Focus on Philanthropy

Kaleida Health, UB Break Ground on Vascular Treatment, Research and Technology Building

The effort to transform Buffalo into a world-class health care destination took a major step forward as Kaleida Health and UB broke ground for a new 10-story global vascular institute and research building. The $291-million combined facility, to be located next to Buffalo General Hospital at Goodrich and Ellicott streets, will bring together Kaleida Health physicians and UB researchers in a collaborative effort to deliver state-of-the-art clinical care, produce major breakthroughs on the causes and treatment of vascular disease and spin-off new biotechnology businesses and jobs.

The Global Vascular Institute will consolidate heart, stroke, vascular and neurosurgery services in one location and help fulfill Kaleida Health’s vision to create a world-class, academically oriented medical center, second to none in the Northeast United States. Construction of the building, designed by Cannon Design, Architects and Engineers, is expected to take approximately two years to complete, with doors opening in late 2011. Turner Construction is the general contractor for the project.

When complete, the Kaleida Health-UB facility will house nearly 600 patient beds, 30 operating rooms, 17 interventional labs for cardiac, vascular and neurosurgical procedures, as well as four CT scanners and four MRI’s. It is anticipated that the new emergency department will accommodate more than 60,000 visits, while the hospital will discharge nearly 27,000 patients. A Skilled Nursing Facility, medical office building and parking facility are also planned to be constructed on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Corridor.

Top Left: Hundreds of supporters celebrated the ground breaking of the Global Vascular Institute which will adjoin Buffalo General Hospital at Goodrich and Ellicott Streets.

Top Right: An architects rendering of the Global Vascular Institute.

Right: A new 300 bed Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) will be operated by Kaleida Health that consolidates long-term care beds from Deaconess and Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital SNFs. The four-story facility will include resident neighborhood clusters, semi-private rooms with wall dividers, decentralized dining, courtyard access and use of natural light to enhance the residents living experience.

Left: The Global Vascular Institute will be home to Kaleida’s physicians and UB’s researchers.
Emergency Department Improvements at Buffalo General Hospital

The ER triage receiving area was expanded and EKG’s can be performed as part of the Chest Pain Center. Other renovations to the Emergency Department include converting an unused area to a staff work space for clinical staff and purchasing a state-of-the-art ultrasound machine.

The Emergency Department is more visible to patients and visitors thanks to the new space created. “We’re very grateful, it allows us to provide better care to patients,” said Dr. Robert McCormack, Chief of Service of Emergency Medicine. Proceeds from the 2007 Kaleida Ball funded upgrades.

Hemodialysis Unit Receives Two Portable Systems

The Hemodialysis Unit at Buffalo General Hospital received two new portable hemodialysis systems with financial support by the Kaleida Health Foundation.

The Hemodialysis Unit can better serve patients with a complement of 26 stationery and 4 portable systems. The portable units are essential during intensive care treatments.

The new systems have greatly improved the quality of patient care. The improved technology offers real-time data, better laboratory outcomes and quicker interventions. The result is that more patients can be treated and the chance of complications is minimized. The new portable hemodialysis system operates like a functional external kidney.

BGH School of Nursing Alumni Donate

From 1877 to 1987 Buffalo General Hospital operated a School of Nursing which graduated thousands of nurses now living and working all over the country. Memories of the school are kept alive through the BGH School of Nursing Alumni Association which has about 600 members and sponsors three dinner meetings a year. Alumni Association members organized the nursing exhibit on the first floor of the A Building at BGH and annually donate to the Deaconess Pediatric Long Term Care Fund. Thank you Alumni Association members!

Judy Massotti RN, in the Emergency Department.

Buffalo General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Officers include: (seated) Joyce Pfohl, ’55, President, (standing from left) Kitty Lysiak, ’67, Corresponding Secretary, Sandy O’Connor, ’67 Recording Secretary, Kathy Lysiak, ’64, Treasurer, Sue Koch, ’68, Vice President was on vacation at time of photo.

With support by the Kaleida Health Foundation, two new portable Hemodialysis Systems were purchased and dedicated.

The new equipment is expected to serve patient needs for the next 10-15 years. The Kaleida Health Foundation provided $41,413 to purchase this necessary equipment.
Renovation of Intensive Care Unit at Buffalo General Hospital is Complete

The 6th floor in the A Building at Buffalo General Hospital has been transformed into a renovated state-of-the-art Intensive Care Unit that was dedicated with a celebration for staff, patients, and physicians. The renovation represented the first phase of a three-phase project to upgrade Buffalo General Hospital’s Critical Care Department and renovation of the A Building to coincide with construction of the Global Vascular Institute adjoining Buffalo General Hospital.

Buffalo General Hospital’s Chest Pain Center

When patients arrive at the BGH Chest Pain Center, they are rapidly assessed by emergency personnel and heart specialists. Rapid assessment involves having blood tests to check for heart muscle damage, a physical examination, with discussion about symptoms and medical history. An ECG (electrocardiogram) is performed to help determine diagnoses, while appropriate pain management is started immediately. Such prompt treatment can relieve symptoms and reduce possible damage to the heart. With an average stay of 18.2 hours, 80% of these admissions were safely discharged home.

The Chest Pain Center at Buffalo General Hospital received national accreditation from the Society of Chest Pain Centers in 2007 making it the first hospital in Western New York to receive such accreditation and one of over 500 accredited chest pain centers in the nation. Accreditation is for 3 years and requires that facilities demonstrate meeting requirements in the key processes of a chest pain center.

The Society of Chest Pain Centers is an international non-profit focused on improving care for cardiac patients. One of the chief goals of a chest pain center is to significantly reduce the time it takes for a patient experiencing symptoms of a possible heart attack to see a physician, thus reducing the time to treatment during the critical early stages. The Chest Pain Center at Buffalo General Hospital is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Grateful Patient Mail

This is to commend the 16th floor ortho staff who helped my sister-in-law Betty R. and our family during her hospital stay. Many times families do not receive the attention, empathy or compassion when going through a medical crisis from hospital staff. Buffalo General’s 16th floor staff went over and above in showing they are a dedicated group of professionals during our family’s crisis. The nursing floor manager should be acknowledged for showing world class service in a medical environment. Again accept this small note for a world of appreciation for a job well done!!

Sincerely,

Barbara B.

I would like to thank each of you for the compassion and kindness that was shown during my recent appointment. It has been said that ‘Kindness is the Greatest Wisdom,’ and I think each of you are deserving of a Ph.D.

It is clear to me that each of you take joy in your jobs and care about the service you provide to your patients.

You have my sincerest thanks.

Best regards,

James W.

I was a patient on the 13th floor this past year a few times. I just wanted you to know I am very satisfied with the care I was given. All the nurses were great. You have outstanding nurses working on the 13th floor, even though I hardly know them they are very special to me. They seem like they were always willing to go the extra mile. They are committed to their work. That’s why they are special people.

Buffalo General is the best hospital I’ve been in. I do believe it’s the people that work there that make it a good hospital.

Thank you for being there for me. May God be with all of you.

Robert U.
Gary Grosner, M.D.

**Profile:** Gary Grosner, M.D., has been an attending surgeon at Buffalo General Hospital in Buffalo, New York and served as assistant clinical professor of surgery at the State University of New York at Buffalo since 1992.

The average cardiothoracic surgeon typically performs approximately 125 pump cases a year, but Dr. Grosner does an average of 450 pump cases annually—far more than any other heart surgeon in the area. More experience results in better outcomes for patients, and Dr. Grosner is consistently rated among the top 10 percent of cardiothoracic surgeons in the country. His technical expertise in minimally invasive valve repair/replacement and innovative treatments with stentless aortic valves is widely recognized by his peers. Dr. Grosner also serves as a consultant for other local hospitals (i.e. Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital, Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, Erie County Medical Center, and Mercy Hospital of Buffalo).

**Medical School:** University of Connecticut in Farmington, Connecticut

**Internship:** New Britain General Hospital, New Britain, Connecticut (General Surgery)

**Residency:** New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center, New Rochelle, NY (General Surgery)

**Cardiology:** State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, NY (Cardiothoracic Surgery)

**Licensure:** State of Connecticut and State of New York

**Board Certifications:** American Board of Surgery and American Board of Thoracic Surgery

**Society Memberships:** American College of Cardiology, American College of Chest Physicians, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and American Medical Association

**Personal Information:** Dr. Grosner is married with three children; hobbies include hockey, skiing, and baseball.

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New Community Mental Health Facility Dedicated

To create room for construction of the Global Vascular Institute, the former Community Mental Health Center located at 80 Goodrich Street was demolished and all offices and outpatient services were re-located to a newly renovated building at 1010 Main Street in Buffalo. Included in the move are The Continuing Day Treatment program, The Outpatient Clinic, The MICA/Trauma Services Program, The Chemical dependency Program and The Partial Hospital program.

The new facility is less than one block from the current location, which conveniently places it on the Metro Bus/Rail line. It also allows for close proximity to Buffalo General Hospital and the medical and/or emergency care services many of its customers rely on.
Rick Shanor Memorial Golf Tournament Benefits Multi-Organ Transplant Center

Since 1964 the Kaleida Health Multi-Organ Transplant Center has been providing transplant services at Buffalo General Hospital and is the leading kidney/pancreas transplant program in Western New York.

For seven years proceeds from the Rick Shanor Memorial Golf Tournament have been donated to the Multi-Organ Transplant Center to assist those patients who received or are awaiting transplant services that lack the means to pay for medical bills, lodging or travel expenses. Since it was begun, the Tournament has raised $160,000.00 for the Transplant Center.

Rick and Genelle Shanor were killed in a tragic boating accident in 2003. During their lives, they touched many people and spent a great deal of time promoting organ donorship, since Genelle herself had been the recipient of a kidney transplant. In their memory, friends and family established the Rick and Genelle Shanor Memorial Transplant Fund to continue their goal of sharing the benefits of organ donation within the community.

The tournament, which was held at Diamond Hawk Golf Course, attracted 151 golfers and over 200 people for dinner. Thanks to the Shanor family, friends and all who participated.

Members of the Shanor Family presented Dr. Oleh Pankewycz, Medical Director of Kaleida Health’s Multi-Organ Transplant Center with a check for $25,000.00 for the Organ Transplant Center. From left are: Nichole, Kathy, Aren, John, RJ, Dr. Pankewycz, Jack, Sue and Tommy Shanor.

Women’s Boards Recognized

The volunteer Women’s Boards of all Kaleida Health Hospitals were recognized at a reception honoring their dedication and leadership on Tuesday, May 26 at the Saturn Club in Buffalo.

The members were recognized for their devotion to enhancing patient care through their volunteer efforts, sponsorship of events, fundraising activities and grants which have provided scholarships and made possible the purchase of equipment in the hospitals of Kaleida Health.

Kaleida Health Foundation Board Member Jerry Mazurkiewicz with Women & Children’s Hospital Foundation Board Member, Mary Grace Bauer and Josephine Goodyear Committee member Diann Andrews.

Volunteers enjoyed refreshments and fellowship at the Women's Board recognition held at the Saturn Club.
Kaleida Classic Golf Tournament

Park Country Club in Williamsville, New York was the setting for Kaleida Health Foundation’s annual Kaleida Classic Golf Tournament. Over 200 golfers participated in the 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. flights. Golfers in the morning were welcomed with a hearty breakfast and all enjoyed a buffet lunch. A cocktail reception with seafood bar on the patio preceded a live auction, special drawings and the awards ceremony.

A special thanks to our Dinner Sponsor: Turner Construction Company; our Breakfast Sponsor: 1-2-3 Delivery Service; our Lunch Sponsors: Catamount Associates, Practice Management Center, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Prism Medical/Waverly Glen. We would also like to thank University Orthopedics for sponsoring two foursomes, Janus Intech, Eclipsys, Wedge Capital Management and Key Bank/Victory Capital for their generous support.
Kaleida Health Foundation Board Chairman Bill Pearce on the fairway.

Dr. Tip Putnam and Damon Morey Managing Partner Peter Marlette.

Matt Duria of Sodexo won the men’s longest drive. Joining him is Don Fetes, Jim Moscato and Colleen Dowd.

Dr. Margaret Paroski, Karen Maricle, Peter Martin and Tim Cych. Dr. Paroski had both the longest drive and low net in the AM flight for women.

Angelo Veanes, President of Ferguson Electric Construction Division tees it up.

The foursome from the Sabres made a strong showing with John Sinclair winning the men’s closest to the pin in the AM flight. Other teammates are Tom Ahern, John Livesey and Mike Gilbert.

Mike Cuviello and Betsy Murrett of Prentice Office Environments had a great round with Betsy winning the women’s closest to the pin in the morning.

Auctioneer Cash Cunningham, Kaleida Health Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Connie Varj join Angelo Veanes at the Classic.

Kaleida Classic Co-Chair Randy Strauss (left) of Strauss Group Inc. and Dan Dy (right) of Key Bank/Victory Capital with Jim Kaskie, Kaleida President and Chief Executive Officer.

Kudos to the Medtronic women’s foursome—all went home with top prizes. From left, Karen Dick—team captain; Bev Taibi—Low Net Score; Janis Cirrito—Low Gross Score & Longest Drive; and Joan Coyne who received Closest to the Pin honors.

Richard Lofgren of Biotronik had the low net in the men’s afternoon flight.

Mike Gallivan, Frank Sica, Mark Dowling of Turner Construction and Mikey Mariacher of Kaleida Health were one of two foursomes from Turner playing in the Classic.

Representatives from Cannon Design Tim Rommel, Dan White, George Pankiv and Colin Lyons.

1-2-3 Delivery Service representative Victor Johnston is joined by Richard Tresmond, Paul Drabinski and Dan Fecher.

Nancy Holden of Janus Capital Institutional/INTECH joined the foursome from Catamount Associates which included Troy Leone, Lance Gardner, Ronnie Leo and Jason Cook.

Thanks to Dunn Tire for their participation—David Simons, Patrick Logue, Paul Pittner and Joe Berexa.
Carpenters donate $20,000 to Kaleida Health and WCHOB

Carpenters Local #289 and the Empire State Regional Council of Carpenters teamed up recently to donate $20,000 to Kaleida Health and Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo.

In partnership with the Carpenter’s Local 289, Kaleida Health has performed dozens of highly successful projects. Together, we have built state-of-the-art operating rooms, MRIs, CTs, cath labs, angio labs, ICUs and pharmacies, as well as first-class patient care areas and professional office spaces.

“We are proud of what we have accomplished over the past three years,” said David Croston, Kaleida Health’s VP of Clinical Engineering.

Summer Spectacular

The Women’s Board of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital held their annual Women’s Summer Spectacular at Lockport Town & Country Club. New this year, in addition to their traditional 18 hole tournament, was a 9-hole Tournament and Luncheon attended by more than 130 guests. Thanks Tournament Sponsor LP Ciminelli for help us continue this important tradition.

New slate of officers: The Women’s Board of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital recently announced their new slate of officers—(Seated, l-r) Co-Treasurers, Dee Michaels & Florence Kirk, President, Alice Russ, Vice-President, Carol Steele and Recording Secretary, Joyce Zobel. (Back, l-r)—Dot Hey, Sue Bergman, Ellen Stancliff, Mary Rodgers, Yvonne Hodson, Kathy Glenn, Marsi Rhode, Sally Moehlau, Joan Resetarits, Ann Todaro, Liz Grader. Absent: Betty Abdallah and Sandy Casimino.

Incoming Women’s Board President, Alice Russ (right), presents Marsi Rohde, President with a memento of her service to the Women’s Board and Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital at the annual meeting and luncheon.
Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital Selects New Interventional Cardiovascular Equipment to Enhance Patient Care

With one in five Americans suffering from one or more forms of cardiovascular disease, making advancements in the medical technology used to diagnose and treat these conditions is critical. In an effort to provide faster and more accurate vascular care to the community, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital announced the opening of its new, state-of-the-art angiographic X-ray lab.

Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital is now able to conduct minimally invasive procedures on the new system to treat a wide range of clinical problems including stroke, carotid artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysms and other peripheral vascular disorders. These catheter-based procedures are designed to reduce some of the risks and recovery time inherent in traditional surgical approaches. Among the many benefits of catheter-based interventions are shorter hospital stays, reduced recovery time without the pain of a large incision, and less visible surgical scarring. A gift in memory of Mr. & Mrs. P.S. Shenoy was made in support of this project.

Millard Suburban receives Chest Pain Center Accreditation

Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital joined Buffalo General Hospital as the second certified Chest Pain Center in this region, further strengthening Kaleida Health’s position as the leader in heart health. Accreditation was awarded December 26, 2008 and expires December 25, 2011.

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death in the U.S. with 600,000 fatalities annually. Over five million Americans visit hospitals with chest pain annually.

Get me to Gates!

Every minute counts when diagnosing a stroke! Gates Stroke Center has installed Toshiba’s Aquilion® ONE dynamic volume CT system that can dramatically reduce the time to diagnose stroke symptoms. Developed by Toshiba Medical Systems Corporation, the Aquilion ONE is the only medical imaging system that can image the entire brain and show real-time brain function in less time than traditional multi-detector row CT systems. “As the only CT system of its kind, the Aquilion ONE’s ability to reduce stroke diagnosis time from hours and days to minutes will dramatically improve the quality of life for our patients,” explained Donald Boyd, former Gates President. “We are committed to using the most advanced technology available and feel the Aquilion ONE will allow for faster, more accurate diagnosis of stroke, helping to ensure better patient outcomes and lower health care costs.” Gates is home to a multidisciplinary team trained in stroke care.
Kaleida Health Foundation’s series of free educational seminars continues to offer timely information on medical issues that affect our region and available treatments in Western New York.

The seminars feature one or two speakers and are open to the public. Light refreshments and complimentary valet parking is included. If you would like to be placed on the seminar mailing list, please call (716) 881-8260 or visit the Foundation website at: http://foundation.kaleidahealth.org/EducationalSeries. Descriptions of all past conferences can also be found at this website.

Educational Seminar # 10
Heart Health for Men & Women of All Ages
What you need to know

Presenters: William E. Boden, M.D., FACC, FAHA & Susan P. Graham, M.D.

A cold winter evening did not deter people from attending Dr. Boden’s and Dr. Graham’s presentation on Heart Health for Men & Women of All Ages. The doctors discussed how blood pressure, cholesterol, a sedentary lifestyle, diabetes, diet and genetic history are just some of the contributing factors to heart disease. They discussed steps you can take to protect yourself, and what kind of technology and treatments are available to you right here in Western New York.

Attendees received a self-assessment tool to measure heart health which can be accessed by clicking “HEART HEALTH” on the conference summary found on the website listed above.

Educational Seminar # 11
Current Treatments for Parkinson’s Disease
What you need to know

Presenters: Robert J. Plunkett, M.D. & Thomas Guttuso, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Plunkett and Dr. Guttuso discussed current treatments for Parkinson’s disease which affects approximately 500,000 people in the US. Parkinson’s is a progressive neurological disorder that results from degeneration of neurons in a region of the brain that controls movement. Often, the first symptom of Parkinson’s disease is tremor in one hand, especially when the body is at rest.

Although there are many theories about the cause of Parkinson’s disease, none has ever been proven. At present, there is no cure for Parkinson’s disease, but medications and surgery can provide dramatic relief from the symptoms. Attendees gained an understanding and cutting-edge treatments available at Kaleida hospitals.
Thanks for all you do!

Kaleida President & Chief Executive Officer James R. Kaskie addresses the facilities staff at the annual “Thank You” picnic hosted by the Foundations of Kaleida Health in their honor. Thanks to the special folks who work behind the scenes every day to ensure our Hospitals operations are A-1.

Employee Giving Campaign a Success!

In spring, representatives from Kaleida Health’s hospitals met to plan the first-ever employee giving campaign called “Charity Begins At Home.” Employees were asked to commit to making a gift through payroll deduction or by check to the area most in need, a Kaleida Hospital, Deaconess Skilled Nursing Facility, Visiting Nursing Association of WNY or Waterfront Health Care Center.

A total of 661 new pledges totaling $75,524 annually and $6,700 in straight gifts were received. In commenting on the internal fundraising campaign, Elsie Davé, Foundations Executive Director said, “employee support of Kaleida and its mission shows our community and funding organizations the belief that we are the best healthcare provider in WNY. I offer a grateful ‘thank you’ to the employees who made their pledge and with the hope that our campaign will grow to 100% participation in the future.” Funds received through the employee campaign, and additional gifts from the Foundation will be used to purchase equipment to benefit patient care.

DeGraff Clambake

It would not be summer in the Tonawandas without The Chamber of Commerce annual Charity Clambake to benefit DeGraff Memorial Hospital. The 12th annual event was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at Shores Restaurant on the banks of the Niagara River on Tonawanda Island. The event attracted over 500 people who enjoyed over 9,000 clams. Proceeds will be used to purchase nursing instruments and equipment at DeGraff.

Kudos to Team Kaleida as representatives from each Kaleida facility gathered together to kick off the 2009 Employee Giving Campaign. Campaign Committee members include: Left Row (Front to Back)—Patricia Borchardt, Melissa Feider, Valerie Lamarca, Melva Visher, Lynn Callea, Phyllis Gentner, Anthony Szarzanowicz and John Moscato. Right Row (Front to back)—Gary Brice, Pat Bagley, Barbara Franklin, Cynthia Jackson, Catherine Jette, Anne Wiley, Duane Hamilton and Richard Hopkins.
COMING SOON....

OCTOBER
Kaleida Health Educational Lecture Series #12
Current Management of Prostate Cancer
What You Need to Know
October 7, 2009
5 – 7 p.m.
Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital
1540 Maple Rd., Williamsville, NY
foundation.kaleidahealth.org/educationalseries

Fall Fashion Show
October 17, 2009
Marriott Hotel
1340 Millersport Hwy
Amherst, NY
Presented by: Women’s Board of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital

White Coat Society of Benefactors Reception
Thursday, October 15, 2009
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
The Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society
25 Nottingham Court
Buffalo, NY
A reception and ceremony honoring
Kaleida Health Donors & Friends