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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE ROPER ST. FRANCIS FOUNDATION

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ANNOUNCING BEN STEIN

Featured guest speaker for the 2010 Roper Xavier Society Donor Appreciation Gala

The Roper St. Francis Foundation is excited to announce that its featured guest speaker for the 2010 Gala will be Ben Stein. Our annual Donor Appreciation Gala honors members of the Roper Xavier Society – the generous friends who contribute \$1,000 or more to further our mission of *healing all people with compassion, faith and excellence*. Donations to the Rx Society support important Roper St. Francis Healthcare initiatives including the Mount Pleasant Hospital, West Ashley Cancer Center, Nursing Scholarships and Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness at Roper Hospital. This private event has limited seating and is open to Rx Society members only.



The Gala is made possible through the generosity of our event sponsors: Cogdell Charitable Fund – *Sponsorship of the Physician Champion Award*; Robins & Morton; Complete Building Corporation; BB&T; Dixon Hughes PLLC; Hagemeyer; ProAssurance Corporation; Program Management Resources, Inc.; Morrison Healthcare Food Services; Trident Construction Company; Young Clement Rivers LLP; Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd.

To become a member of the Rx Society or to learn more about becoming a sponsor of the 2010 Donor Appreciation Gala, please call (843) 720-1205 or visit www.rsfhfoundation.org.

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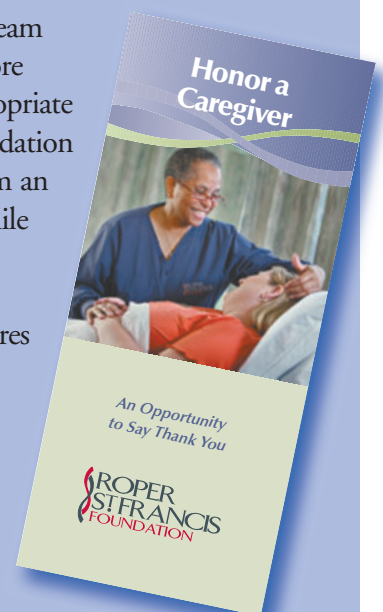
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Honor a Caregiver

At Roper St. Francis, we are fortunate to have an excellent team who often go above and beyond to make a patient's stay more comfortable and many patients and their families seek appropriate ways to express their gratitude. The Roper St. Francis Foundation now offers an Honor a Caregiver program, which gives them an opportunity to say "thank you" with a philanthropic gift while giving us a way to recognize our wonderful caregivers.

Patients can learn more about this program through brochures located throughout the hospital and meal tray notices.

Donations made on behalf of a caregiver will support the Foundation's outreach and further strengthen the mission of Roper St. Francis Healthcare. Gifts can be designated according to the donors' wishes, and those whose service is recognized by a gift will receive special recognition.



MEDITATION GARDEN GRAND OPENING



To celebrate the official opening of the Meditation Garden, a special blessing ceremony conducted by The Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston, took place on April 28, under the Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital campus' canopy of grand oaks. Highlighting the event was the unveiling of a 6-foot sculpture of the living Christ crafted from Indiana limestone by nationally-recognized carver Tim Doyle. The statue was commissioned by The Sonny Mevers Foundation in memory of Margaret McAlister Mevers.

The Garden honors the Sisters of Bon Secours and the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy.



In addition to the living Christ statue, the Meditation Garden features:

- The McQueeney Labyrinth, modeled after the labyrinth found in the floor of Chartres Cathedral of Notre Dame (Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Chartres) near Paris
- A Prayer Garden, complete with cascading fountain and water wall, given by Beverly and Jack Hoover in memory of their parents
- The Sister Margaretta Camellia Garden, sponsored by The Molony Family, featuring fall and winter blooming camellias, hollies and magnolias

For more information about the Meditation Garden, please visit www.rsfb.com/meditationgarden.

Just a Heartbeat Away

With the 20-year-old Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness Center at Roper Hospital managing over 2,200 visits per month, Roper Hospital recognized that it was time to bring the facility up-to-date. To better provide for our cardiac rehabilitation and other patients at Roper Hospital, we are expanding and significantly renovating the existing facility.

On July 1, the Foundation finished a 90-day campaign, called *Just a Heartbeat Away*, to complete the fundraising needed for this \$3.7 million renovation project. With your support, the renovated facility will double in space, will have enhanced aesthetics by adding large windows to provide natural light, become more convenient with a dedicated entrance and will have private consult rooms for patients and clinicians.

We are happy to report that the Foundation met its 90-day \$250,000 matching gift challenge from the Medical Society of South Carolina and has met its \$3.7 million goal. To ensure the Center is a state-of-the-art facility with the best equipment for our patients, fundraising will continue to reach a new stretch goal of \$3.9 million.

Before Renovation



After Renovation



Thank you to everyone who invested in the future of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness at Roper Hospital.

ACCESSHEALTH SC

Advancing an Unprecedented Collaboration for the Uninsured



J.B. Duke

THE DUKE ENDOWMENT

The Roper St. Francis Foundation recently received a \$750,000 grant to be paid over three years from The Duke Endowment to support a collaborative effort known as Tri-county AccessHealth SC. This program will develop a community network of care for the low-income, uninsured in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties.

In our three-county area, 149,000 people – more than 20% of the population – lack health insurance. These people are postponing routine and preventive care until their medical needs become acute and land them in one of the area's hospital emergency rooms. They are suffering unnecessarily and their care is costing healthcare providers and insured patients. By some estimates, as much as 35 to 40% of your health insurance premium goes to cover these unmet costs.

A group of area healthcare providers convened by Trident United Way has been meeting for more than a year to determine how best to address the myriad, complex issues surrounding access to care for low-income uninsured people. Ultimately, this effort could improve the health of one-fifth of our population and slow the rise of health insurance costs for all of us.

“All of the participants in this collaboration, many of whom might be competitors in a different setting, are committed to meeting the health care needs of everyone in our community,” said David Dunlap, President and Chief Executive Officer of Roper St. Francis Healthcare. “This effort aims to provide our uninsured with patient-centered medical homes and the preventive care that they need. By addressing the needs of our most vulnerable residents, we can help to improve the overall health and well-being of our entire community.”

At The Duke Endowment, Vice President Mary Piepenbring said the Endowment is pleased to help communities work together to address a growing need. “When he created The Duke Endowment in 1924, James B. Duke was committed to removing barriers so all individuals had access to quality health care,” Piepenbring said. “Improving access to comprehensive health care is still a major focus for us today.”

The Foundation applied to The Duke Endowment on behalf of a coalition of healthcare providers and service organizations from across the Tri-county area. The network partnership includes more than 25 partners representing a full spectrum of healthcare in our neighborhoods including:

AccessHealth SC	Franklin C. Fetter Family Health Center
Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic	Harvest Free Medical Clinic
Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Department	HCA Healthcare/Trident Health System
Charleston Center	Medical Outreach Ministry Clinic
Charleston County Medical Society	MUSC Free Medical Clinic at ECCO/C.A.R.E.S. Clinic
City of Charleston, Mayor's Office for Children, Youth & Families	MUSC Medical Center
City of North Charleston, Mayor's Office on Education, Youth & Families	Our Lady of Mercy Wellness House
Coastal Community Foundation	Palmetto Project AccessNet
Crisis Ministries Free Clinic	Roper St. Francis Healthcare
DHEC Region 7	St. James Santee Family Health Center, Inc.
Dream Center Clinic, Inc.	Tri County Family Ministries
East Cooper Community Outreach	Tri County Project Care
East Cooper Regional Medical Center	Trident United Way
	United Physicians Inc.
	Welvista

About The Duke Endowment: Based in Charlotte, NC, The Duke Endowment seeks to fulfill the legacy of James B. Duke by enriching the lives and communities in the Carolinas through higher education, healthcare, rural churches and children's services. Since its inception in 1924, the Endowment has awarded more than \$2.6 billion in grants.

THE FOUNDATION RECEIVES ITS LARGEST DONATION IN HISTORY

The Roper St. Francis Foundation recently received a generous \$1.3 million gift from the late Dr. Harold S. and Corinne N. Pettit to establish an endowment. The gift, which is the single largest philanthropic donation in our non-profit healthcare system's history, will be used to enhance patient care, acquire state-of-the-art medical technology and support facility enhancements and improvements at Roper Hospital.

This recent donation represents one of many ways the Pettits have supported Roper Hospital. The Pettits made their first donation to Roper in 1991, and have made subsequent gifts to benefit Roper Hospital Imaging, the Roper Heart & Vascular Tower and Roper St. Francis nursing scholarships, totaling in excess of \$2.3 million.

Dr. Pettit served as Chief of Radiology at Roper Hospital from 1949 to 1983. He was an active member on several boards, including serving for 19 years on the Board of Commissioners for Roper Hospital, and as Chairman for eight years. Dr. Pettit, a member of the Medical Society of South Carolina since 1949, served as its President from 1966 to 1968. Mrs. Pettit served on the RSF Foundation Board of Directors from 1987 to 1999.

"Philanthropy is critical to the future of Roper St. Francis Healthcare," said John Holloway, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Roper St. Francis Foundation. "We are grateful to the Pettits for their gift, which is unique because it comes from a physician who recognized the quality of patient care at Roper St. Francis Healthcare. We hope their generosity will inspire others in the community to continue to support Roper St. Francis and local healthcare."

Pictured from left: John P. Linton, Executor of Pettit Estate; David L. Dunlap, RSFH President and CEO; Michael Bagg, MD, RSFH Chief of Radiology and Dr. Pettit's contemporary; Matt Severance, CEO Roper Hospital; and John Holloway, Board Chairman of the RSF Foundation, in front of the Pettit Tower at Roper Hospital.



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One Coffee at a Time

One of Roper St. Francis Healthcare's nurses illustrates the impact you can make through the Roper St. Francis Foundation. This nurse's parent benefited from the Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness at Roper Hospital, and she wanted to ensure the Center would have the capacity to help more patients for generations to come. She pledged to forgo her daily \$3.50 drink from Starbucks and donate that amount to the Foundation to become an Rx Society Member. She intends to pledge \$1,000, one coffee at a time, to help support this vital project. Thank you to all of the nurses, physicians, families and friends who support the Roper St. Francis Foundation and its many important projects!

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