Philanthropy in Action

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Your generosity brings out the best in people.

At the core of philanthropy lies an unwavering wellspring of compassion. Your heartfelt generosity has the power to uplift the spirits of patients, families and healthcare providers alike. By extending support to healthcare organizations, donors become a beacon of hope, enabling healthcare professionals to go above and beyond in delivering exceptional care.

Philanthropy is an extraordinary testament to the power of humanity's boundless capacity to do good. It empowers and catalyzes consistent advocacy and paves the way for a transformed healthcare system, leaving an indelible mark on generations to come. Obviously, this topic is very dear to me. I share more thoughts <u>in our newly launched blog site</u>.

Thank you for your trust in us and thank you helping us be our best.

Jared A. Langkilde, MBA, CFRE President & CEO

A heart for helping others

You don't suddenly morph from Bruce R. Lieberman, Esq. to "Uncle Brucie"



overnight without touching people's hearts. Over time, Bruce and everyone he knew, his family and especially the friends of his children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren, all remember Uncle Brucie as a one-of-a-kind, larger than life personality who was incredibly generous with his time, love and wealth.

Collecting, restoring and tinkering with vintage cars were always his passion. But it was his appreciation for the value of a good education that was his priority. Ask the number of family members whose higher education he funded, no questions asked. It is no surprise that continuing his legacy of generosity he helped create the **Bruce R**. **Lieberman Cardiovascular Education Endowed Fund**. This fund supports and advances the education and training of nurses who work in the heart labs at HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Medical Center. It was here that Bruce often received medical care from his physicians Drs. David Rizik and Jay Friedman.

Because of this Fund, nurses at the Shea Campus can now pursue advanced cardiovascular training that benefits all patients in their care. Bruce was a smart, driven man who also knew (reluctantly) when it was time to stand down and let others run with their expertise. His relationships with the doctors and nurses showcased that great and sometimes reluctant quality. He trusted his caregivers, leaned in and let them do their jobs.

Thank you to the Lieberman family for their trust in us and their generous support of our nurses.

Judy's story of transformation

Judy went to see her family doctor after experiencing occasional pain and numbness in her feet for a few years. After a referral to see a neurologist and extensive testing that included skin biopsy nerve studies, she learned that she had severe small fiber neuropathy.

She worked her way through her neurology appointments without much luck until it came to her last one with Todd Levine, MD, neurologist and medical director of HonorHealth Neurology.

"Judy had painful neuropathy when I first met her," explains Dr. Levine. "My hope was that correcting her metabolic



syndrome could improve her condition." She was relieved when Dr. Levine spent an

hour with her reviewing her files, discussing her lifestyle changes and answering her many questions.

"When I went to see Dr. Levine, he knew I was serious," Judy explains. "It's hard, because a lot of people I meet with neuropathy are not willing to change their diet or exercise. They just want a pill to make it go away."

She was motivated to continue to do what she could to manage her condition through diet, exercise and supplements, including support from the staff at HonorHealth's Bob Bové Neuroscience Institute Wellness Clinic. Her hard work and commitment to her health paid dividends, because after one year her symptoms improved and a repeat skin biopsy showed that her nerves had regrown and in fact were now normal.

Although she still experiences the occasional flare up, Judy has shown significant improvement and has reclaimed her life. "I just wish every person with neuropathy could see Dr. Levine," she insists. "You don't know how happy I am to be sitting here with a normal life again."



Register today for NICU High Tea

Join us for the 6th Annual NICU High Tea on September 28 at the Omni Montelucia Resort. This annual tradition raises dollars for high-need technology and services in the NICU to help provide comprehensive healing for our tiniest and most fragile patients, premature babies and their family.

This High Tea experience offers a reception, silent auction, special program and lunch you will not want to miss. You will also meet a family and their child helped by the services provided at the Neonatal Intensive



Fall event benefiting Desert Mission

HonorHealth Foundation's 2nd **Annual Morning of Gold**, benefitting the programs and services at Desert Mission, will be held on October 24 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort.

The event will feature Park Howell, the "world's most industrious storyteller," along with American James Beard Award-winning chef and restaurateur, Chris Bianco. Both will speak on "Food is Medicine" that links nutrition and healthcare.

Please join us as we continue to make a difference in the lives of our most atrisk neighbors!

Care Unit at the HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Medical Center.

<u>Visit the NICU High Tea website</u> for more information, tickets or sponsorship.

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Summer water drive

Summer temperatures in the Valley can be deadly. With daily highs of 100 degrees or more, the vulnerable in our community are at risk. You can help.

Make your donation to the HonorHealth Desert Mission Food Bank Bottled Water Drive by June 30 and your gift will be doubled by a generous donor.



This means that your gift of:

\$5 will be doubled = 48 bottles of water

\$25 will be doubled = 240 bottles of water

\$100 will be doubled = 960 bottles of water

Save a life this summer and make your tax-deductible donation today.

Reflections of Honor now online

The <u>Summer 2023</u> edition of our donor magazine, *Reflections of Honor*, is now online for viewing. Read about those who are leaving a legacy of impact and learn more about two new exciting programs changing the healthcare landscape locally: Interventional Endoscopy and Sports Medicine.

Oh, and make sure to save the dates in the Events section for our festive Fall fundraisers benefitting two of HonorHealth's programs: the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Shea Scottsdale Medical Center and Desert Mission.

