

HOCKEY MOM FOUNDATION
\$35,000

An all volunteer organization that honors hockey moms and raises funds through an annual golf outing. They choose to fund various trials to help advance pediatric cancer research.

SHOOTING FOR A CURE!
\$27,220

Shooting For A Cure! started in 2011 as a way to honor a basketball coach's wife battling cancer. Since then, the Pembroke girls' basketball team, led by Coach Wilson, has raised more than \$227,000 for Roswell Park.

SADDLE UP FOR ROSWELL
\$23,000

This annual event raising funds for breast and gynecologic cancer research is run by riders and volunteers at Chestnut Ridge Equestrian Center and features horse trials and a dressage show.

LOCKED-IN TO LOCK OUT CANCER
\$16,000

Each year, Starpoint High School students sign up to sleep in the school gym to raise money for Roswell Park.

WANAKAH PINK LADIES TOURNAMENT
\$13,425

Led by new event chairs each year, the women of Wanakah raised funds for Roswell Park with an afternoon of golf and raffles.

TRENT'S LEMONADE STAND
\$12,772

Trent Wojciechowski has been a supporter and fundraiser for Roswell Park for seven years. His 2021 lemonade stand was another success, raising close to \$13,000 for cancer research at Roswell Park.

KAREN KOVACH'S BASKET RAFFLE
\$11,317

An event led by Paul Kovach in memory of his wife.

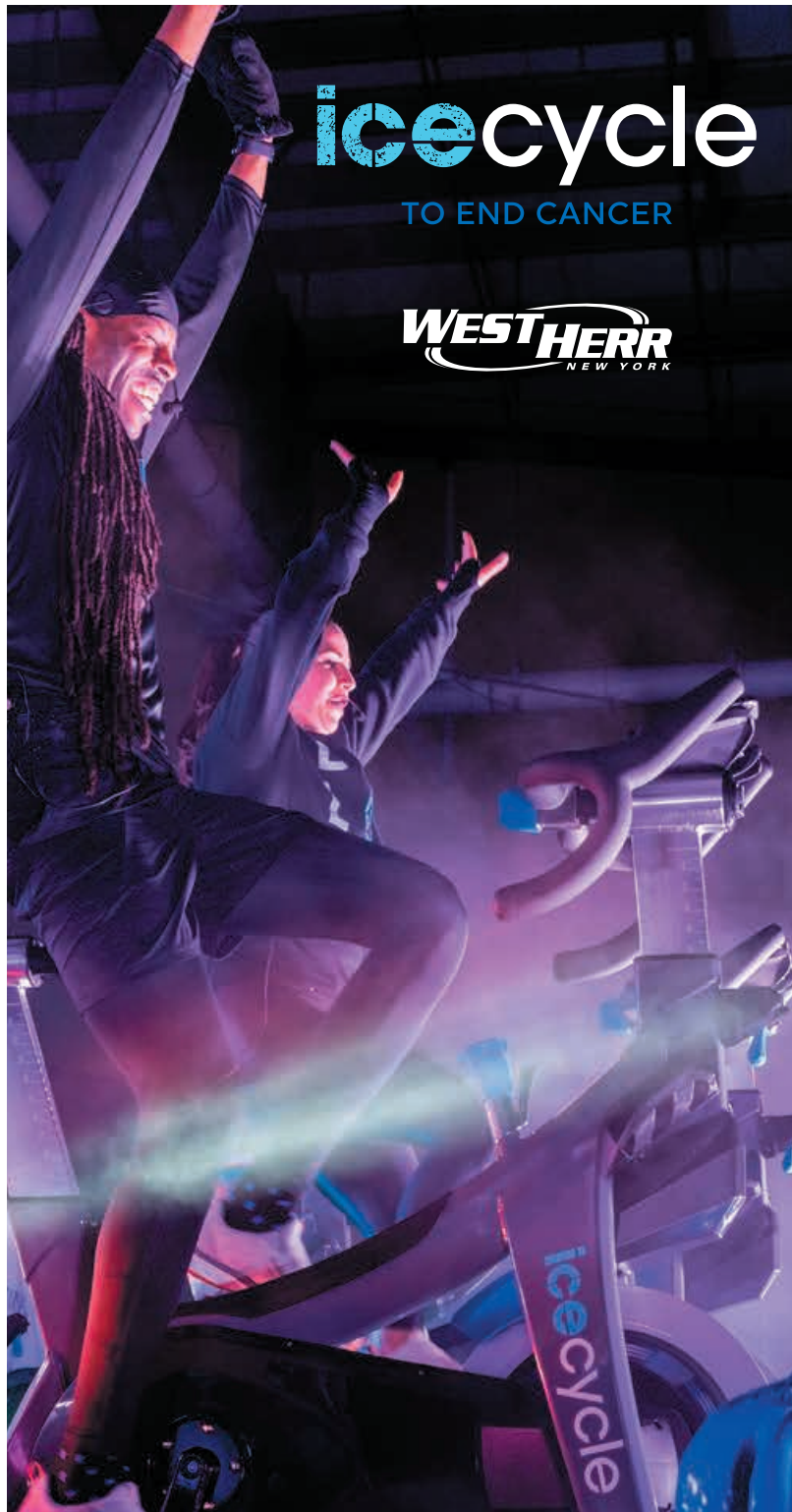
TRAPHAGEN'S TRAIL RIDE
\$10,275

Shannon Traphagen started Traphagen's Trail Ride 4 Brain Cancer in the Village of Hamburg to honor her late husband Mike's legacy and raise funds for brain cancer research and treatment at Roswell Park.



In addition to these incredible community events, the following events took place in the 2021-22 fiscal year to support Roswell Park through Team Roswell.

Paintball for Roswell	\$14,500	BAC Cycle for Roswell	\$3,600
Molinaro's Italian Festival	\$9,000	Hilbert Marketing Class Fundraiser	\$3,320
Sal Balbi Memorial Hockey Game	\$8,050	11 th Annual Chicken BBQ & Motorcycle Dice Run	\$2,500
Hubert's Annual Garden Raffle	\$7,975	Buffalo Marathon & Shamrock Run	\$2,500
Goofy's Golf Outing	\$7,245	Gianna's GI Fundraiser	\$2,100
Cassadaga Country Club Women's Golf League	\$6,890	Drive for the Cure	\$2,020
Mark Clement Memorial Golf Tournament	\$5,927	PYA Walk-A-Thon	\$2,000
Celebration of Life	\$5,020	South Buffalo Football Fundraiser	\$2,000
Betty's Be Brave Golf Tournament	\$5,000	DER Kobbler's Car Show	\$1,500
Female Musicians Fighting Breast Cancer Benefit	\$4,583	Friends of Carly White Party	\$1,472
Cruising Against Cancer	\$4,492	Troublemaker Concert Fundraiser	\$1,010
Bridget's Battle Band Jam	\$4,285	Sip Away Sarcoma	\$1,000
Roll for Roswell Bowling Tournament	\$3,609	Volleyball Team Fundraiser	\$1,000



IceCycle brings passion and energy to the Buffalo winter

More than 900 participants raised over \$400,000 for genetic research

IceCycle, an idea brought to us by event founder Bill Loecher and presented by the West Herr Automotive Group,, drew together people from across Western New York who have their own "why." Each person has a unique connection that pushes them to raise funds to fight back. One of the cycling instructors inspired to join the second annual IceCycle event was Alicia Porack (middle photo below).

Alicia is a nurse at Roswell Park whose career was sparked by her own cancer journey. In 2016, just after graduating college with a degree in accounting, Alicia was diagnosed with lymphoma. After entering remission, she was inspired by her experience to go back to school for nursing.

Like most IceCycle participants, cancer has touched Alicia's life in many ways. Her husband is also a cancer survivor, being treated for lymphoma just a few years after her. And in early 2022, Alicia's brother was diagnosed with leukemia.

But all of these adversities have motivated Alicia, and many like her, to be part of the change.

Funds raised by IceCycle participants supported the Cancer Genetics team by creating a fund to cover the cost of specialized testing to help clinicians better tailor treatment to a patient and to expand the team's research to expand the understanding of the field.



See what you missed at IceCycle this year!



Herd of Hope launches new research in Western New York

Individual and corporate partners throughout Western New York have banded together to rally behind team research projects with the potential to save lives since 2018. The Herd's signature blue buffaloes have been multiplying over the last four years, paving the way for a third grant to propel cancer science forward at Roswell Park.

The 2021 Herd of Hope grant will drive forward a project led by Richard O'Connor, PhD, Professor of Oncology in Roswell Park's Department of Health Behavior. The study will investigate links between tobacco use, cancer and consumer perceptions of the intersection of the two.

Tobacco use, particularly cigarette smoking, remains the single largest preventable contributor to cancer.

"As these new oral nicotine products are introduced and use increases, we need to better understand what effects, if any, they have on cancer risk, given what we already know about cancer risks associated with smoking," Dr. O'Connor said. "We've taken this team approach so that we can get perspectives on these questions from different disciplines."

Dr. O'Connor and his team are looking to the future. "We hope to generate some important preliminary information about what consumers think about these products and what their oral health effects are, so that we can design better studies moving forward to conduct deeper, more impactful assessment of these emerging products."



The team investigating the newest Herd of Hope Team Research Project includes:

Investigators

Richard O'Connor, PhD
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Department of Health Behavior

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Other key personnel

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Department of Health Behavior

Liane Schneller, PhD
HRI Scientist,
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"The herd of blue buffalo statues is a symbol of the pride, strength and compassion that Western New Yorkers are known for. When you see a blue buffalo at a local business, know they are investing in cancer research to make a difference in the fight against cancer."

- Bill Loecher (right),
Herd of Hope founder





Mike Foligno, Buffalo Sabres Alum, and Sabretooth



Celebrating our corporate partners in the fight against cancer

The work happening at Roswell Park would not be possible without the steadfast generosity of partners dedicated to our important mission.

Corporate Giving

Many businesses and foundations choose to give back to their community by supporting Roswell Park. Whether they offer matching gifts, provide an opportunity for their employees to donate or simply set aside their own funds for this lifesaving work, charitable giving from our community's businesses goes a long way.

Groups like Bank on Buffalo, the Buffalo Sabres Foundation and the Buffalo Sabres Alumni Association give toward programs and initiatives that provide better **quality of life** for patients at Roswell Park. These efforts focus on the patients we care for now and in the future, striving to give them any comfort and peace of mind possible while they battle their disease.

Still others, like the Buffalo Bills Alumni Foundation (bottom middle), Buffalo Renaissance Foundation, Cutco, Live Nation, Upstate Pharmacy and Marrano Homes (bottom right), promote **cancer-fighting research**. These groups are focused on funding the scientists and investigators at Roswell Park who are continually searching for new and better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat all types of cancers.

Cause Marketing

This year, businesses stepped up to engage their customers in the fight against cancer. They used their platform and products to show they stand with us and our patients.

From a **percent of sales** of a signature product to a **round up at the register**, companies like ADPRO, Aflac, Crosby's, Delta Sonic, Turf for Tots, Walgreens (bottom left) and more left their mark on our mission in 2021-22.

Companies have also seen success **hosting or participating in events** which benefit Roswell Park. Can Bottle Return, Chiefs' Barber Parlour, Deep South Taco and Radio One Buffalo have all made an impact using this approach. They brought together their audiences for just this reason, giving the folks who support them a chance to make a bigger impact.

There are a number of **food and beverage** partners who dedicate a menu item, a period of time and/or a special dedicated initiative for which proceeds will support patients at Roswell Park. Moe's Southwest Grill, One Pie Pizza, Rachel's Mediterranean Grill, Coca-Cola, 12 Gates Brewing Company, Community Beer Works and Flying Bison Brewing Co. are some of those companies looking to give their customers a delicious and impactful product.

However our neighboring businesses and organizations decide to support Roswell Park, they are making a true and lasting difference in shaping cancer care in Western New York and beyond!



Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2022

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$28,592,876
Investments, at market value	116,423,048
Pledges and bequests receivable, net	11,597,748
Split interest agreements	510,523
Other assets	797,839
Due from related parties	1,500,877
TOTAL ASSETS	\$159,422,911

LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accrued liabilities	\$550,410
Grants payable to related parties	26,722,627
Annuities payable	704,460
Total liabilities	27,977,497

Net assets

Without donor restrictions	17,057,317
With donor restrictions	114,388,097
Total net assets	131,445,414

TOTAL LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS	\$159,422,911
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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended March 31, 2022

REVENUE and SUPPORT

Contributions	\$36,693,688
Special Events	10,555,304
Annual Fund/Direct Mail	2,849,287
Individual Major Gifts/Planned Gifts	20,327,650
Foundations	1,751,936
Corporate Partnerships	1,209,511
Gift shop receipts	591,910
Interest and dividends	1,556,941

TOTAL REVENUE and SUPPORT	38,842,539
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DISTRIBUTIONS and EXPENSES

Grants to benefit Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center	23,458,745
Management and general expenses	1,578,993
Fundraising expenses	4,362,447
Gift shop expenses	487,741

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS and EXPENSES	29,887,926
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Excess of revenue and support over distributions and expenses	8,954,613
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	9,479,652
Actuarial losses on annuity obligations and split interest agreements	(6,270)
Government grant income	233,345
Change in net assets	18,661,340

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING of YEAR	112,784,074
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NET ASSETS, END of YEAR	\$131,445,414
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“Roswell Park
is where you go
to live.”

- Marilyn
with husband Kevin, both patients

Ringing Out

Ring this bell
Three times well
Its toll to clearly say,
“My treatment's done
This course is run
And I am on my way!”
- U.S. Navy Rear Admiral (USN) Marilyn

Cancer patient
the complete
received at

treatment,
good news
every bell.

Leaving a lasting legacy

“We wanted to make a contribution that would inspire future generations to give,” said Roswell Park donor Robert Spampata. He and his wife

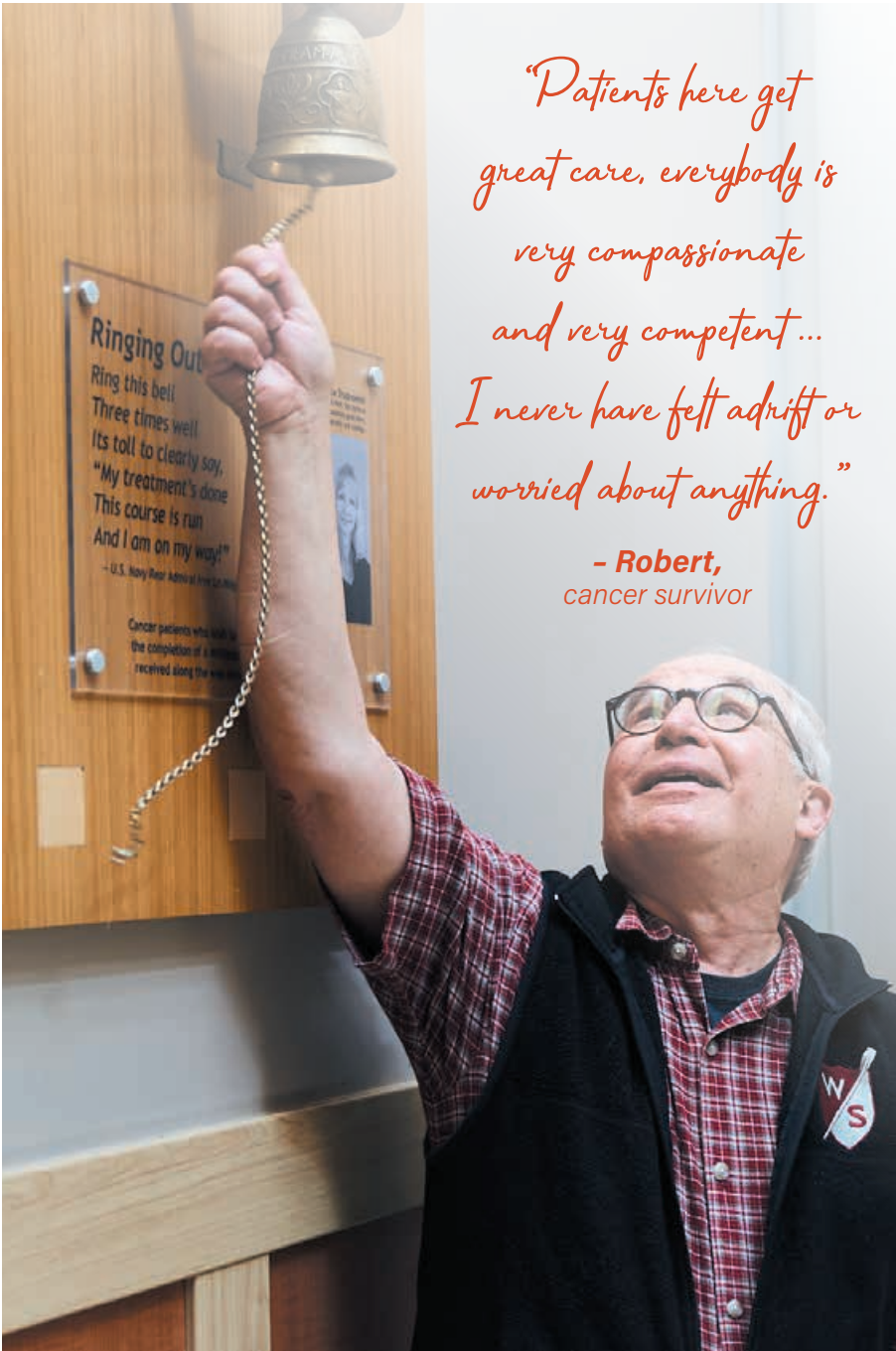
Jeanne will do just that, leaving behind a legacy someday which will continue to shape the future of cancer care, even after they are gone.

Planned giving advances revolutionary research and potentially lifesaving clinical trials at Roswell Park. Legacy giving ensures those advances are fueled for decades and generations to come.

This esteemed group of philanthropists are part of the Dr. Roswell Park Society and represent donors who have made known their intentions to leave legacy gifts to Roswell Park because they know that cancer research is a core element of the mission of Roswell Park. Their commitment reflects the great confidence they have in Roswell Park to continue seeking new and innovative way to prevent, diagnose and treat all kinds of cancer. It also demonstrates the trust they have in Roswell Park to continue to carry out pioneering science for as long as cancer exists.

Robert is one such donor. His connection to Roswell Park began in 2012 when he became a patient himself. After successful treatments and firsthand experience with the lifesaving work done here, Robert and Jeanne decided they wanted to support Roswell Park financially.

“As time went on, we realized we were situated where we could do more,” Robert said. The couple started an endowment for research named for their grandson. Their hope was that he, his peers and his whole generation would see it and be inspired to their own charitable giving. Not many years



“Patients here get great care, everybody is very compassionate and very competent... I never have felt adrift or worried about anything.”

– Robert,
cancer survivor

later, they began another endowment to aid in funding the Release the Breakthroughs campaign to advance immunotherapies.

“I think particularly in the case of a place like Roswell Park, you want future generations to be aware early on. It shouldn’t take you until your retirement to figure out that it’s a worthy organization, like it did us.”

It’s easy to see the impact of gifts as a patient, Robert explained. In the same way patients need only to spend one day at Roswell Park to know they will receive world-class care here, others would need only one day at Roswell Park to know their gifts are both greatly needed and put to the most effective use.

“The place lives up to its word. Patients here get great care, everybody is very compassionate and very competent,” Robert said. “I never have felt adrift or worried about anything. And the science behind my treatments so far has had very, very good results.”

Legacy Giving

Members of the Dr. Roswell Park Society* have expressed their commitment through a very special and important form of financial support — a future planned, or legacy, gift. These donors have named the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation as the beneficiary of a bequest, charitable trust, gift annuity, life insurance, retirement plan, will or trust. Their gifts will make a lasting contribution to Roswell Park’s commitment to understanding, preventing and curing cancer, and will ensure that the cancer center’s future will remain strong for generations to come.

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**As of August 1, 2022*



“When you hear you have cancer, you go through so much mentally and emotionally. At Roswell Park I didn’t feel like just another patient. I felt like a person; I wasn’t part of a routine.”

– Angel,
cancer patient

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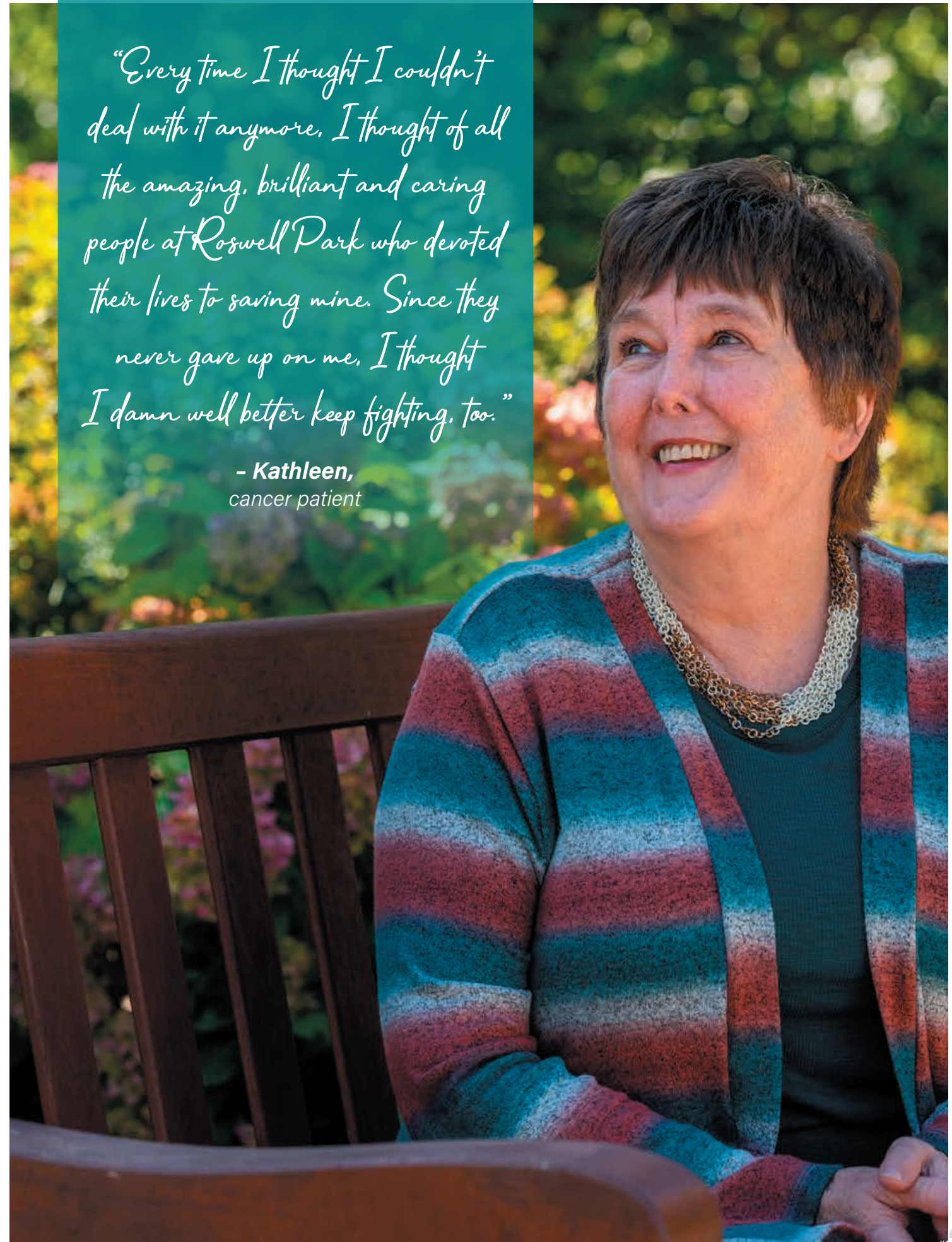
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- Kathleen,
cancer patient





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Lili was an outgoing, fun-loving, spunky girl with a very big heart. She was beloved by everyone she met throughout her too-short life. This brilliant, active little girl was diagnosed with glioblastoma, an aggressive and hard-to-treat type of brain cancer in the fall of 2019. A few months later, Lili's parents, Mike and Erin, found out about the novel immunotherapy brain cancer vaccine SurVaxM at Roswell Park.

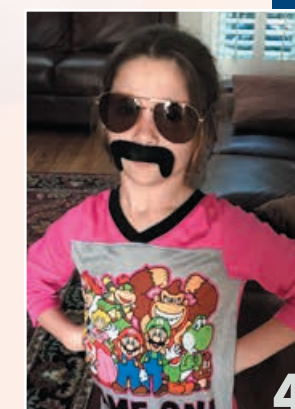
The Callahan family traveled back and forth from their home in Georgia to Roswell Park for Lili to receive this treatment that gave them more time with their daughter. She fought with all her might with the help of her treatments and allowed us to share her story to our supporters. She demonstrated her strength and bravery each and every day. She touched so many lives with her energy and spirit. She is dearly missed.

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