

# We're in this fight **TOGETHER**





## OUR MISSION

To maximize dollars available for Roswell Park Cancer Institute's most promising lifesaving research, treatment and prevention programs, while supporting the psychosocial needs of patients and families touched by cancer.

# TOGETHER.

we work for the day when  
cancer is a thing of the past

If there's one thing you learn at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, it's that whether you're a patient or team member, you're never alone. Everything we strive for and accomplish, we do together.

Treatment and recovery happen because of collaborations among multiple medical personnel, patients and their loved ones. And because of donors who help close funding gaps and provide support for quality-of-life projects that remind patients they are not defined by their diagnosis.

We bring clinical trials to our patients by working together with scientists, stakeholders and game-changers across the globe — ultimately changing the future of treatment for cancer patients throughout the U.S. and around the world. But also because of donations that allow us to undertake clinical trials and bring innovative therapies — and new hope — to patients at cancer centers across the nation.

Together we fuel events throughout the community where we all pitch in to fund brilliant new ideas, support others fighting their own fight and celebrate those we love.

And together we create state-of-the-art facilities that provide our patients with the most advanced treatments in spaces carefully crafted for their comfort.

All part of one team, **TOGETHER.**

When we choose to participate in the world of Roswell Park, we are choosing to be part of a community. We are choosing to move forward together in the fight to help every patient today and end cancer forever tomorrow.

Cancer is a world that no one can get through alone. Ours is a promise to every patient that whatever happens, we will do this together. One day we will find that cure, and we will get there together.

You are a critical part of that word: "**TOGETHER.**" Thank you for all that you have done to support Roswell Park. Thank you for all that you will continue to do. Thank you for being a critical part of our work toward a cancer-free future.



Lee C. Wortham  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*  
*Roswell Park Alliance Foundation*

# TOGETHER, we make changes for better global health

After Gianna Toboni, correspondent and producer for the HBO investigative series "VICE," lost a childhood friend – a nonsmoker and athlete – to lung cancer at age 22, she heard about an American doctor who was trying to bring a Cuban vaccine for the disease to the U.S.

That doctor was Kelvin Lee, MD, Roswell Park's Jacobs Family Chair in Immunology. Lee was actually part of a group working to bring that vaccine, CIMAvax, to the U.S. under an agreement made during a New York State trade mission to Cuba. The mission also included Roswell Park President and CEO Candace Johnson, PhD, and was led by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Toboni pitched a story to "VICE" about how medical collaborations between the U.S. and Cuba can result in benefit for both sides. Before long, she was following Dr. Lee to Cuba, a camera crew in tow, and talking with Cuban doctors and patients about the vaccine's success.

CIMAvax works not by attacking tumors, like radiation and chemotherapy do, but by targeting what's called epidermal growth factor (EGF), essentially denying the tumor its food supply. It has a low toxicity – meaning fewer side effects than traditional treatments – and is also inexpensive.

In fall 2016, the FDA gave Roswell Park approval to begin clinical trials on CIMAvax. Donations to Roswell Park have provided a large amount of the financial support needed to launch the initial trials.

While it will be a few years before we have our own results, Cuba's have been nothing short of inspirational: with 1,000+ eligible lung cancer patients who expressed a high level of EGF receiving the vaccine in Cuba and 5,000+ worldwide, and with a life expectancy of one year, 23 percent were still alive after five years.

While being followed by HBO cameras during his visit to Cuba, Dr. Lee had the opportunity to speak with Cuban natives who have benefited from the drug. All of them had been given a year to live, and all had high EGF levels. With treatment time ranging from six months to eight years, all three of the women were doing well and were very happy to be on the vaccine.

"I'm happy that there are people who are dedicated precisely to this, one of the cruelest illnesses that humanity has," said Yolanda Vicens, a patient who has been receiving CIMAvax treatments for four years.

"[I'm doing] very well, very well," said Marta Reymo, who had been on the vaccine for eight years. "My family and I are both happy. The vaccine has been very good for me."

Dr. Lee has great hopes for the potential of this vaccine. "The exciting thing about CIMAvax is whether or not you could use it in other cancers that utilize EGF like colon cancer, head and neck cancer, breast cancer, maybe prostate cancer," he says. "We're on the first step of a very big journey hopefully that will be very exciting."



#### Supporting CIMAvax Trials

In response to their own battles with lung cancer, Sharon McCann (left) and Susan Roney (right) have served as the lead community organizers for A Taste for Life – an annual cocktail party to benefit lung cancer research at Roswell Park. A portion of the funds raised at the 2016 event benefited the early phase trials for CIMAvax.

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From left: Dr. Kelvin Lee, Dr. Thomas Schwaab, Dr. Candace Johnson and David Donovan (Roswell Park); Ernesto Chico (Center for Molecular Immunology in Cuba); Charles Small (from the Office of Gov. Cuomo)



## TOGETHER, we help steer the course of treatment

"It was just amazing knowing that this medication helped my son, and he didn't have to go through radiation or regular chemotherapy, because that is just so painful and it takes so much out of your body."



Can you imagine that your child is sick, but no one can tell you what's wrong?

When 5-year-old Kyle Rounds took a strange fall and started having trouble walking around Halloween, that's what happened to his family. He kept waking up in great pain in the middle of the night, and nothing helped. His parents took him to doctors and hospitals again and again before an MRI in January finally revealed a tumor on his spine.

Surgery and pathology narrowed it down to a rare unclassified spindle cell tumor — but were inconclusive beyond that. Doctors still didn't know how to treat him.

"I was distraught," says his mom, Christeana. "I was so upset and so scared, wondering, Am I going to lose my son?"

Finally, Kyle was sent to Roswell Park, where he was tested with OmniSeq Comprehensive<sup>SM</sup>. The test identified a mutation on a gene that conventional tests had missed. He had an inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor, a type of sarcoma.

OmniSeq Comprehensive is a diagnostic test developed by Roswell Park researchers in the Center for Personalized Medicine (CPM). It sequences 144 genes of a patient's tumor biopsy looking for mutations in DNA and RNA. Once doctors know about a genetic mutation, they can tailor treatments specifically to the patient's tumor.

Donations to the Alliance Foundation have supported much of OmniSeq's development and the testing it provides patients — as well as the development of other forms of diagnostic testing to identify new personalized therapies.

"Thanks to the generous support of Roswell Park Cancer Institute donors, more than 600 Roswell Park patients received OmniSeq Comprehensive testing," said Carl Morrison, MD, DVM, Executive Director of the CPM and President and CSO of OmniSeq Inc. "Donor-funded testing also supplied proof of the usefulness of this test as a medical management tool for clinicians, resulting in several regional payers agreeing to cover OmniSeq Comprehensive tests. We are equally excited by the promise shown for the usefulness of comprehensive genomic profiling for pediatric patients."

Once OmniSeq found that mutation, Kyle was able to start taking the targeted oral drug crizotinib. Now, the tumor has shrunk remarkably, and his parents are relieved that their son doesn't have to go through unnecessary invasive treatments. "It was just amazing knowing that this medication helped my son and he didn't have to go through radiation or regular chemotherapy, because that is just so painful and it takes so much out of your body," says Lyle, Kyle's father.

OmniSeq doctors are excited to be able to expand its use to pediatric cancer patients, which is only possible because of donor generosity. Christeana is deeply grateful to know that donors helped make this diagnosis happen. "I really appreciate the donations because they helped my son. I wish I could say thank you to them."

Kyle calls his tumor his "monster" and after repeat imaging, asks how his monster is doing. "When I found out the pill was working and it still is — it's amazing, it's a miracle drug to help my son cure this monster," his mom says.

# TOGETHER, we make room to save lives

Chris Eberle looks out over the city of Buffalo. A longtime member of The Ride For Roswell Steering Committee and chair of the Celebration of Hope Committee, Chris recently found herself on the other side of the fundraising and volunteering coin when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I was completely blindsided," she says. She's currently in the middle of her chemotherapy treatment, which means she's spending a lot of time in the new Scott Bieler Clinical Sciences Center (CSC).

The CSC opened in May 2016 after years of planning and fundraising and thanks to contributions from The Ride and many other generous donors. It's a result of the Making Room to Save Lives capital campaign, Roswell Park's strategic initiative to meet the needs of its rapidly growing patient population. The CSC now includes a Breast Center, a Mammography Center, a Chemo-Infusion Clinic, a Gynecology Clinic, an Adolescent and Young Adult Clinic and a Survivorship Center.

The 11-story, state-of-the-art facility was named in honor of the campaign's co-chair and the president of West Herr Automotive Group, Scott Bieler, who made a historic gift commitment to the Institute's Priority Endowment Fund earlier that year. He was also among the Circle of Fifteen – a group of donors who made leadership gifts of \$1 million or more to jump-start the campaign.

"How can you not be inspired as you walk through these doors? I want Roswell Park to continue inspiring patients to keep fighting, and for Roswell Park to continue its work for years to come," said Scott at the grand opening of the CSC.

Thoughts about patient comfort and ease went into every aspect of its design and construction, with the Facilities

team meeting regularly with the Patient and Family Advisory Board to talk about details. The planners learned, for instance, that some chemo patients want to sit and talk with other patients during their long infusion hours, and there should be a lot of restrooms.

They hashed out everything from the size of TVs to what types of chairs are most comfortable to the kinds of coffee- and tea-makers patients like best.

This led to some notable designs: reception areas directly ahead of you when you exit an elevator. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the Chemotherapy and Infusion Center. Lots of mobile device charging stations. Chemo bays for up to four people for those who like to socialize during their treatment, and private bays for those who don't.

Now that she's a patient in the CSC, Chris appreciates this forward thinking of the planners and architects. "I always ask for a window seat and have the chair turned around to face Buffalo. It's peaceful to watch the lake and city evolve during what are very long days for me."

Chris thinks about her fundraising for the CSC and the strange full circle she has now traced. "The funds I helped to raise through The Ride have been used to build the CSC. And now here I am, a patient putting to the test each of the new areas in this remarkable Center and benefiting from the astonishing team of experts who are designing treatments and approaches specifically for curing my cancer.

**"Roswell Park is vitally important to our community and the worldwide community, and now it is personally important. That's why I volunteer on the largest fundraising event. That's why I work on The Ride. Because it does make a difference. And now that difference is helping me."**



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— Scott Bieler



Above: Scott Bieler with longtime partner Kathryn Lasher and Dr. Candace Johnson at the CSC naming announcement in May 2016.

Right: Chris Eberle, a 10-year volunteer organizer and fundraiser for The Ride For Roswell and Celebration of Hope committee chair, and now a Roswell Park patient, stands in the waiting area for the new Chemotherapy and Infusion Center on the second floor of the CSC.





Front row: Snickers, Mary Kate and Cate Vivacqua  
Back row: Daniel and Rick Vivacqua



Cate and Mary Kate Vivacqua with Dr. John Kane III at Sip Away Sarcoma.

“If we can help people not experience the pain that we went through — it’s not a one-person battle. It’s a whole family that’s dealing with it, a whole support system.”



## TOGETHER, we build ways to support each other

Glasses clink, filled with lemon-drop martinis. Plates are loaded with beef on weck, chicken wings, pizza dripping with cheese. Many guests are wearing yellow, mirroring the decorations. Music, chatter and laughter fill the summer air, the sounds of boats and birds in the distance. A party to remember, in more ways than one.

Everyone has come to celebrate a man they loved. Family, friends, business colleagues, all gathered in memory of Rick Vivacqua and to raise funds to fight the disease he battled so hard.

The yellow is for Sarcoma Awareness Month. And this is Sip Away Sarcoma, one of many fundraising events held by different community members throughout the year to raise funds for Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Rick’s family organize and host Sip Away to toast his life and support the endowment they established in his name at Roswell Park.



### RICK’S BATTLE

When Rick was diagnosed with sarcoma in 2003, he and his family were relieved to have Roswell Park Cancer Institute so close to home — and to learn that it is one of only four places specializing in sarcoma in New York State.

Rick lived with sarcoma for another 12 years, undergoing four surgeries and participating in a number of clinical trials. In December 2015, he lost his long battle with the disease. His family — wife Mary Kate, daughter Cate and son Daniel — credit every day they had with him to Roswell Park.

“My dad was such an amazing guy. We were so lucky to have him,” says Cate. “And sarcoma is so rare that we were lucky to have him for 12 years after his diagnosis.”

### HOW TO SIP AWAY SARCOMA

Back in July 2015, inspired by her father and in recognition of Sarcoma Awareness Month, Cate hosted her first fundraising happy hour to benefit Roswell Park as well as other sarcoma patients and families, naming it Sip Away Sarcoma. Rick was able to attend and was inundated with love from so many people he cared about.

After Rick passed away that December, Cate, Mary Kate and Daniel wanted to continue celebrating him and his life while also building financial support for sarcoma research and patients.

“We wanted to help the families that are going through what we went through,” says Mary Kate, who is also a Roswell Park Alliance Foundation Ambassador. That’s when they learned about endowments.

### THE RICHARD J. VIVACQUA ENDOWED FUND FOR SARCOMA RESEARCH

An endowment is kind of like a permanent savings account. The principal is held untouched, while the interest and market gain it generates is allocated for a specific use or uses. The larger the endowment, the more earnings it generates.

“It seemed the most logical option,” Cate says. “It was one way we could have my dad’s life legacy live on and be able to help Roswell Park, who helped us so much.” To date, Sip Away and other donations have contributed \$75,000 toward the endowment.

John Kane III, MD, FACS, Chair of the Department of Surgical Oncology and Chief, Sarcoma/Melanoma, works directly with the Vivacquas on the endowment. “Sip Away Sarcoma has been a tremendous supporter of the core missions of the Roswell Park sarcoma program,” he says. “It has significantly raised public awareness of this rare cancer. Its fundraising efforts have also provided vital research dollars for our basic science projects.”

Cate wants anyone considering hosting an event like this to know “how much they’re helping other people and other families who have been affected by the same disease that your family has been affected by. If we can help people not experience the pain that we went through — it’s not a one-person battle. It’s a whole family that’s dealing with it, a whole support system.”



# TOGETHER, we ease the burden for our patients

Quality of life programs help patients and their families smile a little more and breathe a little easier.



Our commitment to delivering superior patient care goes far beyond the medical.

We want our patients to be able to focus on their fight, not worry about the little things that can creep up. From bedside services to projects that help patients at home, our quality-of-life programs ensure that our patients are supported on all sides – physical, emotional, psychological and even creative.

But we can't do any of this without your help. Your donations directly support these programs. Together, we help patients and their families smile a little more and breathe a little easier.

This past year, \$900,000 in donations funded 30 quality-of-life programs. Here are some of the highlights.

**ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE:** Part of the Arts in Healthcare Initiative, a partnership with the University at Buffalo Center for the Arts, the Artists in Residence program provides creative opportunities that help patients forget their cancer diagnosis for a moment and forge connections with others. The artists use visual arts, music, dance, theater and writing to inspire creativity and connection in those staying in the hospital. Patients might get to paint a scarf, tell a story, contribute to a quilt or play the tambourine in a spontaneous songfest.

**CHEMOTHERAPY TREATS FOR PATIENTS:** The Office of Patient and Family Experience provides chemotherapy patients with free, healthy candy while they are here for treatment. After a lot of research, the treat of choice is Soothease lollipops, a candy with organic, natural and non-GMO ingredients selected for natural supportive properties. It helps the body's ability to maintain normal taste sensation, which chemotherapy and radiation can alter.



**LEGALCARE AT ROSWELL PARK:** LegalCare is a partnership between Roswell Park and the University at Buffalo School of Law in which certified, supervised student-attorneys provide assistance on health-related legal needs to patients who otherwise could not afford it. Family law, insurance issues, employment problems, will preparation – whatever the issue, the team works to catch and solve problems upstream and prevent any need to go to court.



The Bedside Attendants Program provides one-on-one care for patients who need extra observation, giving their loved ones a chance to grab dinner or a shower, run errands, get some sleep and much more. This is just one of the many programs made possible by Roswell Park's Quality of Life Fund, which is supported by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and the generosity of our donors.

# TOGETHER, we turn the sparks of ideas into real cancer treatment

On average, every dollar donated to Roswell Park leads to an additional \$13 in new grant funding.

Ideas are where everything begins. The talent, knowledge, inspiration and experience flooding the halls of Roswell Park generate groundbreaking ideas that could revolutionize the future of cancer care. But ideas aren't enough — they require funding to get off the ground.

Together, we make it happen. Our scientists provide the ideas. Our donors provide the funding. Our Scientific Advisory Committee awards that funding to the best of those ideas. It's a partnership. Comprising Roswell Park

researchers and staff, the SAC carefully reviews each proposal and objectively confers grants to the proposals most likely to succeed in developing new treatments, medicines and practices in the fight against cancer.

But these grants are just the beginning. Many of these studies go on to win substantial national funding that helps our scientists finalize their research and disseminate the results to the global medical community.

**In 2016–17, 28 projects were awarded a total of \$1,300,918 in seed funding through the Scientific Advisory Committee. They are:**



**Joseph Barbi, PhD**, Department of Immunology, "VEGF signalling and neuritin favor an activated T-reg phenotype in HCC patients"

**Lynda Beaupin, MD**, Department of Pediatric Oncology, "Talking pictures: An exploratory study of a meaning-based social media intervention for adolescent and young adult cancer"

**Gokul Das, PhD**, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, "Repurposing tamoxifen therapy for triple negative breast cancer."



**Kevin Eng, PhD**, Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, "Is MAGE c3 a tumor suppressor gene in prostate and ovarian cancers?"

**Kevin Eng, PhD**, Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, "The familial ovarian cancer update study (FOCUS)"

**David Goodrich, PhD**, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, "Histologic transformation mediates NSCLC resistance to EGRF TKI therapy"



**Wendy Huss, PhD**, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, "Differentiation therapy targeting prostate cancer stem cells in advanced prostate cancer"

**Jennifer Hydeman, PhD**, Department of Psychosocial Oncology, "RCT of online mindfulness-based stress reduction for metastatic breast cancer patients"

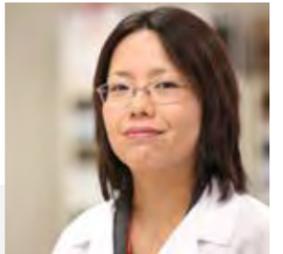
**Kara Kelly, MD**, Department of Pediatric Oncology, "A comprehensive assessment of oral chemotherapy adherence in pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia"



**Joseph Lau, PhD**, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, "Manipulating glycosylation as a novel therapeutic strategy for sepsis"

**Kelvin Lee, MD**, Department of Immunology, "Support for tumor immunology & immunotherapy program member use of the CYTOF/Imaging shared resource"

**Fengzhi Li, PhD**, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, "Studies on two important aspects for strengthening FL118 IND submission, targeted clinical trials and marketing potential as well as new grant submission"



**Asoke Mal, PhD**, Department of Cell Stress Biology, "Exploring a new therapeutic approach targeting an epigenetic modifier in rhabdomyosarcoma"

**Junko Matsuzaki, PhD**, Immune Analysis Facility, "Development of the most effective adoptive T cell therapy platform utilizing CD4+Tcells"

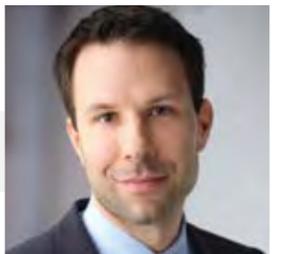
**James Mohler, MD**, Senior Vice President, Translational Research, "Bioanalytics, metabolomics and pharmacokinetics shared resource"



**Toru Ouchi, PhD**, Department of Cancer Genetics and Genomics, "Regulating cancer susceptibility by metabolic and radiation oxidative stress by a novel H2AX function"

**Toru Ouchi, PhD**, Department of Cancer Genetics and Genomics, "Enhancing cancer susceptibility by metabolic and radiation oxidative stress"

**Ravindra Pandey, PhD**, Department of Cell Stress Biology, "Combination of PDT, Immunotherapy and/or chemotherapy for improved detection and treatment of bladder cancer"



**Gyorgy Paragh, MD, PhD**, Department of Dermatology, "Lysine-specific demethylase 1A a regulator of cellular reactive oxygen species response"

**Elisa Rodriguez, PhD**, Department of Cancer Prevention and Control, "Understanding the cancer prevention educational needs of the Western New York Puerto Rican Hispanic population: Puentes a Esperanza y Vida"

**Christine Sheffer, PhD**, Department of Health Behavior, "The treasure of now and an uncertain future: temporal discounting and health behaviors among cancer survivors"



**Dean Tang, PhD**, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, "The role of neurogenesis genes in regulating cancer stem cell and tumor differentiation and invasion in vivo"

**Xinjiang Wang, PhD**, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, "Development of novel RING domain inhibitors for treatment of drug-resistant lymphoma"

**Song Yao, PhD**, Department of Cancer Prevention and Control, "The role of genetic ancestry in disparate side effects and survival outcomes among Hispanic pediatric cancer patients"



**Eugene Yu, PhD**, Department of Cancer Genetics and Genomics, "Engineer the first model to reveal the aneuploidy independent of gene dosage in tumorigenesis"

**Jianmin Zhang, PhD**, Department of Cancer Genetics and Genomics, "The dysfunction of the hippo pathway effector-TAZ in breast cancer"

**Jianmin Zhang, PhD**, Department of Cancer Genetics and Genomics, "Dysregulation of TAZ in breast cancer"



**Yuesheng Zhang, MD, PhD**, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, "On the role of PEPD in regulating p53 and antagonizing ERBB1/ERBB2"

# TOGETHER, we form a community to fight for a day without cancer

Each year Roswell Park hosts special events that bring together patients, volunteers, participants and donors to celebrate life, pay tribute to those we've lost and find ways to give back. Whether they give their time, their donations or their enthusiasm, every one of them makes a critical contribution to our fight for a day when no one has to face this disease ever again. And we want to express our deepest gratitude for every bit of their work and dedication.

Here are our biggest events of 2016-17.

## THE RIDE FOR ROSWELL

\$4,697,973

The Ride For Roswell, sponsored by West Herr Automotive Group, brings together friends and families from across WNY and around the world to make a difference in the battle for a cancer cure. In 2016 more than 8,000 riders and 2,000 volunteers who have been touched by cancer participated in raising a record-breaking amount of funds for Roswell Park.

## EMPIRE STATE RIDE

\$275,369

In the ESR's inaugural year, 50+ riders — some survivors themselves; all with cancer connections — spent seven days cycling more than 500 miles from New York City to Niagara Falls with one mission: to change the state of cancer research for good.

## ALL STAR NIGHT

\$581,376

All Star Night is Roswell Park's signature annual black tie gala. November's event theme was New York City, and Joan Lunden was the guest of honor receiving the Gilda Radner Courage Award.

## TEAM CURE

\$1,254,060

With Team Cure, community members find great and often creative ways to fundraise for Roswell Park. Our supporters do everything from setting up lemonade stands to hosting birthday parties and golf tournaments. 266 Team Cure events were held in 2016-17.

## GOIN' BALD FOR BUCKS

\$584,905

Participants of Goin' Bald for Bucks raise donations by snipping, clipping and shaving their way to cancer cures to show their solidarity with cancer patients. This year, 49 schools, 14 groups and 43 additional individuals went Bald for Bucks, and a special Buffalo Sabres promotion raised \$85,000 on its own.

## SUMMER SPLASH AND CARLY'S CROSSING

\$152,084

Summer Splash is a cocktail party on Buffalo's harbor front whose 2016 "Red Hot" theme invited guests to wear their hottest red outfits. Carly's Crossing is a Lake Erie swimming event featuring two different course options and a family Beach Bash. Both are presented by Upstate Pharmacy Ltd. and raise funds for pediatric cancer research and patient-care programs through Carly's Club.

## CHIP IN FOR CARLY'S CLUB

\$52,139

Chip In turns the average golf tournament up a few dozen notches by challenging participants to play 100 holes in one day. The funds it raises support pediatric cancer research and patient-care programs through Carly's Club.



## Statement of financial position

March 31, 2017

### ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$21,076,720
Investments, at market value	63,421,920
Pledges and bequests receivable, net	7,682,905
Split interest agreements	1,653,936
Other assets	361,323
Due from related parties	1,223,398

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$95,420,202**

### LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Accrued liabilities	\$1,270,017
Grants payable to related parties	11,626,730
Annuities payable	946,388

Total liabilities 13,843,135

Net assets	
Unrestricted	15,274,746
Temporarily restricted	27,122,159
Permanently restricted (Endowment)	39,180,162

Total net assets 81,577,067

**TOTAL LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS** **\$95,420,202**

## Statement of activities and changes in net assets

Year Ended March 31, 2017

### REVENUE and SUPPORT

Contributions		\$23,036,775
Special Events	8,389,632	
Annual Fund/Direct Mail	2,503,910	
Individual Major Gifts/Planned Gifts	10,591,727	
Foundations	726,373	
Corporate Partnerships	825,132	
Gift shop receipts		569,901
Interest and dividends		972,361

**TOTAL REVENUE and SUPPORT** **24,579,037**

### DISTRIBUTIONS and EXPENSES

Grants to benefit Roswell Park Cancer Institute	15,531,756
Management and general expenses	1,689,396
Fundraising expenses	4,359,004

**TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS and EXPENSES** **21,580,156**

Excess of revenue and support over distributions and expenses	2,998,881
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	6,522,348
Actuarial gains on annuity obligations and split interest agreements	130,741

Change in net assets 9,651,970

**NET ASSETS, BEGINNING of YEAR** **71,925,097**

**NET ASSETS, END of YEAR** **\$81,577,067**

"Thank you for all that you have done to support Roswell Park. Thank you for all that you will continue to do. Thank you for being a critical part of our work toward a cancer-free future."

— Lee C. Wortham  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Roswell Park Alliance Foundation



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Hank, pediatric cancer survivor

# Legacy Giving

Members of the **Dr. Roswell Park Society** have expressed their commitment through a very special and important form of financial support – a 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 ongoing mission of understanding, preventing and curing cancer, and will ensure that the Institute's future will remain strong for generations to come.

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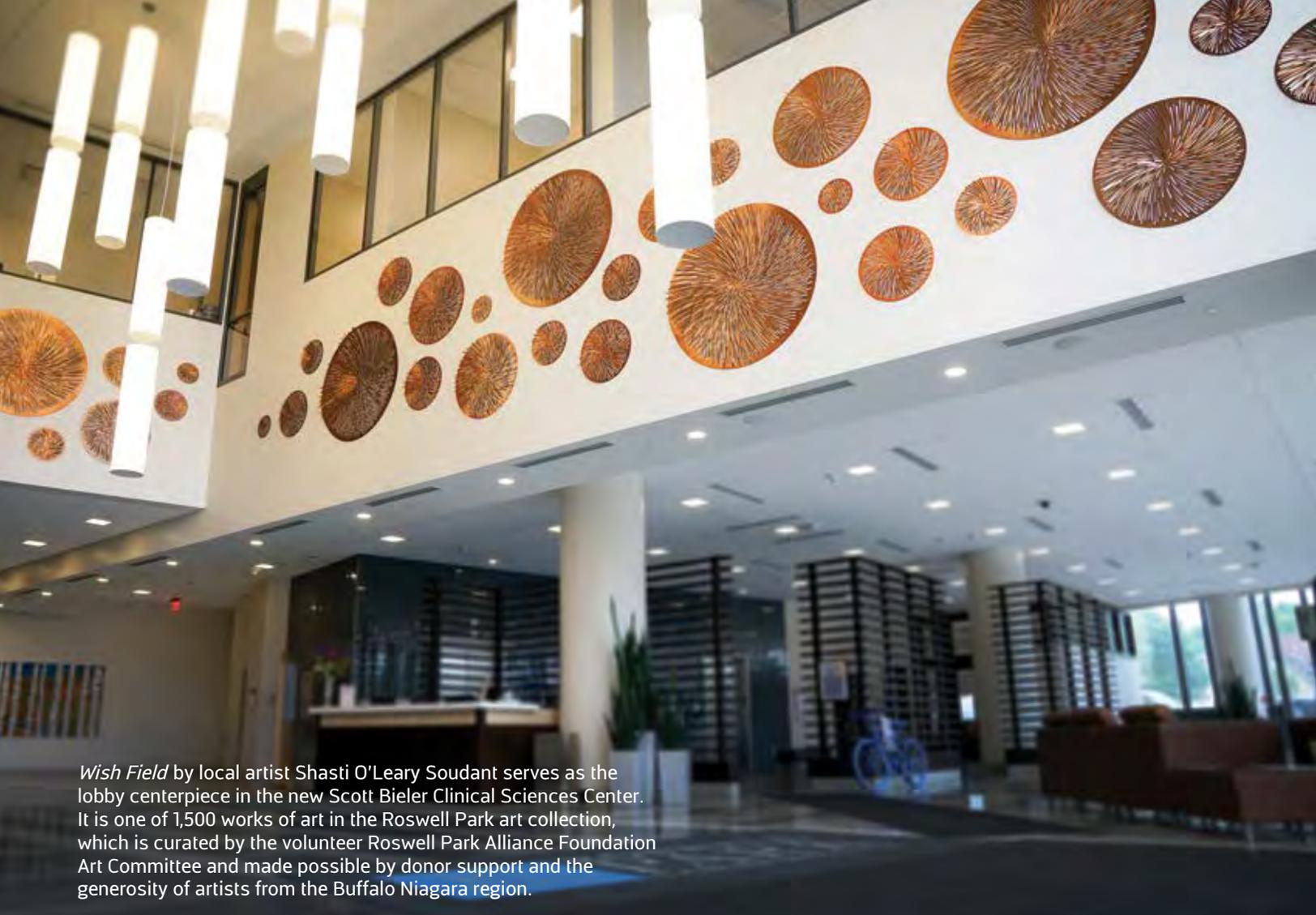
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