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The Joe Gamin Story

GALA2016 and **GALA** AFTERDARK, held Saturday, May 21, 2016, was made special not only by the visible support of so many who attended that evening, but by the presence of Joe Gamin and his family.

The story of Joe – a Medina teenager who suffered a traumatic brain injury – served as a reminder of the perseverance and strength of MetroHealth patients, and the everyday dedication of MetroHealth employees.

A short video recounted Joe's story – his skateboarding accident on June 9, 2015, the initially poor prognosis that came with the words "diffuse axonal injury," and his subsequent months-long rehabilitation and recovery at the MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio at the MetroHealth Old Brooklyn Health Center.

"I've never been more scared in my life than when I heard that," said Janet Gamin, Joe's mother, of hearing the diagnosis for the first time.

After receiving that dire diagnosis from physicians, "We had no idea if he would ever wake up or [if he] would be paralyzed because he couldn't move the left side of his body," she said earlier this year during interviews for the video.

After being released from the hospital on July 28th, Joe's recovery continued. By his side were occupational therapist Lexi Emerick, physical therapist Darcy Kosmerl and speech therapist Lisa Lincoln.

Joe and his therapy team had two big goals ahead of them: to get Joe ready for his senior year at Medina High School and to help him return to full participation in the marching band.

"I went to band camp that first day I left the hospital because I'm just that dedicated to band," Joe said. "It's really important to me. I wouldn't have been able to live with myself if I didn't do band this year."

Not only was he able to play his mellophone (a brass instrument similar to the French horn) throughout the season, Joe took to the field to march during the Se-

nior Night game in late October. At the band banquet in November, his band mates honored Joe with a "most dedicated" award.

"I have never seen someone with as much determination as Joe," Janet Gamin says. "His progress has been amazing."

With marching band season over, Joe continued to focus on his course work, which included honors Physics and Advanced Placement Calculus and Computer Science courses.

As graduation approached, Joe's excitement was apparent. "I'm definitely really pumped. It's going to be great," he said. "It's going to be a great day."

Hours before attending **GALA**2016 with his parents, two sisters and brother-in-law, Joe graduated from Medina High School. Ranked 39th out of 552 students in his class, he's headed to The Ohio State University in the fall, where he plans on majoring in Data Analytics.

Joe's relationship with MetroHealth will continue with virtual video visits that will allow therapists to follow his progress.

"I can't ever thank them enough," Janet Gamin says of Joe's entire team of caregivers at MetroHealth. "They hold a special place in my heart. Absolutely, they do. Every one of them is now like a family member to me."

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/MetroHealth-Gamin> to watch a video documenting Joe's rehabilitation. To learn more about the MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio at The MetroHealth Old Brooklyn Health Center, please contact Luann Maynard at 216-778-1568 or lmaynard@metrohealth.org.



METROHEALTH GALA2016


Because of generous support from the more than 1,250 people who attended MetroHealth **GALA2016** and **GALA AFTERDARK**, MetroHealth raised \$2.3 million on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Along with ticket sales and money raised from the silent and live auctions, the event also was the recipient of a \$1 million anonymous gift, which MetroHealth President and CEO Akram Boutros, MD, FACHE, announced during the program.

- Top photo: **GALA2016** Co-chairs Trevor and Courtney Gile, Matt and Amber Gile, Stefani Schaefer, and Georgia and Chuck Gile.
- More than 1,000 guests attended **GALA2016** at the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland.
- Center photo: Akram Boutros, MD, FACHE and Suzanne Aral-Boutros with Cleveland Heritage Medal recipient Sandra Pianalto, left.
- Bottom photo: An additional 250 people joined **GALA** guests at **GALA AFTERDARK**. K Street Band kicked off the evening entertainment.

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Inaugural Awards Presented during **GALA2016**



Nicholas Alexander, past chair of MetroHealth N.E.T. and one of the newest members of The MetroHealth Foundation Board of Directors, received the inaugural **David C. Jacobs Emerging Professional Service Award**.



Five individuals were presented with the inaugural **Cleveland Heritage Medal**, created to be Greater Cleveland's highest civic award. The recipients were honored for their significant contributions through leadership, collaboration and service. They are Morton L. Mandel, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Sandra Pianalto, Richard W. "Dick" Pogue, and The Honorable George V. Voinovich. The recipients posed with the individuals who presented them with the Medal. From left, Mandel; Cuyahoga Community College President Emeritus Jerry Sue Thornton; Moss; Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson; Pianalto; Thompson Hine Managing Partner Deborah Read; Pogue; Cleveland Foundation President and CEO Ronald B. Richard; Voinovich; and Thomas McDonald, Chairman of The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees.

For more information about the Cleveland Heritage Medal go to heritagemedal.com.

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8th Annual

hy-5

Gray skies were no match for the festive mood of the eighth annual Hy-5: The Hyland 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk. The May 14 event drew hundreds of runners and walkers, raising more than \$35,000 MetroHealth. This year, for the first time, a significant portion of the funds raised will go toward services and programs at MetroHealth's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Thank you to the more than 800 people who registered for the 2016 Hy-5 and to the following sponsors:

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Representatives from Howard Hanna Real Estate Services presented a check for \$25,000 to MetroHealth April 26 during a visit to the Michael J. Bohdan Tree House, an activity area near MetroHealth's Inpatient Pediatric Unit. The donation will benefit MetroHealth's Child Life and the Aamoth Family Pediatric Wellness Center. On hand to receive the check were several nurses and physicians; Foundation Board Member William Aamoth; Jessica Chupnick, Manager of Child Life and Education; Susie Akers, Director of Aamoth Family Pediatric Wellness Center; and Adriana Cortez and Kimberly Rodriguez, two children currently involved with the Pediatric Wellness Center. The Howard Hanna Children's Free Care Fund Foundation provides free medical care and supports related programs and activities in eight states.

Harold Friedman Marks Four Decades on Foundation Board

For 40 years, Harold Friedman has been a part of the MetroHealth family.



In 1976, Friedman was recruited to serve on the Board of what was then known as the Cuyahoga County Hospital Foundation Inc. Today, the retired attorney and longtime Shaker Heights resident is the longest-serving member of The MetroHealth Foundation Board of Directors. In 1990 Friedman was elected to serve as a Life Member.

During Friedman's earliest years on the Board, Henry Manning was the hospital's CEO. The hospital was home to legendary physicians and researchers such as Charles Rammelkamp, Robert White and Edward M. Chester.

"At the time, the Foundation's scope was somewhat limited, primarily holding annual benefits to raise start-up money for young investigators," he recalls. "There was a lot of tension between the hospital and the Foundation."

Over the years, however, that tension gave way to a more genial relationship. And the Board expanded and became stronger, able to move beyond primarily raising money to provide research grants to researchers, Friedman says.

In 1981 Friedman helped to establish the Chester Summer Scholars program, named for Edward M. Chester, MD. His eldest daughter, Debbie, was among the first group of college students to spend the summer conducting research at the hospital. She would go on to become a pediatrician.

From 1987 to 1989, Friedman served as the Foundation's Board Chair. He also has been an active member of the Nominating and Board Development Committee and of MetroHealth's Vision Advocacy Councils, which raise funds and awareness for various departments and specialty areas.

"Today we have a Board that's well connected. It's a good solid board," he says. "And the hospital is continuing to expand its reach and fill more and more needs in the community."

Many other local organizations also have benefited from Friedman's leadership and dedication. The long list includes the International Association of Jewish Vocational Services, the Jewish Vocational Services agency

of Cleveland and the Cleveland Hillel Foundation board (all of which he served as president).

Friedman also served on the boards of Bellefaire JCB, Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland and the Jewish Community Federation. Of the latter group, he says, "I've served on practically every committee they have." He is currently a life member of its Endowment Fund Committee.

And for the past 55 years, he has been a part of the Harry K. & Emma R. Fox Charitable Foundation. In his roles as secretary, trustee and coordinator of its grant program over the years, Friedman has been an integral part in the foundation's success of providing millions of dollars in grants for arts, health, education and social services programs, and agencies throughout Northeast Ohio.

A 1952 graduate of Cleveland Heights High School, Friedman earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at The Ohio State University in 1956 and a law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1959. Friedman was the top scorer of the Ohio Bar Exam that summer. That notoriety was enough to catch the attention of the mother of Nancy Schweid, who was attending Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Mrs. Schweid urged her daughter to write Friedman a note of congratulations. The two young adults soon began corresponding. They would marry in 1961. The Friedmans have two daughters, a son and eight grandchildren.

After serving in the Ohio National Guard for six months, Friedman landed his first job in 1959 working for a solo practitioner, Bennett Yanowitz, whom he considered one of his earliest mentors. His career, specializing in real estate and corporate law, would span 55 years, including more than 30 years with Ulmer & Berne LLP, from which he retired in 2014.

Although Friedman was heavily involved in the civic fabric of Cleveland and the Jewish community, he always made time for MetroHealth.

As MetroHealth's mission has expanded to provide care to residents throughout Cuyahoga County, Friedman's admiration has grown, too.

"The most recent hospital leadership has done an extraordinary job in expanding the hospital's reach," he says. "We're providing more and more services and continue to be an important teaching facility and research center.

"We remain a great community asset."

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Through Art, Students Show the Meaning of Being Healthy

More than 30 students from four schools – Luis Muñoz Marín Dual Language Academy, Walton School

and Garrett Morgan and Lincoln-West high schools – participated in an art contest held by MetroHealth's School Health and Arts in Medicine programs,

Through art, each student answered the question, "What does being healthy in your community mean to you?"

On May 6 the students were treated to lunch at MetroHealth. Destiny Tuttle, an eighth grade student at Walton, Izack Carabello, an 11th grade student at Garrett Morgan, and Alanis Rodriguez, an 11th grade student at Garrett Morgan, were named contest winners. Their work, and that of all of the students, will be displayed in the mobile unit and throughout MetroHealth.



Thank you to our art contest judges, including Doreen and Dick Cahoon, Jim Cahoon, Chann Fowler-Spellmam and Sophie Spellman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Altieri Golf Outing

Benefiting MetroHealth's Cancer Care Center

8 a.m. Friday, August 5, 2016
 at Sand Ridge Golf Club, Chardon

Contact Jim Cahoon at 330-620-3161 for information.

Raising the NETs for MetroHealth Volleyball Tournament

Benefiting the MetroHealth's Pediatric Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R), Doctors on the Streets, and the Community Advocacy Program (CAP): ReEntry Clinic

11 a.m. Saturday, August 13, 2016
 at Whiskey Island

Contact Jessica Cartagena at jcartagena@metrohealth.org or 216-778-7525 for ticket or sponsorship information.

Kiszk Memorial Golf Outing

Benefiting MetroHealth Surgical Intensive Care Unit

8 a.m. shotgun start, Saturday, August 20, 2016
 at Valleaire Golf Club, Hinckley

Contact Gary Kiskak at 330-391-1794 or marckiskakMemFund@yahoo.com for information

Gannon Memorial Golf Tournament

Benefiting trauma patients and burn victims in the John A. Gannon Comprehensive Burn Care Center at MetroHealth

11 a.m. Monday, September 12, 2016
 at Briarwood Golf Club, Broadview Heights

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"The Transformation Gains Momentum," at MHAnnualReport.org. It will take you through some of the year's highlights and hopefully entertain you at the same time. It's a testament to what can be accomplished when leadership, staff and supporters come together to make our community healthier.

Open Houses

To celebrate the addition earlier this year of the two newest free-standing Emergency Departments, MetroHealth will hold community open houses at both locations.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 18, 2016

MetroHealth Parma Emergency Department

12301 Snow Rd., Parma, OH 44130

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 30, 2016

MetroHealth Cleveland Heights Emergency Department

10 Severance Circle, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

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