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# GRATEFUL GIVING



Dr. Charles Abbottsmith  
**Improves Lives**  
through Philanthropy

# Giving with Passion Has Impact

A cardiologist at The Christ Hospital for more than 40 years, Chuck Abbottsmith is passionate about helping people live longer, healthier, more active lives.

Dr. Abbottsmith's passion runs so deep that he decided to donate the money to completely cover the cost—100%—of EECP technology.

***This magnificent donation is one of the largest ever made by a physician at The Christ Hospital.***

EECP has been proven effective in stimulating the formation of new blood vessels around clogged arteries and forming natural bypasses.

It is the only non-invasive technology used to treat heart failure and does not include the risks or recovery time associated with surgery.

"Since we started providing EECP, patients have told me that we gave them their lives back. Now my hope is to raise awareness of its effectiveness so that more people can benefit from it," says Dr. Abbottsmith.

**"After each treatment session, I have so much energy!"**

***Sheina Gilpin*** (pictured below) suffered a heart attack that she said "chewed her life away little by little." She was put on a treatment plan that included EECP therapy, which she says almost immediately relieved her constant exhaustion.



*During EECP treatment, patients lie on a bed with compression cuffs wrapped around their lower limbs that inflate and deflate in sync with their heart rhythm. The squeezing mechanism of EECP reduces the workload of the heart, while at the same time improving the flow of blood and oxygen to the heart.*

***From left to right: Dorris Osborne, EECP Coordinator, Dr. Abbottsmith and Sheina Gilpin***



Donations to The Heart and Vascular Program support advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease that improve health and lives. Send your donation in the enclosed envelope or visit [TheChristHospital.com/foundation](http://TheChristHospital.com/foundation).

# The **Janie Lazarow Schwartz Fund** Helps Patients in the Kidney Program

After a long battle with breast cancer, Janie Lazarow Schwartz, wife of Peter Schwartz and sister of Jeffrey and Jody Lazarow, suffered kidney failure that required extensive, ongoing treatment.

Janie spent many years in The Christ Hospital Kidney Program, and according to her husband, Peter, she was always impressed by, and grateful for, the kindness and compassion of her caregiving team.

"Healthcare is so personal, and everyone here provides it with such love and finesse. There are many great hospitals, but The Christ Hospital

really, truly stands out in patient care," says Peter.

Janie passed away on December 21, 2011. This year, Peter, Jeffrey, and Jody made a \$25,000 gift to the Kidney Program in memory of Janie.

"We felt that this gift would be a meaningful way for us to honor Janie and to help make a difference for patients in the Kidney Program," says Jeffrey.

"Janie would not have been with us for as long as she was without the care she received. We hope that through our gift, we can inspire and



Peter Schwartz (left) and Jeffrey Lazarow (right)

**Through the Janie Lazarow Schwartz Fund, patients can receive assistance with transportation, medications, and nutritional supplements to improve their health and lives.**

encourage others to give to the Kidney Program as well," says Peter.

## The Christ Hospital Receives Transformational Gift

**The Fifth Third Foundation and Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee, Have Given \$1 Million to Help Transform Care at The Christ Hospital Joint and Spine Center**

Over the years, The Christ Hospital has received philanthropic gifts from trusts and foundations managed by Fifth Third for education and programs that have improved thousands of lives. This gift to the new Joint and Spine Center will provide a necessary resource for enhancing patient care, clinical research, and innovative programs that will keep people in our region healthy and physically active.

"We are very excited about the level of care the Joint and Spine Center will bring to Greater Cincinnati, and its focus on making the patient experience among the very best in



the country," said Heidi Jark, Managing Director of the Foundation Office at Fifth Third Bank. "We are proud to support The Christ Hospital's efforts to meet the growing needs of our community and improve lives."

"As The Christ Hospital celebrates 125 years of serving the community, we are truly grateful to receive such generous

support for the future. I extend my deepest thanks to the Fifth Third Foundation and Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts for choosing to support our new Joint and Spine Center as we strive to provide the very best outcomes, experiences, and value to our patients," said Mike Keating, President and CEO of The Christ Hospital Health Network.



# The Christ Hospital's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Among the **Largest Nonprofit Fundraising Events** of 2014!

The Christ Hospital's 125th Anniversary Gala was a tremendous success, raising \$660,000 to benefit various patient assistance programs including those for Heart, Orthopaedics and Spine, Cancer, Women's Services, and Primary Care. According to the Cincinnati Business Courier, it will be among the region's largest nonprofit fundraising events of 2014.

The sold-out event, held at the Duke Energy Convention Center Grand Ballroom, brought 1,200 physicians,

employees, volunteers, community leaders, and business partners together to celebrate The Christ Hospital's legacy and future. Four long serving members of the Board of Directors, Jim Bushman, Ted Emmerich, Joe Head, and Roger Howe, were honored at the event.

The evening included touching patient stories that demonstrated why The Christ Hospital has been named the Most Preferred Hospital in the region for 19 consecutive years.

Presenters at the Gala included George Vincent, Chair of The Christ Hospital Board, Vickie Buyniski Gluckman, Chair of The Christ Hospital Foundation Board, Mike Keating, President and CEO, Dr. Mike Jennings, Chief Clinical Officer, and former TV anchorwoman Norma Rashid, emcee.

*Thanks to all of you who helped make our very first gala a tremendous success, and for your extraordinary efforts that allow us to continue to pursue our mission!*



**LEFT TO RIGHT Top Row:** Don Raithel, MD, Kathy Raithel, Debbie Coburn, Carl Coburn, Chris Dalambakis, and Judy Dalambakis

**Bottom Row:** Chris Heekin, Marty Ragland, Bob Anning, Thom Gerdes, Trey Heekin, Heidi Jark, Steve Kenat, Joan Cody and Robert Cody, MD



**Top Row:** George Vincent, Norma Rashid, Mike Jennings MD, Vickie Buyniski Gluckman, Lynn Mayfield, Glen Mayfield, Jane Keating and Mike Keating  
**Middle Row:** Joyce Howe, Roger Howe, Barbara Bushman, Jim Bushman, Ted Emmerich, Kate Emmerich, Louise Head and Joe Head, Jr.  
**Bottom Row:** Jack Cook, Janice Cook, Katie Cook Morgan, Lee Morgan, Patrick Kirk, MD, Shirley Gallagher and Stan Smith

## Donations Provide Technology that Preserves and Improves Eyesight



Donations to support eye and vision surgery have enabled the hospital to purchase the latest ophthalmic laser technology to preserve and improve the sight of patients. Ophthalmic lasers are used to treat various eye diseases, disorders, and traumas that impair vision and cause permanent blindness, including retinal detachment, a medical emergency in which the retina pulls away from the blood vessels that provide oxygen and nutrients to the eye.

With these lasers, surgeons can provide the most precise treatment with minimal risk of damage to other parts of the eye. Thanks to our donors, this innovative technology has made the most delicate of surgical procedures more efficient, improving patient experiences and outcomes.

## The Charles Fleischmann Scholarship Helps Make Dreams Happen

The Fleischmann Foundation has a long philanthropic history in the community, advancing educational, historic, and artistic initiatives that have made an important impact on lives. Students at The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences are among those who have benefitted from the Foundation's generosity through the Charles Fleischmann Scholarship.

One of the first scholarship endowments established at The Christ College, the Charles Fleischmann Scholarship has helped hundreds of students pursue and achieve their dreams of becoming a nurse.

*"My dream since high school has been to work in the medical field. As a widowed single mother of 14 year old twins, I am grateful for the generous support of the Charles Fleischmann Scholarship so that I can not only pursue a great nursing education, but be able to give back, help society, and show my children that with hard work and determination, you can pursue your dreams at any age."*

*- Paula D. Klepper, 2014-2015 scholarship recipient*



Noah Fleischmann, President of the Fleischmann Foundation and Eric Yeiser, Trustee of the Fleischmann Foundation.



**Donations to The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences support scholarships to current and prospective nursing students, enabling the College to recruit and retain students of exceptional ability, advancing clinical excellence in the Greater Cincinnati community.**

# Gamble Family Descendants Visit The Christ Hospital During Trip to Cincinnati

This past November, multiple generations of the James Gamble family traveled from the west coast, where they currently live, to Cincinnati to personally see the impact of Gamble's philanthropy in our community.

Thirteen relatives of James Gamble, one of the founders of The Christ Hospital, gathered to view our historic timeline, hospital artifacts, and antique portraits and photos. They also toured the Joint and Spine Center, and from its roof garden, saw many examples of Gamble's generosity to the community in the spectacular view.

President and CEO Mike Keating was extremely proud to share with the family what The Christ Hospital has achieved over the last 125 years, and to assure them that we remain good stewards of James Gamble's vision of an organization "Founded in Compassion, Driven by Excellence." He also shared the hospital's mission and vision and the opportunities we are currently pursuing.



*In a follow-up letter the family wrote, "Thank you and your team for sharing with us the story of the new Christ Hospital and its medical facilities. It is a most impressive rejuvenation for which you, your staff and the Cincinnati community deserves high marks. It is a job well done."*



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## Foundation Board Spotlight



### Job Head

Job Head is President of Atkins & Pearce, Inc., a braided textile manufacturing company based in Covington, Kentucky. He is

also a strategist and visionary with a passion for The Christ Hospital, offering his time and talents to help advance the hospital's mission and impact.

Job Head is a Board Member of The Christ Hospital Foundation and The Christ Hospital. He serves as Chairman of the Quality & Patient Safety Committee and is on the Audit & Finance Committee. Job is also Board President Emeritus of ProKids, and last year, he and his wife, Nirvani, received the organization's Community Builder Award.



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