



Late Benefactor Gives One Last Gift ... and Receives a Fitting Tribute

During her lifetime, Marguerite "Marge" Goryeb was instrumental in the creation of Goryeb Children's Hospital and in providing support to ensure its continued success. The legacy of this beloved benefactor lives on through a generous bequest she left to the facility that bears her name.

"She loved the hospital and loved making sure kids were well taken care of and made more comfortable in their surroundings," says her daughter, Lynne Goryeb-Portido.

Visitors to the children's hospital will be subtly reminded of Mrs. Goryeb as they enter the lobby. A mural was commissioned by Lois Gagnon, who sought to honor her dear friend. The colorful spread by artist Caren Frost Olmsted depicts a children's playground with Mrs. Goryeb and her husband, Joseph, sitting off to the side on a park bench with their yellow Labrador, Pita.

"She was taken from us so quickly, and I wanted something to commemorate her so that anyone who walks into Goryeb will be reminded of Marge and what she did," says Mrs. Gagnon. "She was a kind person, and she just loved children."

Ready for Anything Lifelike Simulators Train Medical Team

While rare, extreme medical emergencies in obstetrics have the potential for disaster. How then to train the medical team in responding to one?

One answer has been provided by Barry and Jan Zubrow of Far Hills, who contributed to the Obstetrics Quality and Safety Initiative for the purchase of a mother and baby birthing simulator called NOELLE® with Newborn Hal®. Now the entire labor and delivery team undergoes extensive regular training using these simulators so they're prepared in case one of these infrequent birthing emergencies does occur.

"We create a series of emergency situations so the medical team can learn the proper steps to take, how to communicate most effectively and how to keep the patient safe," says Pam Mellin, RNC, MSN, perinatal clinical specialist. "For example, there's a whole simulation for shoulder dystocia – doctors are delivering the baby, it gets stuck and the simulator shows the correct maneuvers. It's great for training residents, obstetricians, nurses and midwives."

Other exercises using the simulators include the monitoring of maternal and neonatal signs, patient hemorrhage, and breech and cesarean section deliveries.



Using realistic simulators, Director of Labor and Delivery Dr. Christine Ganitsch (in white) leads a shoulder dystocia exercise. Photo: Becky Bedrosian

Widower Extends Memorial Gift

Social Worker Post Funded for Seven More Years

Lung cancer patients and their families will continue to receive psychosocial support from Lisa Picciuti, LCSW, oncology social worker, thanks to Peter Grimm of Mendham, who will fund the lung cancer social worker position for the next seven years. Mr. Grimm's late wife, Leslie, was treated at Carol G. Simon Cancer Center by Kenneth Adler, MD, and Mark Widmann, MD.

"This is a response to the care Les received and the way people treated her at the cancer center," says Mr. Grimm. "It's the right thing to do; we think she's smiling."

Mr. Grimm and sons Peter Jr. and Brian established the Leslie R. Grimm Lung Cancer Patient and Family Support Program, which funded the social worker position for the past two years. In addition to offering short-term counseling, a support group, educational opportunities and smoking cessation programs, the lung cancer social worker assists patients and their families with practical needs by making appropriate referrals.

"It's an amazing service," says Catherine Owens, LCSW, coordinator of oncology psychosocial support services. "She reaches patients in different areas – Franklin 4 and surgical units – and follows them through the continuum of care."