



# YOUR IMPACT

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PHILANTHROPY MOVES HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY FORWARD



## Redefining Wellness Caring for Our Caregivers

The new **Halvorsen Wellness Center** at HSS is the cornerstone of our vision to enhance a culture of health across the institution. Named for Diane and Andreas Halvorsen in recognition of their extraordinary commitment of \$5 million, the Halvorsen Wellness Center will enable HSS physicians and staff to restore, revitalize, and prioritize their own health.

Programming includes access to wellness coaching, mental health support, and an educational series of classes and trainings that will address the particular challenges medical professionals face today.

“The mental, emotional, and psychological health of all HSS staff is crucial for the well-being of our patients. The investment we’re making in the

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# From Our Leadership



**LOUIS A. SHAPIRO**  
President and CEO



**BRYAN T. KELLY, MD, MBA**  
Surgeon-in-Chief and  
Medical Director

Throughout the course of HSS history, philanthropy has played a pivotal role in maintaining our standing as the world's leading musculoskeletal medical center. This issue of *Your Impact* recognizes the incredible influence that our donors have on HSS.

The generosity of our closest friends and partners enables HSS to shape the future of the field with key programs, such as the Sports Medicine Institute's new summer internship, to undertake transformation of the main campus, and to share our expertise with specialists internationally.

It is philanthropy that allows us to make leaps in scientific discovery, set new standards of care, and propel the field of musculoskeletal medicine forward.

This issue also includes a look back at some of our most celebratory moments and recent events, as well as updates on the construction of the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Tower, the cornerstone of our main campus transformation.

We are profoundly grateful for the partnership of our donors and the countless ways they impact patients at HSS and around the globe.

With gratitude,



Thank you for all the ways you support HSS. Scan the code to view a message of gratitude.

## Redefining Wellness Caring for Our Caregivers

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Halvorsen Wellness Center will help advance our mission of providing the highest-quality patient care," said Surgeon-in-Chief, Bryan Kelly, MD. Wellness activities offered will help support a number of institutional priorities, including improving patient outcomes, maintaining a high degree of patient and staff satisfaction, decreasing the risk of medical/surgical errors, and reducing staff turnover.

**"We understand the importance of maintaining and safeguarding the emotional and physical health of physicians, clinicians, and healthcare staff," said the Halvorsens. "We believe that the Center will have a direct impact on the health of everyone at HSS—staff and patients alike."**

The Halvorsen Wellness Center at HSS is part of our main campus transformation, which also includes key construction projects in the immediate orbit of the main hospital. The cornerstone of this expansion is the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Tower, a facility that will greatly increase space for Joint and Spine Services.

HSS will also be opening a Pediatric Rehabilitation & Young Athlete Center, as well as facilities for preoperative care, adding new operating rooms and physician offices, and transitioning to predominantly private inpatient rooms.

The generosity of our donor community is enabling this urgently needed growth oriented toward one objective: to position HSS to meet the needs of patients who are counting on us today and in the decades to come.

To learn more about the capital campaign and to support the HSS Main Campus Expansion, please contact Holly Menzie, Vice President of Development, at 646.714.6206 or [menzieh@hss.edu](mailto:menzieh@hss.edu).

# Diversifying the Field of Orthopedic Medicine

HSS is committed to diversifying musculoskeletal medicine by creating new opportunities for underrepresented individuals.

One important initiative developed to help achieve this goal is the HSS Sports Medicine Institute's Summer Premedical Internship (SPI). This program provides minority college students exposure, mentorship, and shadowing opportunities with world-renowned HSS faculty. With seed funding from HSS Trustee

**Scott Kapnick and his wife, Kathleen**, the eight-week intensive program promotes access and training for students who are critical to the future of medicine—at a pivotal moment in their educations, as they pursue careers in orthopedics.

This initiative is more important than ever. Research shows that health outcomes improve when physicians share a cultural background with their patients. Despite an increasingly diverse US population, the physician workforce has been slow to diversify, and sports medicine is no exception to this trend.

The HSS Sports Medicine Institute has trained more than 100 of the world's top sports medicine professionals. The SPI will connect medical students with physicians who are internationally renowned for their expertise in treating or caring for athletes of all abilities.

During the SPI's inaugural year, the HSS Sports Medicine Institute has partnered with Howard University, in Washington, DC. Engaging with new institutions each year, HSS will welcome premedical students onto our campus for the opportunity to participate in the program, at no cost to the students.

“As the No. 1 orthopedic hospital in the country, it is our obligation to ensure that future leaders in musculoskeletal health are as diverse as the patient populations they serve,” said Stephen Haskins, MD, Chief Medical Diversity Officer and Associate Attending Anesthesiologist.



Pictured from left to right: Daphne Scott, MD; Summer Premedical Interns Christie Cambridge, Ainyae Holmes, and Nia Johnson.

“SPI will help nurture and support the aspirations of future physicians and cultivate the talents of young people from communities that have historically been underrepresented in the field.”

Daphne Scott, MD,  
Associate Chief Medical Diversity Officer  
and Assistant Attending Physician at HSS

# Donors Making an Impact

**Philanthropy is core to advancing the mission of HSS.** These stories exemplify how donors are transforming patient care and outcomes every day—through exciting new technology and training that would not be possible without their support.

## Cultivating Research and Breakthroughs in Patient Care

HSS is one of only a few institutions in the country that will have a state-of-the-art XtremeCT scanner. This technology provides a noninvasive method of measuring bone density volume and three-dimensional bone composition with pinpoint accuracy and relatively low-dose radiation.

Longtime HSS supporter **Sophie Coumantaros** donated more than \$1 million in memory of her late husband, George, and in gratitude to Richard S. Bockman, MD, Chief of the Endocrine Service, to help acquire this technology. The gift honors the Endocrine Service and will help to expand vital metabolic bone research. One current study is evaluating bone quality in patients who require spine fusion, which is among the most commonly performed orthopedic surgeries in the US. The team recently discovered that abnormalities in microscopic bone structure are directly related to complications after surgery. “By giving us a deeper understanding of bone structure, vulnerability, and healing, the XtremeCT scanner will provide us with the knowledge necessary to improve outcomes for our patients,” said Emily Stein, MD, Director of Research for the Metabolic Bone Service. “We are grateful to Mrs. Coumantaros’ philanthropy, which provides this invaluable research tool.”

**This gift exemplifies Mr. and Mrs. Coumantaros’ long-standing commitment to research and developing treatment options for patients everywhere. ■**

## Expanding Our Reach to Share HSS Expertise

**Rita Hauser** and her late husband, Gus, have always believed in the power of communication. As a pioneer in the cable industry, Mr. Hauser understood the potential for technology to drive progress forward, eliminate barriers, and create educational opportunities.

Several years ago, the Hausers’ passion for technology and its role in communication inspired their initial gift to establish the HSS Telepresence Program. The use of internet-based video technology has enabled HSS to create a communication platform that allows HSS knowledge-sharing and training capabilities with other providers globally. The HSS Telepresence Program has facilitated exciting new international partnerships with experts at top universities and medical centers in over 125 countries.



Duretti Fufa, MD, Director of the Orthopaedic Residency Program, training residents in the Simulation Learning & Training Center.

Mrs. Hauser's recent gift of \$2 million will help to expand the HSS Telepresence Program. Specifically, her donation will equip two operating rooms and a Simulation Learning & Training Center. This technology will allow HSS to increase the types of livestreamed surgeries, as well as create educational content on complex procedures accessible to surgeons across medical and scientific communities worldwide.



“My husband and I have always followed one rule in our philanthropy: We only do what we understand, and we understand communication,” said Mrs. Hauser. “Our interest at HSS has been to enhance its education and teaching programs and to make it easier to connect with people all over the world.”

**Mrs. Hauser's gift will help HSS expand knowledge-sharing and amplify its impact as the global leader in musculoskeletal education. ■**

## Preparing the Next Generation of Surgeons

Following spine surgery in 1997, **Sheryl Gold** faced her most life-altering experience—her diagnosis of bilateral avascular necrosis (AVN), a condition caused by the reduction of blood supply to the bone, ultimately resulting in sudden bone death. As an active, adventurous woman with a prominent career and vibrant lifestyle, this condition dramatically limited her mobility.

Ms. Gold recalls her good fortune in finding her way to HSS and meeting Paul Pellicci, MD, Chief Emeritus of the Hip Service, who performed both of her total hip replacements with great success. A longtime patient of Dr. Pellicci, Ms. Gold is tremendously grateful for his surgical skills, leadership, and compassion, which carried her through one of the most challenging periods of her life. Recently, she committed \$500,000 to



Paul Pellicci, MD, Chief Emeritus of the Hip Service.

HSS to establish a fund in Dr. Pellicci's honor: the **Pellicci Joint Replacement Education and Research Fund**, which will support the training of HSS fellows specializing in Adult Reconstruction and Joint Replacement (ARJR). ■

# Kellen Tower Updates

With the generous support of our donors, HSS broke ground on the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Tower on October 7, 2021.

As we reflect on this momentous milestone, we invite you to view updates and highlights on our construction progress of the Kellen Tower and the impact this facility will have on patients and the future of orthopedic care.



Scan code for updates on the Kellen Tower and view our progress.



Pictured from left to right: Robert K. Steel, Bryan T. Kelly, MD, Louis A. Shapiro, Marina Kellen French, Thomas P. Sculco, MD, Thomas H. Lister.



Excavation work for Building Support Installation Operations west side of FDR Drive.



Fabrication of the "Y" columns and the box beams in Mexico.

# Special Events Snapshots

On June 6, 2022, HSS raised a record-breaking \$5.9 million through the **37th Tribute Dinner** at the American Museum of Natural History. David W. Altchek, MD, Co-Chief Emeritus of the HSS Sports Medicine Institute, Attending Orthopedic Surgeon at HSS, and Professor of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College, received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Andreas C. Dracopoulos, Co-President of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF), was honored with the Tribute Dinner Award for his philanthropy and enduring commitment to HSS.



(Left) Mariano Rivera, David W. Altchek, MD, Bryan T. Kelly, MD; (Center) Ellen Wright, Kathy Leventhal; (Right) Robert K. Steel, Andreas C. Dracopoulos, Thomas P. Sculco, MD.



(Left) Paula and Terence M. O'Toole; (Center) Gladys Knight; (Right) Drew Barrymore, Louis A. Shapiro.

Sunday, March 6, 2022, HSS held a cocktail reception at the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach, FL.



(Left) Nicholas E. and Barrie Somers, Thomas H. Lister; (Center) Bryan T. Kelly, MD, Michelle Carlson, MD, Terence M. O'Toole, Cynthia Foster Curry; (Right) Louis A. Shapiro, Caroline Fitzgibbons and Tad Smith.

GOLF HSS Florida took place on Monday, March 7, 2022, at PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.



(Left): Louis A. Shapiro, Terence M. O'Toole, Michael Drusinsky, Thomas H. Lister; (Center) Jim Kirk, Tom Walsh, Debbie and Rick Rieder; (Right) Bill Dilts, Aimée Merszei, Joe Barbary and Ginny Swift.

# How you MOVE is why we ride.

On September 24, 2022, HSS physicians, staff, patients, and friends took part in **BIKE HSS**, a one-day cycling MOVEMENT to improve the mobility and quality of life of people everywhere. BIKE HSS raised a record-breaking \$1.8 million in support of patient care, research, and education that moves the field of musculoskeletal health forward. We are grateful to all of our donors and volunteers at the event. We would like to thank Mastercard, the presenting sponsor, and congratulate our 400 riders on their 62- and 25-mile journeys!



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