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## Legacy Tribute Gifts Are Making a Difference

Carol Baker, along with her daughters Lori Lockhart and Colette Jasiak, recently chose to provide a significant tribute gift for prostate cancer research at Karmanos Cancer Institute in memory of her husband and their father, David, who passed away from cancer last year. After nearly eight years of treatment, David ended his journey in October 2014 at the age of 69.

David Baker started his battle against prostate cancer knowing that it had already advanced to his bones. "His main goal was, 'I'm going to go somewhere where I can help other people,'" said Carol. "He always thought about other people." David practiced giving back during his treatment process by taking part in multiple clinical trials at Karmanos to help further prostate cancer research.

The family's gift will go specifically to David's oncologist Elisabeth Heath, M.D., F.A.C.P., the Patricia C. and E. Jan Hartmann endowed chair in Prostate Cancer Research at Karmanos, as well as professor of Oncology and Medicine at Wayne State University, to further her research efforts in finding a prostate cancer cure. "The Baker family's gift

will benefit the efforts of the entire research team and help us make a difference to the next man diagnosed with prostate cancer," shared Dr. Heath.

"There's hardly enough words to say how wonderful and knowledgeable that woman is," said Carol. "She saved my husband's life for seven and a half years. The years we were given and the support we received while at Karmanos were priceless. I wanted to give her this gift so she can save someone else who is battling prostate cancer."



Pictured from left are daughter Lori Lockhart, the late David Baker, wife Carol Baker and daughter Colette Jasiak.

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Larry and Marcia Brown, Karmanos supporters and members of the Dr. Vee Legacy of Hope Society.

“There is always hope if you’re diagnosed with cancer, never give up the fight.”

—Marcia Brown

## Dedicated Friends Give Back

Fighting cancer and supporting cancer research have always been top priorities for Larry and Marcia Brown of West Bloomfield. Cancer had impacted several of their friends and family over the years, including Larry’s father who lost his fight to brain cancer many years ago.

In 2013, their commitment to fighting cancer became all that more urgent when Marcia was diagnosed with a tumor in one of her kidneys. Marcia noticed blood in her urine for a period of time and after doctors performed a CT scan, they gave her the devastating diagnosis. The Browns immediately contacted Karmanos to consult with a urologic oncologist.

Michael Cher, M.D., chief of Urology at Karmanos and professor and chair of Urology at Wayne State University’s School of Medicine, found that the mass in the kidney originated from the same type of cells as those that produce cancers of the bladder. It was an invasive type of cancer that needed to be treated aggressively. Dr. Cher arranged for chemotherapy and then scheduled and performed Marcia’s robotic surgery to remove the kidney and ureter. Marcia was then treated with various chemotherapies for over a year and had a second minor surgery for a recurrence in the bladder.

Today Marcia is doing well and moving forward with her life. She doesn’t like to focus on the cancer and feels grateful for the expertise, care and emotional support she received at Karmanos.

“Cancer is a dark place,” she said. “The people at Karmanos bring you back into the light where there is hope. They will do what they can to cure you. If you need someone, the staff is there for you. The doctors, nurses and administrators at Karmanos become like family.”

For others facing a cancer diagnosis, the Browns encourage people to go to a specialty hospital like Karmanos, especially one that is a National Cancer Institute-designated-comprehensive cancer center (see next page).

Larry and Marcia are both grateful for having access to a top academic-based cancer research institute in their backyard. They feel even stronger about supporting research having been touched directly by this dreadful disease. They have included



Michael Cher, M.D.,  
chief of Urology at Karmanos

# Help Us Change Lives Today and Tomorrow



You can make a positive difference for patients and put the wheels in motion for creating your philanthropic legacy. Here's how to make an impact:

- **Make a year-end cash donation.** Use the enclosed envelope or go online at [www.karmanos.org/give](http://www.karmanos.org/give).
- **Include the Karmanos Cancer Institute in your will or trust.** You can give a specific amount or leave a percentage of your estate.
- **Make a gift of other assets.** Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate and other property that have grown in value since you first purchased them make it possible to give a larger donation for less cost—and provide you with tax benefits.
- **Donate retirement plan assets.** By making a simple designation on your plan's beneficiary designation form, you can donate your retirement assets—assets that could otherwise be taxed to non-charitable beneficiaries up to 39.6 percent.
- **Donate a life insurance policy.** You can donate a no-longer-needed policy or simply name Karmanos Cancer Institute as the beneficiary.

Contact the Office of Planned Giving for more information.

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a bequest to Karmanos in their estate plan and see their commitment as an opportunity to be more involved in supporting research efforts that can help those touched by cancer for years to come. They're recognized in the "Dr. Vee Legacy of Hope Society" and are also active participants on the Karmanos Patient and Family Advisory Council, providing feedback and recommendations to enhance the overall patient experience.

Larry, a retired CPA, also joined the Planned Giving Advisory Committee in 2012. The committee is a group of financial advisors who act as Karmanos ambassadors throughout the community and advise the Institute's Development staff about wills, trusts and estate gifts. Larry felt that by becoming a member of the Planned Giving Advisory Committee, he could help educate others about the benefits and significance of including a gift to a nonprofit like Karmanos in a trust or will.

Larry shared, "The dollars that you give today just might be the dollars that could save your life or another person's life in the future."

Larry and Marcia, who have been married for more than 44 years, have two grown children and seven grandchildren.

## Why Seek Treatment at an NCI – Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is the nation's leader in cancer research and the federal government's principal agency for the nation's cancer research effort.

Karmanos Cancer Institute is one of only 45 NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the country, developing and translating scientific knowledge from promising laboratory discoveries into new treatments for cancer patients.

To learn more about the NCI, go to [www.cancer.gov/research/nci-role/cancer-centers](http://www.cancer.gov/research/nci-role/cancer-centers).

# Team Mimi Goes to Disney!

## Daughter Runs to continue Mom's Fight

Chantal Wentworth-Mullin's mom, Micheline "Mimi" Wentworth, lost her battle to ovarian cancer in March 2013. Prior to her passing, Micheline established an ovarian cancer research fund at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute to assist scientists in developing a more effective way to detect and treat the disease. There is a 90 percent five-year survival rate for women who are diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the earliest stage. Unfortunately, this represents only 15 percent of women with ovarian cancer.

Chantal, her father Bill and sisters Wendy and Gaby have continued Micheline's mission and her legacy through various fundraising efforts to support research in early detection and more effective therapies for ovarian cancer patients.

From January 7-10, 2016, Chantal, a recreational runner and triathlete, will lace up her running shoes to raise crucial funds through her participation in the Dopey Challenge at Walt Disney World. The ultimate endurance event, the Dopey Challenge, is four consecutive days of

races: a 5K, 10K, half marathon and full marathon, for a total of 48.6 miles.

Chantal said, "I am so excited to again have a way to raise money to, hopefully prevent the loss of another daughter's mother. It has been important to continue this work—the fund is a living testament to the positive impact our mom had, and continues to have, on those around her."

Micheline's oncologist, Robert Morris, M.D., leader of the Gynecologic Oncology Multidisciplinary Team at Karmanos,



Chantal Wentworth-Mullin, (left), will run the "Dopey Challenge" to raise funds for ovarian cancer research in memory of her mother, Micheline "Mimi" Wentworth (right).

expressed his appreciation. "We are so grateful to the Wentworth family for helping us pursue these innovative studies to improve early detection and treatment of ovarian cancer," he said.

To support Chantal's run for the Micheline Wentworth Fund for Ovarian Cancer Research with a gift that will be matched by the Wentworth family, call **313.576.8110** or visit [crowdise.com/teammimigoestodisney](http://crowdise.com/teammimigoestodisney).

## Tax-Wise Giving



In our FREE guide *6 Smart Strategies for Year-End Giving*, you will discover:

- ✓ What you can give.
- ✓ When you should give to get the most from your gift.
- ✓ What benefits you receive when supporting the Karmanos Cancer Institute at the end of the year.

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