

CAN DO!

Magee Rehabilitation Hospital



Like Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, former Philadelphia Police Officer Don McMullin was serving the public when he was shot in the head.

Now he proudly wears the uniform of a therapist.

“The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service”

The Magee Family is an expansive one. Our supporters—those who are always willing to help us help our patients—are made up of former patients and their loved ones, generous organizations and even our own staff and clinicians who never fail to find ways to give more of their time, expertise and resources.

The law firm of Anapol, Schwartz, Weiss, Cohan, Feldman, and Smalley has been helping victims of life-changing accidents and injuries for over 30 years.

In 2008, the firm took their desire to help others a step further, creating the Anapol Schwartz Foundation which gives grants to nonprofits that serve victims and their families, and also funds research and programs which advance health and safety. A portion of the proceeds from each case that the firm settles are placed in the foundation. To date, they have given away \$225,000.

In 2009, they helped support the Caren Sydnor Locomotor Training Fund here at Magee. They also created the Anapol Schwartz Amputee Support Fund at Magee with a very generous gift of \$50,000.

The idea for the Amputee Support Fund came to Joel Feldman, the Managing Partner of the firm who directs the foundation, after they settled a case for a victim of an amputation. Soon after, he approached his friend—and our Chief Medical Officer— Dr. Guy Fried, about doing something to help those who have to deal with the sudden trauma of amputation.

After talking with Dr. Fried, and meeting with Dr. Helena Lax and Debra Formal, RN, who have extensive experience working with patients with amputations, it became clear that there are many needs not covered by insurance, and even little things can make big differences in our patients' lives.

“I gained such a different perspective of patients' needs,” said Mr. Feldman. “I knew that we could help.”

And they have.

This fund purchased supplies for patients, assisted with equipment needs, funded participation in a national amputee conference, and paid for a support group community outing. (See page 9)

“This fund is a lifesaver for our patients, and we are grateful for the support of Joel (Feldman) and his law partners,” said Ms. Formal. “As a clinician, it's nice to tell a patient that we can help. We couldn't do that if we did not have this fund.”

Mr. Feldman is happy to be helping patients at Magee.

“Every time I visit Magee I feel that the gifts we make are making a difference,” said Mr. Feldman. “And I know that everyone is appreciative of our support.”

Mr. Feldman's support for Magee does not stop with his firm.

After the tragic death of his daughter, Casey, in the summer of 2009, he and his family created the Casey Feldman Foundation to support causes that were near and dear to her.

Magee soon became a beneficiary.

“Casey loved animals, and when we learned Magee wanted to start a service dog program, we thought it

was a perfect fit.” said Mr. Feldman, as he referred to the vision of Magee therapist Christina Rinehimer to work with a service dog. (See page 7)

Mr. Feldman often visits Magee, as do other partners from Anapol Schwartz, such as Mark LeWinter who performs magic for our patients several times a year. Many members of the firm visited Magee when they were presented with the Tuttleman Award for Excellence in Healthcare in 2010. This year, they will also be a sponsor of our Night of Champions fundraiser on May 6.

“We are so grateful for the generous support from the Anapol Schwartz Foundation, and even happier that they take an active role in the lives of our patients,” said Mark Chilutti, Magee's Assistant Vice President of Development. “Joel and his partners have spent their lives fighting for others in the courtroom. Now, through the work of their foundation they're helping people that they may never meet. Caring about others day in and day out is surely an admirable way to spend one's life.”



Mr. Joel Feldman

If you would like information about how you can raise funds to support Magee's mission, please contact the Magee Development Office at 215-587-3090.

MAGEE HIGHLIGHTS

Magee Donates Helmets To Brain Safety Fair

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month, and to help stop the large number of brain injuries—especially concussions—that are making their way into emergency rooms, Magee’s new Philadelphia Concussion Center partnered with the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania and the Society for Neuroscience to hold free Brain Safety Fairs at the Franklin Institute March 16—19.

The Brain Safety Fairs included family-focused presentations and activities demonstrating how the brain works and the best ways to protect the brain from injury.

A highlight of the events was the proper fitting and distribution of free bicycle helmets to children and adults.

Magee’s Philadelphia Concussion Center provided \$5,000 for the purchase of the helmets, and our own Brain Injury and Stroke Services Program Director Lane Brown, PhD helped to hand them out March 16.

And they were busy!

Roughly 1,000 helmets were properly sized and given away over the course of the Brain Safety Fairs.



Magee handed out helmets in March.

Chairman of Magee’s Foundation Board W. Gresham O’Malley III Retires

Gresham O’Malley III retired from his long-time post as the Chairman of Magee’s Foundation Board this past February. Mr. O’Malley has served as Chairman since 2003.

However, his relationship with Magee dates back over 30 years when he was first elected to our Hospital Board in 1979—and he’ll continue to be on the Magee Foundation Board.

During these years of service, Mr. O’Malley has championed Magee’s efforts in leadership and fundraising which, for thousands of Magee’s patients, has fostered their achievements in gaining their highest possible level of community independence and true richness in their quality of life.

The Magee staff, patients and family members are eternally grateful for the support that Mr. O’Malley has provided in over three decades of service.

We all learned to BELIEVE because Mr. O’Malley already believed.

William Conrad has replaced Mr. O’Malley as Chairman.



W. Gresham O’Malley III

Service Dog Coming To Magee

Magee Physical Therapist Christina Rinehimer, thanks to funding from the Casey Feldman Foundation (See page 5) is currently working with Canine Companions for Independence in order to receive a fully trained service dog that will work with her at Magee’s inpatient and outpatient facilities, benefiting patients, their families and Magee staff alike.

The service dog will assist Rinehimer by providing a new form of therapy for patients in areas such as cognitive stimulation, sensory input, visual and perceptual stimulation and the psychosocial effects of proper socialization.

“The service dog will also be invaluable at relieving anxiety, stress and depression often associated with a prolonged hospital stay,” said Rinehimer, who is waiting for Canine Companions for Independence to find the perfect service dog for her and Magee. “The dog will also have a calming, soothing effect on staff and will help demonstrate the value of a service dog in personal use for those who may need one.”

Rinehimer is expecting a service dog to be partnered with her within the year.



A service dog like this will be coming to Magee.

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