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Welcome

At The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, we are grateful to everyone who supports our cause, whether through monetary donations or the gifts of time, energy and talent. Without this support, we would not be able to conduct the research that is helping us create a cancer-free world.

We especially owe gratitude to a select group of families who believe so much in our work that they have chosen The James as the recipient of their legacies of giving. In this issue of impactCancer, you’ll read about one of those families, Michael and Janis Bloch, whose dedication to our cause began more than 30 years ago and continues to grow. Their help, along with gifts large and small from many others, is helping The James play a pivotal role in the global war on cancer.

Michael A. Caligiuri, MD
CEO, James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute
Director, Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Thank you for partnering with us in the fight against cancer!

When I was diagnosed with leukemia 14 years ago, I knew it was going to change my life—I just didn’t know how. At the time, I was a frightened college student, studying at Ohio State. Looking back now, I wouldn’t wish my diagnosis on anybody, but I’m glad it happened because it gave me direction. I’m now a nurse practitioner at the OSUCCC – James working with leukemia patients.

From cancer patient to caregiver. I credit my amazing journey to the exceptional care I received at the OSUCCC – James. Each and every day your gifts save lives—like mine.

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Cancer Program Gains Top 20 U.S. News Ranking

For the 13th consecutive year, the OSUCCC – James has earned a place on U.S. News & World Report’s top 50 list of “America’s Best Hospitals” for cancer care. The 2011 U.S. News list ranks the OSUCCC – James 20th in the nation, a jump from last year’s ranking of 26th. The OSUCCC – James first made the list in 1999, less than a decade after the hospital opened in July 1990, and it has remained there ever since. The current rankings, which first appeared on www.usnews.com/rankings on July 19, 2011, are based on criteria such as patient volume, safety and mortality, nursing excellence, staffing levels, reputation and technology. To compile its list, the magazine collects data annually from more than 5,000 hospitals. The rankings are considered by many consumers and healthcare industry analysts to be a leading indicator of quality care and performance.

Gastrointestinal Oncologist Named Physician-in-Chief

Richard Goldberg, MD, an acclaimed gastrointestinal oncologist, has been named physician-in-chief at The James. Goldberg is noted for evaluating new agents for treating colorectal cancer and for studying inherited colorectal cancer syndromes. Before coming to Ohio State, he was physician-in-chief at North Carolina Cancer Hospital at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In his new role at Ohio State, Goldberg will help lead preparation for and transition into the new OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC) slated to open in 2014. He also will help expand infrastructure to unite researchers and clinicians in science-based patient care.

Cancer Prevention Expert Named OSUCCC Deputy Director

The OSUCCC – James named Peter Shields, MD, a physician-scientist and expert in cancer prevention, as deputy director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center. A leading researcher in biomarkers of cancer risk, molecular epidemiology and carcinogenesis, Shields came to Ohio State from Georgetown University, where he was deputy director of the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. His primary research focus is on identifying clinical biomarkers for use in assessing breast and lung cancer risks, particularly those related to diet, smoking and lifestyle. He has published more than 180 studies on topics from toxicology and epidemiology to behavior and health disparities.
Medical Center Named in Honor of Les Wexner

The Ohio State University Medical Center was recently renamed in honor of one of the university’s most committed leaders and benefactors, Leslie H. Wexner (’59).

“Les has been among Ohio State’s most dedicated leaders and most passionate supporters for many decades, and someone who continues to make an indelible impact on our community,” said President E. Gordon Gee.

“His generous contributions, both in time and resources, have been wholly transformational, but his most valuable gift has been his extraordinary leadership. He has a firm and unequivocal vision for our academic Medical Center and that is to be a world-class institution, period.”

Gee added that the new naming “recognizes the critical work the Wexners have undertaken to ensure The Ohio State University Medical Center is able to solve some of medicine’s most persistent challenges and change lives for the better.”

Mr. Wexner’s philanthropic connection to Ohio State began three years after he graduated, when he made a $5 donation to the university. For more than 30 years, Mr. Wexner and his affiliates have donated more than $200 million to the university, as well as hundreds of millions more that Mr. Wexner has directly helped to raise. Last year, Mr. Wexner, his wife Abigail, and the Limited Brands Foundation’s $100 million gift to the medical center, the James Cancer Hospital and the Wexner Center for the Arts was the largest single donation in Ohio State’s history.

The Wexners have been involved in many signature programs that raise money for Ohio State’s James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. They chair the James Fund for Life Campaign and are lead supporters of Pelotonia, one of the most successful research fundraisers in the nation. In its first three years, this annual bike tour has raised more than $25 million for cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

“I have often said that but for The Ohio State University, I would not have had an opportunity to receive a college degree,” Mr. Wexner said. “Attending this university changed my life, and I continue to witness the incredible potential this institution has to do the same thing for others.”

Mr. Wexner has led Ohio State during significant times of progress. He has served 16 years on the Board of Trustees. As the current board chair, Mr. Wexner helped to guide the $1 billion expansion of the medical center, the largest undertaking in the university’s history and one that will revolutionize the way cancer prevention and care is provided.

As a founding member and the first chair of The Ohio State University Foundation Board, and later as a member of the University Campaign Steering Committee, Mr. Wexner became a driving force behind the growth of the university’s endowment, which now totals more than $2 billion.
Stefanie’s Legacy

With the recent release of Chris Spielman’s book, “That’s Why I’m Here,” we remember Stefanie Spielman, a wife, mother, friend, fundraiser and ferocious cancer warrior.

All the emotions—the pain from his devastating loss, the growing fear he wasn’t up to the task ahead as a father—seemed to envelop Chris Spielman as he lay in bed. He tossed and turned, he felt alone, scared of a future that no longer included his wife, Stefanie.

Chris had been strong for her, for their four children, for all those affected by cancer who depended on the Spielmans to set the example and lead the way. And now, these feelings he’d shoved down and ignored for so many years clawed their way to the surface.

It was the night of Nov. 24, 2009—hours after the funeral, or, as Chris calls it, the celebration of the life of Stefanie Spielman. She had died a few days earlier after a long, courageous and public battle with breast cancer. When they knew the end was near, Stefanie gave Chris his marching orders: After I’m gone, I’m counting on you to be the best dad you can be and I expect you to carry on this fight we started together to beat cancer. And don’t you or the kids ever use my death as an excuse for anything, use it as a reason to keep going.
“I’m lying in bed thinking to myself, ‘How in the world am I going to do what she did? I’m all alone, I’m all alone,'” Spielman says.

Fear and self-pity aren’t what made Chris an All-American linebacker at Ohio State and NFL star—and the next morning these emotions were replaced by dogged determination. He was ready to continue what Stefanie started soon after she was first diagnosed with cancer in 1998. “God has a plan for all of us and this is what he has in mind for me,” Chris says. “Stef and I were given the opportunity to do something good in the face of bad and serve others.”

Since Stefanie’s death, Chris has taken over her role as the face, voice and emotional leader of The Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research, which has raised more than $8.5 million for Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

Along the way, Chris also has come to realize he’s not alone. Stefanie inspired countless others to take up the call to arms, to fight their own brave battles against cancer and provide care for loved ones fighting the disease. Many of these people knew Stefanie, many didn’t—and they’ve all joined Chris to form an army of cancer warriors.

“To me, Stef’s legacy is she took something very difficult and turned it into a positive,” Chris says. “She was a leader in the fight against breast cancer and a leader in being a mom.”

Lisa Cisco is one of Stefanie’s cancer warriors.

She owns Travel Partners in Dublin, and in 2007 Cisco created the annual Buckeye Cruise for Cancer, which raises money for The Spielman Fund. The 2010 cruise hosted 2,000-plus people and raised more than $500,000.

Cisco got to know Stefanie first as a client and then as a friend. “I knew I had to have a cause that was totally inspiring to me, it had to be something very special, and I knew it was Stef,” she says of approaching the Spielmans with her idea for a fundraising cruise. “And I knew this cruise would take over my life, which it has, but that’s a good thing.”

The Spielmans’ decision to go public after Stefanie’s breast cancer diagnosis put them both in the spotlight. “Our privacy was trumped by our opportunity,” Chris says. “She was this 30-year-old woman who I thought was beautiful and had such a presence and ability to speak and show strength in a time of trouble and so many women related to her.”

For more than a decade, as Stefanie battled cancer and spread her message of hope, Chris observed and learned. “I watched how she responded to emails and listened to phone conversations and now I do my best to offer support and motivation and prayer,” he says. “Whatever I do now, I inherited from Stef.”

Shannon Peterson met Stefanie at a fundraising event in 1999, soon after a breast cancer scare that turned out to be a benign lump.

“It was a life-changing moment for me,” she says. “Stefanie talked about a new drug, Herceptin, that she said had saved her life. Here she was, standing in front of me, proof of the importance of research.”

Stefanie knew she had found a kindred spirit in Peterson, and began to introduce her to key people in the cancer community and involve her in The Spielman Fund.

“Stefanie told me she saw the passion I had to fight this disease and she knew I’d jump in,” she says. “I also feel like I owe it to Stefanie to help continue her work and carry on her legacy.”

Before her death, Stefanie made videos and wrote letters to her children Madison, Noah, Macy and Audrey (whose ages now range from 18 to 9). “The kids will always know her voice,” Chris says.

The Spielman kids have begun to participate in fundraising events, especially the two oldest, Madison, 18, and Noah, 16. Chris is careful not to push them. “I don’t force my children to be in this fight, but if they do get in the fight, I tell them you have to throw punches left and right—there is no halfway in.”

“Today’s a good day.”

This is now how Chris tries to lead his life. “You have to live for today and not waste it on being angry or upset,” he says. “You have to put all that behind you and enjoy the moment, whether it’s driving the kids to school, making stupid jokes or giving life lessons.”

Some days this is easier than others.

“Grief comes in stages and is a long process,” Chris says. “You can’t be afraid of it, you can’t be afraid of walking past a picture of Stefanie. Instead of being sad, you have to have a happy thought. I can’t tell anyone else how to deal with grief, but I have no fear. My only fear is one of my kids will get sick. But I have no fear of me dying, or what cancer will do to me. It took my wife, but I have no fear of it. Cancer cannot win.”
Janis and Michael Bloch recently committed $5 million to the construction of the new Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, part of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center’s expansion project.

This donation supports the development of a rooftop garden and executive suite at the new James Cancer Hospital. “Our donation will support some wonderful public spaces for patients and their families, as well as more private spaces for meetings,” said Janis. The spaces will be named in their honor.

Longtime donors to Ohio State and recipients of Ohio State’s John B. Gerlach Outstanding Volunteer Award, the Bloch’s relationship with the university has grown over the years into a joyful partnership and a celebration of life, hope, and progress in the fight against cancer. “Both of my parents died of cancer,” said Janis. “My family and I knew after the loss of our parents that we were going to try to make a difference, and started fundraising right then, even before the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital was built.”

In 1982, Janis and her siblings started fundraising with a golf tournament in memory of their father, Herbert J. Block. To date, the tournament has provided more than $4.1 million to Ohio State’s cancer program, supporting research and patient education, and since 2009, supporting the construction of the new James Cancer Hospital, part of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center’s expansion project. In 1992, The Block family established a lectureship in memory of their parents Herbert and Maxine Block, to acknowledge excellence in the field of oncology.

Janis and her husband, Michael, founder of Michael’s Finer Meats and Seafoods, were not yet married when the tournament began, but according to Janis, Michael hopped right on board with the family effort.

“I have been very fortunate in my life and want to do some good and help stamp out cancer. It’s important to give back,” said Michael, who describes his experiences with the doctors at The James as inspiring. “I am constantly impressed with what they do, and also with what Janis has done for The James through the years.”

Up on the Roof – a fundraising event Janis helped implement – is now in its 19th year and has raised more than $6 million in support of Ohio State cancer research, and since 2009, for the construction of the new James Cancer Hospital, part of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center’s expansion project. Janis and Michael continue to serve as Up on the Roof event chairs.
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The Blochs have developed many long-term relationships with Ohio State cancer experts through the years, but they cite their partnership with Dr. David Schuller, vice president of The Ohio State University Medical Center Expansion and Outreach, CEO emeritus of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, and director emeritus of the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, as one of the most inspirational.

“We are very passionate about The James and owe a lot to Dave Schuller for mentoring us in many ways through the years,” said Janis. “He has become a true friend to us, and we are exceptionally proud to be part of the operation that he has built.”

Schuller said the Blochs have provided “invaluable leadership.”

“Our cancer program would be a mere shadow of its current stature without the tremendous philanthropic support we have received from Janis and Michael over the past 20 years,” said Schuller. “They have been extraordinary role models and committed supporters, have provided thousands of hours of volunteer service, and now, have had the courage to step up with this transformational commitment. They are the ultimate ambassadors for The James.”
For more than 20 years, Midge Lipkin has been living with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL), a cancer of a type of white blood cells that also took the lives of her father and several cousins. Since 2004, she has undergone four rounds of chemotherapy at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. When the chemotherapy failed to improve her blood counts, her doctor suggested she join a clinical trial being conducted by John Byrd, MD, at Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

At first Midge did not qualify for Dr. Byrd’s trial for a drug known as PCI-32765 because she did not weigh enough. Dr. Byrd was able to enroll her in another study while the drug company pursued permission to change the PCI trial criteria. Last July, Midge was able to start the PCI trial. She now takes three pills once a day and travels from her homes in Boston or Florida to Columbus once a month to evaluate her health.

“I’m feeling great,” says Midge, who is now 76 years old. “I have more energy and better color. I’m also able to resume my active life of golf, working as an independent school placement counselor and enjoying time with my three children and seven grandchildren.”

When Dr. Byrd mentioned that he was pursuing additional funding for his work, Midge jumped right in. “About 15 years ago, my husband was diagnosed with prostate cancer and a friend and I were able to raise $1.5 million for prostate cancer research. So, I’m no stranger to fundraising,” comments Midge.

Earlier this year, Midge launched a campaign that benefits a joint research project Dr. Byrd is conducting with Dana-Farber researcher Jennifer Brown, MD. Midge reached out to friends, family, colleagues, and friends of friends. She mailed an invitation to a “non-event event” that included the details of her story, CLL, the research progress being made and an appeal for donations. Recipients were able to donate from the comfort of their own home at a level they felt comfortable with. In three months, more than 200 individuals have donated and she’s raised more than $70,000. Now she’s hoping to expand that appeal outside of her own network and encourages others, especially those in Ohio and the Columbus area, to consider a donation.

She’s also self-publishing a cookbook of family recipes that will be available for purchase at Hope’s Boutique, with all proceeds going to the research fund.

“Dr. Byrd is such an amazing man. Not just the fact that he’s doing wonders with this drug, but because he’s a wonderful, compassionate, caring individual,” says Midge. “He’s so good to his patients, I just want to do what I can to help and want to encourage others to do the same.”

To make a donation, visit www.cllresearchforacure.com or contact The James Development Office at 614-293-3744.
Building Partnerships

Daimler Group Contributes to the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center

When a building is more than four walls and a roof, when that building brings together an entire spectrum of services for people dealing with breast cancer, that building inspires others to do what they can to help. That’s exactly what the members of The Daimler Group experienced when they acted as project manager on the construction of the new JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Center. The Center has since been renamed the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center.

The Daimler Group donated $100,000 to the building. They also rallied their design and construction partners on the project, who collectively donated another $50,000. In recognition of their donation, the second-story conference room, which is the primary meeting facility in the new building, is named for The Daimler Group.

“The building is a wonderful facility and breast cancer is a tremendous cause. Most everyone has a connection to the illness. My sister died of breast cancer 32 years ago at the age of 35,” says Bob White, Chair of The Daimler Group.

“During the design process of the building, we talked a lot about how this would most likely be one of the only such facilities in the country—a single place where a woman can come and see all the specialists she needs to see, have all the tests she needs conducted, have treatment if needed and have care coordinated,” says Todd Sloan, Executive Vice President, The Daimler Group. “It’s wonderful to be part of such a special place.”

When construction was complete, The Daimler Group hosted an event for all their partners on the building. The James leadership spoke to the group about how this new facility would allow them to deliver care more efficiently.

“It was neat for everyone to hear how the design and construction of the new building was enabling the doctors and other healthcare providers to better deliver care and services,” says Sloan. “The doctors were so grateful for the new space. We also heard from a patient who spoke about how the new facility made her experiences a little easier. That made all of our hard work well worth the effort.”

“We’re a relatively small company, but we believed in this project, as did our partners,” says White. “We hope that by showing our staff and partners the end result and the impact it’s having on the patients and healthcare providers, we’ve created some long-term partnerships with The James.”
Why I give...

The Drive to Thrive

Four years ago, during a pre-operative examination for a simple procedure, Steve Pollack’s doctor discovered an unusual shadow on his chest X-ray. A few weeks later, Steve was diagnosed with breast cancer, underwent a mastectomy and realized how blessed he was to catch the cancer early, providing him with a good prognosis. In the months following his mastectomy, Steve struggled to talk about his breast cancer, especially since it was something commonly found in women, but not men. Two hundred thousand cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women each year, compared to only 2,000 cases in men. But Steve wasn’t concerned about statistics, he wanted to survive and more. “I knew I was going to survive, but I decided it’s even better to thrive,” Steve says.

After participating in several survivorship classes offered through JamesCare for Life, including a writing class and a drama class, Steve learned how to express himself and his feelings. He became interested in yoga, which was not offered at The James. So, he decided to make a donation to JamesCare for Life to fund a yoga class. “I have benefited so much from the “Yoga for Cancer Survivors” class and I want other survivors to experience those benefits,” Steve explains. The cancer experience is stressful and filled with anxiety and uncertainty. “It’s important to have a place you can go to be surrounded by other survivors who understand what you are going through and can help you as you continue to make progress,” Steve says.

The Steven H. Pollack Endowment for Cancer Research will support research in cancer prevention at The James and will provide educational programs in the community about cancer prevention.

In 2010, Steve became a red coat volunteer at The James in order to help others the same way he had been helped. One day every week, Steve visits with patients in radiation oncology and another day he visits with patients receiving chemotherapy treatments at The Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center. “My volunteer days are the two best days of my week,” Steve says. “Listening to patients and their families and serving as a role model is very rewarding. Sometimes the most powerful medicine we have to give is the medicine of our friendship.” Steve believes the statement he has heard many times, “At The James it’s all about the patient.”

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JamesCare for Life offers classes and support groups to assist survivors and their families on their cancer journey.

For more information on classes or other support resources visit cancer.osu.edu/go/support

Steve is a Patient/Family Advisor for both The Ohio State University Medical Center and The James and speaks to groups and organizations on the topic of “Surviving to Thriving.”
Two siblings are honoring their deceased parents by pledging $1 million to create an endowed chair in head and neck cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC–James).

Ron Alford of Westerville, Ohio, along with his sister Barb Cantlin and her husband Mike of Newark, Ohio, have pledged the additional funding over the next four years.

Their $1 million pledge adds to the original $500,000 donation made by John Alford to create the first research endowment at The James shortly after the cancer hospital opened in July 1990.

After his wife died of stomach cancer in 1987, John Alford chose to honor her memory by creating the Mary E. Alford Cancer Research Endowment Fund for Cancer Research at The James. When John Alford died of esophageal cancer in 1996, his children donated an additional $500,000 to create the Mary E. and John W. Alford Cancer Research Endowment Fund at The James.

With the latest gift pledge, once the fund reaches $2 million it will be renamed the Mary E. and John W. Alford Research Chair in Head and Neck Cancer.

“The level of support to The James shown by the Alford family through the years is a testament to their lifelong mission of trying to improve and enhance the lives of others,” says Dr. Michael Caligiuri, director of Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center and CEO of The James. “This additional funding will allow us to continue attracting the most outstanding researchers and physicians to the team that makes up our world-class head and neck cancer program.”

Part of the funding will come from the Alford Family Foundation, which is operated by Ron Alford and Barb Cantlin and primarily supports organizations in Licking County, where John and Mary raised their family in Newark, Ohio, during their 36-year marriage.

“Our Dad always had a love of the Buckeyes and he had an allegiance to the University. He was very giving, and the last 10 years of his life he was known more as a philanthropist than as a banker,” says Ron Alford, who last year was successfully treated at The James for cancer of the larynx.

John Alford was a prominent banker in Licking County, where he rose through the ranks at Park National Bank, eventually becoming director, president, CEO and chairman of the Bank’s executive committee. He also served as president of the Ohio Banker’s Association and was a member of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Board and the Visa International Board.

“We look at this gift as a tribute to our parents, and we are proud that the gift will support cancer research at The James,” says Barb Cantlin. “We always try to give back to Licking County, and there is a clear connection with this gift. We know that plenty of people in Licking County have benefited from The James. Daddy always taught us to give back.”

Barb Cantlin and brother Ron Alford continue their family’s legacy of giving.

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Dr. Michael Cligiuri, Director of Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center and CEO of The James
Expansion Update

You can’t help but notice the new Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute emerging from the campus of The Ohio State University. The new James Cancer Hospital is part of the Wexner Medical Center’s expansion project. Below are pictures from just a few recent construction highlights.

Topping Off
On May 21, the final beam for the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute and critical care center was installed. The beam was adorned with signatures of support including those from survivors, staff and construction workers.

Survivor Beam
A 31-foot steel beam carrying messages of hope for a cancer-free world from nearly 1,000 James cancer survivors was placed in the new James Cancer Hospital on December 22. The survivor beam will be located on the front side of the new cancer hospital on level five, which is 64 feet above ground. It will be one of more than 10,000 pieces of steel in the building.

Spirit of Women Park
Located in the green space at the corner of Medical Center Drive and Ninth Avenue across from the SAFEAUTO Hospitals Garage, the Park will include attractive and expansive spaces for relaxation, reflection and play. It has elements of the former Spirit of Women Park, including glass tiles etched into the park’s beautiful, soothing water feature. The space is a special place dedicated to extraordinary women who impact the lives of those around them. A rededication event planned for this summer will recognize the Ingram family for its generous support of Ohio State.
“Playing Football Was My Passion, But Fighting Cancer is My Purpose”

ESPN Analyst and Former NFL Star Chris Spielman Shares Heart-Wrenching Story of His Wife’s Battle with Breast Cancer and Enduring Legacy of Hope

ESPN football analyst and former NFL linebacker Chris Spielman tackles every aspect of his life with a near superhuman intensity and laser-like focus. From his meteoric rise through high school and The Ohio State football programs, to being drafted and going pro, Spielman’s commitment to excellence enabled him to attain nearly every goal he set for himself in football. But, it was off of the field that Spielman came face-to-face with his most dangerous and deadly opponent.

Spielman’s world came crashing to a screeching halt in 1998—the day his beloved wife, Stefanie, was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer. Together, Chris and Stefanie tackled the ensuing eleven-year fight against her cancer with the same intensity and resolve of an entire offensive line.

That’s Why I’m Here: The Chris and Stefanie Spielman Story is available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com.

2012 Buckeye Cruise for Cancer

The fifth annual Buckeye Cruise for Cancer departed Tampa, FL, on Thursday, February 23, returning Monday, February 27. Over 2,200 passengers and 25 former Buckeye athletes boarded the ship this year and $700,000 was raised for the Spielman Fund through live auctions and events. $250,000 of this will go to naming the physical therapy space in the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center. Shelley and Urban Meyer made a surprise appearance on board and were able to raise over $109,000 through auction items in 15 minutes!

Join us for the 2013 Buckeye Cruise for Cancer February 21-25. Cruise from Tampa to Key West and CocoCay Bahamas. Visit buckeyecruise.com for more information.
Community Partners

The OSUCCC – James Community Partners Program consists of corporations, individuals and community groups who raise funds in support of our mission to create a cancer-free world. From corporate initiatives to local events, our more than 300 Community Partners bring in significant dollars to further research, education and patient care at The OSUCCC – James. To learn more, please contact The James Development Office at 614-293-3744 or communitypartners@osumc.edu.

Christmas to Cure Cancer

Congratulations to the A Christmas to Cure Cancer, which celebrated its 10th annual event at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and an impressive effort in raising over $65,000 for the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research. Picture from left to right is Mark Puskarich, A Christmas to Cure Cancer founder and Dr. Michael Caligiuri. Mark your calendars for this year’s event, to be held November 30 at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. To learn more about this annual concert event, visit www.achristmastocurecancer.org.

The Anne M. Wolf Foundation Donates $20,000 to Breast Cancer Research

The Anne M. Wolf Foundation Board of Directors presented Dr. Charles Shapiro and Chris Spielman with a $20,000 check. The Foundation’s inspiration, Anne M. Wolf, lost her life to Triple Negative Breast Cancer at the age of 29 after a four-month battle with the disease. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.anneesarmy.org.

Since she was eight, twelve-year-old Dakota Elliott has been asking for donations instead of birthday presents and donating them to a different charity each year. Dakota choose The Stefanie Spielman Fund this year after meeting and being touched by Maddie Spielman, who was her summer camp mentor. Dakota raised $500 and – along with her sister Sophia and her grandmother - went on a tour of the new Breast Center. Pictured is Dakota and Katie Brennan in the lobby of the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center.
The Friends of Jason Gould Foundation

The Friends of Jason Gould Foundation held its third annual fundraiser on September 10, 2011. Jason's Hogfan Party raised $20,000 for leukemia and lymphoma research at the OSUCCC – James. The event is held in memory of Jason Gould, who passed away in 2006 from complications following a bone marrow transplant for leukemia. For more information, visit www.friendsofjasongould.com.

Muth & Company Roofing

During the month of October, 2011, Muth & Company Roofing of Columbus donated a percentage of their sales to the Stefanie Spielman Fund. This first-year initiative raised $13,309 for the Spielman Fund. Shown here are Steve Brown, Gina Muth, Chad Muth, Katie Brennan, Tye Lang and Kim Lang.

Friends of Woody

The Fifth Annual “Friends of Woody” golf scramble raised $10,500 for the research of Dr. Steven Clinton in the Prostate and Genitourinary Oncology Clinic at The OSUCCC – James. The event honors the memory of Woody Dillion. To date, $45,200 has been donated to the fund. Pictured are Mike Dillion, Dr. Paul Monk III, Nancy Dillion, Dr. Steven Clinton, Tim Dillion and Lynn Gyurcsik. For more information about this event, visit friendsofwoody.org.

Kokosing Construction Co., Inc. and Corna/Kokosing

The Westerville office of Kokosing Construction Co., Inc. and Corna/Kokosing Construction Co. organized a day to raise funds for The Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research. Chris Spielman spoke at their winter meeting a few years ago and, as a result, the companies initiated a tradition of contributing to the Fund. This year the group raised and donated $420 to the Fund. Pictured are the Kokosing Westerville office employees.
Pelotonia ‘11 Raises a Record $13.1 Million

From August 19th through the 21st, 2011, 4,986 riders from 38 states and four countries rode up to 180 miles on one of four route as a part of the third annual Pelotonia bicycle tour. With the support of family, friends, neighbors and associates, riders made it possible for this event to make an extraordinary contribution to The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James) in the amount of $13,108,639. Funds raised by the grassroots bicycle tour now total $25,467,212 for its first three years of operation.

A differentiating characteristic of Pelotonia is that 100 percent of every dollar raised by riders, virtual riders and volunteers is invested in research initiatives conducted by the OSUCCC – James. Pelotonia and its supporters are proud of this distinction, which is made possible by Pelotonia’s generous funding partners—Limited Brands Foundation, Huntington Bank, Richard and Peggy Santulli, American Electric Power Foundation, Nationwide Insurance and Cardinal Health Foundation. Pelotonia and its riders also benefit greatly from in-kind donations made by numerous locally and nationally-based companies.

Pelotonia staff presented the event’s 2011 contribution to Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee and Dr. Michael Caligiuri, Director of Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center and CEO of The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. Over 1,000 supporters attended this year’s check presentation at LC Pavilion in Columbus, Ohio. Approximately 1,700 volunteers worked throughout the year on behalf of Pelotonia.

“Thanks to the tireless efforts of Pelotonia riders, donors, sponsors and volunteers, all of the money raised by Pelotonia will help fund ‘high-risk, high-reward’ innovative cancer research at The Ohio State University,” says Dr. Caligiuri. “Some of our most recently funded research projects include team science awards with experts from disciplines across the University working together to generate new discoveries and exploring novel therapies for treating blood, breast, liver, prostate and skin cancers.”

The resources raised by Pelotonia support a variety of research projects addressing all aspects of cancer including diagnosis, treatment, psychosocial issues and prevention. The Pelotonia Fellowship Committee awards fellowships to distinguished student scientists in the University’s undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral and medical school programs.

Pelotonia Idea Grants allow promising and creative investigators to engage in a variety of “high-risk, high-reward” cancer research projects. Projects currently funded by Idea Grants include early detection and prevention of pancreatic cancer; tests to determine the most effective therapies for triple-negative breast cancer; influences of heredity in cancer; development of possible new prevention and treatment strategies; and the development of a new drug to fight breast cancer and leukemia.
MMORE (MULTIPLE MYELOMA)  
Saturday, June 2 | 8:30 a.m.  
Wolfe Park  
Come join us for this fun 5k run and walk and help raise funds to fight multiple myeloma at the same time. $30 registration fee and register online at www.mmore.org. This is a chip timed race, and all participants will receive a technical t-shirt. Race starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends with music, food and awards post race! www.mmore.org

JACK ROTH ROCK ‘N’ ROLL RUN  
Sunday, June 10  
Bexley High School  
The 5K course is family friendly and open to participants of all ages. New this year will be a one mile Family Walk as well as a Kid’s Track Dash. The Jack Roth Rock ‘n’ Run benefits the Jack Roth Memorial Fund for Lung Cancer Research at the OSUCCC – James. For more information, contact Janice Roth at twinie2@aol.com or friend the Jack Roth Fund on Facebook.

WAR AGAINST MELANOMA (WAM) FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING  
Saturday, June 16  
Royal American Links  
Galena, Ohio  
$100 per player includes golf with cart, lunch, dinner, raffle and silent auction during dinner. The WAM Foundation’s mission is to raise public awareness of melanoma, to educate the public about prevention methods, to promote screenings and to provide funds for research of effective treatment methods and ultimately a cure for melanoma. Proceeds benefit melanoma research at the OSUCCC – James. For more information, visit http://thewamfoundation.org

29TH HERBERT J. BLOCK MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT  
Monday, June 25  
Muirfield Village Golf Club  
Proceeds benefit Ohio State’s commitment to understanding, preventing and curing cancer through the construction of a new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. The 2012 honorary chair is Ohio State’s Football Coach, Urban Meyer. Event chairs are Josh Barkan, Jeff Block, Jeri Block, Toni Block, Julie Block Glassman, Julie Brooks, Cathy Cory, Sue Haggerty and Erin McHam. For more information, email Lindsey. Heksch@osumc.edu.

TRIATHLON FOR HOPE  
July 14 | 8 a.m.  
Alum Creek State Park  
Designed for all ages and skill levels, this triathlon benefits The Spielman Fund. For more information, visit www.greenswell.com or email Craig Thompson at craigthompson@greenswell.com.

MARY DIAZ TENNIS TOURNAMENT  
July 20 - July 22  
OSU tennis courts  
Come serve up with us at the 8th Annual Mary Diaz and William Copeland Jr. Memorial Tennis Tournament July 20-22nd at the Ohio State Universities outdoor tennis courts. Men’s and Women’s mixed doubles open to both junior and adult players. Proceeds benefit the Mary Diaz Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund For more information contact diaztournament@gmail.com or visit the website at www.diaztennis.bbnnow.org

UP ON THE ROOF  
Saturday, August 25 | 6:30 p.m.  
The Ohio Union at The Ohio State University  
Proceeds benefit Ohio State’s commitment to understanding, preventing and curing cancer through the construction of a new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. Event chairs are Janis and Michael Bloch, Libby and Rick Germain, Sarah and Nelson Heinrichs and Liz and John Sokol. For more information, email Lindsey.Heksch@osmc.edu.

For more information on upcoming events, visit us at cancer.osu.edu and click on “ways to give.”
I ride for my mom, who passed away from ovarian cancer when I was seven. It’s not fair that I lost my mom...or that my brother and sister did. But when I ride, I feel her with me – and I know that I’m saving someone else’s mom.

I’m Jason Perlman.
I’m a grad student in the College of Dentistry.

Ride with me.

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