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*Allison DiPasquale, MD, medical director of oncology at Methodist Charlton Medical Center, says the community is eager for a new cancer unit, benefiting patients like Jureica Henderson. Read the story inside.*



*To improve and save lives through compassionate, quality healthcare.*



# From the President's Desk

## HOW WE'RE CELEBRATING THIS 'SEASON OF GRATITUDE'



This is the time of year to spend with family and friends and to reflect on the year behind us. It's a season of gratitude and generosity, and at Methodist Health System Foundation, we take the time to honor both.

In September, we had a record North Texas Giving Day,

raising nearly \$40,000 from the many friends of Methodist Health System. We were blessed to have an anonymous matching gift to honor the life and legacy of Warren Rutherford, who served in many leadership roles for Methodist Health System for 16 years.

The 2018 Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award dinner was a spectacular event honoring the community and public service of state Sen. Royce West. Like Bob Folsom, he is dedicated to his family, to his faith, and to Dallas, working to improve the lives of those less fortunate. More than 770 attendees were inspired by the words of Bishop T.D. Jakes, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, the Hon. Florence Shapiro, and others who participated in the program honoring their friend. The event raised \$1.6 million to be directed to help create a new cancer unit at Methodist Charlton Medical Center, equipped to provide specialized care for more than 700 cancer patients a year in far southern Dallas.

Over the past year, the Foundation has provided gifts to aid advances in cardiac rehabilitation, spinal imaging, geriatric trauma, and many other initiatives. As we round out 2018, we are honored that so many individuals, foundations, companies, and Methodist Health System employees have chosen to support our programs and services. Every contribution makes a difference, and we operate by the words "Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

Happy holidays,

**James M. Johnston**  
President, Methodist Health System Foundation

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# FOLSOM EVENT RAISES \$1.6 MILLION FOR NEW CANCER UNIT

It wasn't "just my imagination," as the Temptations sing. This year's Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award event was one for the ages as Methodist Health System Foundation honored Sen. Royce West. Established in 2005, the award recognizes people whose demonstrated commitment and excellence in community leadership emulate the achievements of the late Dallas Mayor Robert S. Folsom. In celebration and tribute to the legacy of Folsom, the honoree designated that the funds raised — which totaled \$1.6 million go to building a new cancer unit at Methodist Charlton Medical Center.

This year's Folsom Award celebration was launched on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at a special party for Leadership Circle patrons and above. The patron party was hosted by Nancy Ann and Ray Hunt on the top floor of Hunt Consolidated's global headquarters.

The Folsom Award dinner on Oct. 25 kicked off with music from "The Roycesters," a Temptations tribute band, inside the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. Then Circle Ten Council Boy Scout Troop 470, sponsored by West Dallas Community Church, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Jasmine Jones, 2017 Miss Texas Outstanding Teen, sang the national anthem.

The energy continued with a warm welcome from mistress of ceremonies the Hon. Florence Shapiro, who also served as one of the event's co-chairs. West has been a prominent figure in state and local politics, law, and community service, but he is also a man who enjoys the simple things in life, like dominoes and meatloaf. His favorite recipe is his daughter's, so Tara West-Franklin lent her meatloaf recipe to the Anatole culinary team for the event. To bless the food and the evening, Bishop T.D. Jakes took the stage and talked about his decadeslong relationship with West and his wife, Carol, and a gospel choir sang West's favorite hymn.

Accepting the Folsom Award at the end of the night, West said: "Thank you, Methodist. I am deeply humbled and honored to receive the Folsom Leadership Award. It's special not only because of the highly distinguished prior recipients, but also because of the man it's named after, Bob Folsom. This truly is a special night for me and my family, and I am so appreciative."



Sen. Royce West is joined by his wife, Carol; Methodist Health System President Stephen L. Mansfield, PhD, FACHE, and his wife, Marilyn; Methodist Foundation President Jim Johnston; and 2018 Folsom Award co-chairs Nancy Ann and Ray Hunt, Pat and Pete Schenkel, Suzanne Johnston, the Hon. Florence Shapiro, Carolyn and David Miller, and Sally and Tom Dunning. (Event Co-chairs not pictured are Lana and Barry Andrews, Cedonia and David O. Brown, Lottye and Bobby Lyle, Abi and Fred Perpall, the Hon. Jeanne Phillips, Howard Shapiro, and Sharon and Kneeland Youngblood.)



# A NEW LEVEL OF *cancer care*

## NEW UNIT WILL ENHANCE CANCER SERVICES AT METHODIST CHARLTON

Sit down at your next family dinner or company board meeting and look around the room. According to the National Cancer Institute, every third person at that table will be diagnosed with cancer during his or her lifetime.

That statistic may be the cause of interrupted life stories and burdened families. But it's also the impetus behind a new initiative at Methodist Charlton Medical Center.

Within the hospital's service area, the numbers are alarming. For breast cancer alone, the most recent Susan G. Komen® Community Profile Report for Dallas County reports the death rate for black/African-American women is 1.4 times higher than the combined rate for all women in Dallas County. Within the Methodist Charlton service area, 50.6 percent of the population is black/African-American.

In an effort to give cancer patients in southern Dallas County the best chance at survival, Methodist Charlton is establishing a new oncology unit, made possible in part by funds raised through Methodist Health System Foundation and the 2018 Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award.

The new unit will include 12 patient rooms and have the capacity to serve more than 700 patients annually. In addition to receiving advanced, lifesaving treatments, patients will be cared for in private rooms that have a spa-like feel, featuring high-quality linens, comfortable seating for family and guests, and artful decor. Specially trained nurses certified in oncology care and board-certified medical oncologists will care for patients 24/7.

For patients Eunju Choe and Jureica Henderson, knowing that Methodist Charlton is better prepared to help them on their cancer journeys offers peace of mind.

### EUNJU'S STORY: BEATING THE ODDS WITH EARLY DETECTION OF COLON CANCER

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the sooner these cancers are diagnosed, the better the prognosis is for patients. Eunju Choe, who recently had robot-assisted surgery at Methodist Charlton to remove a portion of her colon, was grateful her cancer was found early enough to be treated successfully.

"I feel I've been given a second chance at life," Eunju says. "I am so grateful, and I'm happy to do simple things like going to work and seeing my friends. Now I tell people, 'If you have symptoms, don't wait. See a doctor right away.' If I had waited longer, I might not be here."

Paul Hackett, MD, colorectal surgeon on the medical staff at Methodist Charlton, performed the procedure, which uses small



Eunju Choe feels like she's been given "a second chance at life," thanks to the care she's received from the team at Methodist Charlton, including colorectal surgeon Paul Hackett, MD.

### GOOD TO KNOW

Methodist Charlton has already set a record for excellence in cancer detection and treatment. Its Women's Imaging Center has been named a Breast Center of Excellence by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers and a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology.

incisions and can be less invasive than traditional surgery, often allowing patients to return to work faster.

"Our patients will benefit from the specialized physician expertise, nursing expertise, and support of a dedicated oncology unit," Dr. Hackett says about the unit being created at the hospital. "Methodist Charlton is committed to bringing the best care to the communities we serve — and donor support is the driving force that makes it all possible."

### JUREICA'S STORY: A COMFORT TO PATIENTS WITH BREAST CANCER

For Jureica Henderson, who recently had a bilateral mastectomy and reconstructive surgery at Methodist Charlton, the strongest motivation to fight cancer came from her family.

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# ANONYMOUS DONOR REMEMBERS *Warren Rutherford*

ON NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

While the 2018 North Texas Giving Day may be over, your generous dollars are hard at work helping our patients, doctors, nurses, and employees. Hosted by the Communities Foundation of Texas, North Texas Giving Day is an 18-hour online giving extravaganza that benefits nonprofit organizations throughout the entire region. Methodist Health System Foundation is honored to have participated in the event for the 10th consecutive year.



Warren Rutherford died on June 22, 2018, but he left behind a legacy of service to Methodist Health System. An anonymous donor gave to Methodist on North Texas Giving Day in his honor.

service for the community, and to making a difference in the lives of others,” Board Chair Julie Yarbrough says. “Among those who admired Warren, a doctor told me: ‘Dealing with Warren made you want to give to the hospital. He was someone I would want to manage my affairs if I could not do so myself. In other words, he would put your interests before his own.’”

Undoubtedly, Rutherford touched many lives in his leadership roles at Methodist, and it has been an honor for the health system and Foundation teams to have worked side by side with him in our shared commitment to serving others. While Rutherford passed away this year, his legacy is forever embedded in our hearts and will shine on in our memories and far into the future.



Warren Rutherford (left) is joined by Charles Tandy, MD, and Phil Berry Jr., MD, both longtime physicians on the medical staff at Methodist Dallas Medical Center, at the Dallas Baptist University reception where he was given the university's Good Samaritan Award.

Thanks to you, we raised a record \$39,496! With an added donation of \$50,000 from a generous anonymous donor in honor of the late Foundation Board of Trustees member Warren Rutherford, the grand total came to \$89,496.

Your support helps us continue moving toward building a healthier community through compassionate, quality healthcare. This mission aligned with Rutherford's own passion.

He dedicated his life's work to serving hospitals and other organizations with a true servant's heart. For more than 16 years, he served in the Oak Cliff and Dallas areas through Methodist Health System and the Foundation as an administrator and board member. His devotion to healing played a pivotal role in shaping the Foundation.

“His life was committed to people to improving the quality of healthcare for patients, to providing personalized patient care

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— Allison DiPasquale, MD,  
medical director of oncology, Methodist Charlton



“In my mind, when they told me I had cancer, I said, ‘I’m a wife, I’m a mother, I have to beat this. I have to still be around for my kids,’” Jureica says.

Beyond providing important information about medical procedures and treatment options, the doctors and nurses who treated Jureica also shared their personal experiences with cancer, which reassured her about her own cancer journey.

“For them to personalize it for you and tell you what they’ve gone through as a doctor, I knew that I was in great hands,” she says. “Everyone who walked through the door, including the nurses, techs, and even food service employees, had me thinking that everything was going to be all right.”

Allison DiPasquale, MD, medical director of oncology and breast surgical oncologist on the Methodist Charlton medical staff, performed Jureica's mastectomy and was impressed with her from the beginning.

“Jureica came in as a rock star, ready to take on cancer and do everything she needed to stay healthy and do it with a smile on her face,” Dr. DiPasquale says.

“Methodist Charlton's new oncology unit will enable us to bring even better cancer care to patients like Jureica because they will be in a unique place tailored to their needs. Our community asked for this, and it's an honor to work at a facility that has its finger on the pulse of the community.”