



The Don Monti

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Since 1972, the Foundation has raised 46 million in the fight against cancer.

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you this year with a different perspective on the Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation and its impact on our patient's lives.

In March 2018, after a bone marrow biopsy, I was diagnosed with Waldenstroms, a low grade lympho proliferative disorder. To say that I was surprised is an understatement, but I realized that all of a sudden, I was going to walk the walk myself.

During my treatments, I expected and received the most amazing care from our physicians and healthcare providers in the Don Monti Division of Medical Oncology. I experienced firsthand how important our foundation is to the thousands of patients whose lives we touch. My mother's Trinity of **Faith, Hope, and Love** was and is part of my success in overcoming this disease. I am doing well and feel a sense of confidence because of the care I am receiving.

Our 47th Anniversary Ball of the Year was a huge success. This is our major fundraiser and because of your generosity, our foundation is able to continue it's important mission of patient care, research, and education. A heartfelt thank you on behalf of all our patients, myself included. Because of you the Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation is alive and well.

With Faith, Hope, and Love,

Caroline Monti Saladino

Caroline Monti Saladino
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47th Anniversary Ball of the Year

Our Ball was a very special evening with over 1000 guests supporting our mission of Patient Care, Research, & Education.

Thank you to all who made the Ball the tremendous success that it was! The evening raised over \$650,000. Last year, with your support, the Foundation reached a new milestone of 46 million raised in the fight against cancer. Because of your generosity, we are able to meet and exceed all of our financial commitments. Please accept our sincere gratitude and the gratitude of the thousands of patients whose lives you have touched.

Mark your calendars for the 48th Anniversary Ball of the Year on November 2nd, 2019 at 6:00pm! We will be honoring Dr. Bruce & Grace Stillman with our Lifetime Achievement Award.



Arthur and Caroline Monti Saladino with their children Don Saladino, Danielle Faria, Anna Gevinski, & Joseph Saladino



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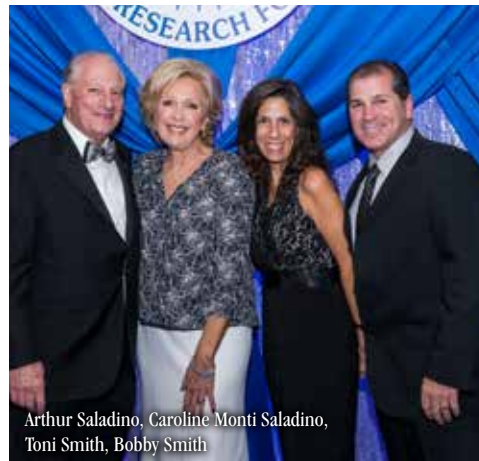
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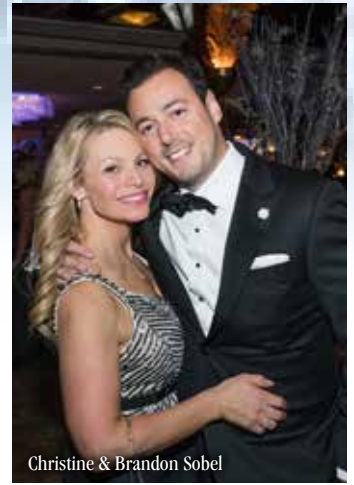
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Annual Patient HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Don Monti Foundation hosts several patient celebrations in the Don Monti Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit throughout the year. 7 Monti is home to many of our patients for several months at a time while they recover from their transplants. We like to help them make the most of their journey.

This year's Halloween party was held on October 25th. It was a spook-tacular day! The patients and their families were treated to lunch catered by Iavarone Brothers. Caroline Monti Saladino, Mel Saladino, & Danielle Faria visited the patient rooms delivering sweet Halloween treats!



Mel Saladino and Danielle Faria. The door behind them leads to the reverse isolation area where patients receive their bone marrow transplant. A patient's transplant day has been coined their second birthday. The patient will celebrate two birthdays for the rest of their life. The day they were born and the day they got a second chance at life.



Maria Tekie, RN; Mel Saladino; Audrey Weisman, NP; Caroline Monti Saladino; Marissa Galler, NP; Cancer Survivor Louis Barba



Congrats to Danielle DeSimone. She received her bone marrow transplant on October 17, 2018. Our President, Caroline Monti Saladino, visited with her during our party.



Michelle Quintana, BSN; Audrey Weisman, NP



Boo! Danielle Faria & Caroline Monti Saladino



Caroline Monti Saladino with Tracey



A pink lady, a butterfly, a witch, a super hero, a dog, a monkey.... We know how to throw a Halloween Party!



Pasquale Barba & Louis Barba



Mel Saladino, Patient, Danielle Faria

LIU Post Hosts 4TH ANNUAL MOVE-A-THON

The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation supports the Genetics Counseling Program at LIU, as well as, an Endowed Scholarship in Don Monti's name. In turn, the LIU Post student body hosts an annual fundraiser benefitting the Foundation.

On Thursday, November 1st, LIU Post students sponsored a Move-a-Thon, which raised over \$9,000 to support the Foundation. Since its inception the event has raised over \$50,000! The event took place in the Pratt Recreation Center.

Arthur & Caroline Monti Saladino won the *Grandparents of the Year* Award by taking four of their grandchildren to this year's Move-a-Thon. Among the many activities were Bull Riding & a glow-in-the-dark bounce house obstacle course!



Arthur & Caroline Monti Saladino, along with a few of their grandchildren, accept a check on behalf of the Don Monti Foundation.

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Hosts the Double Helix Awards Dinner

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory hosted the 13th Double Helix Medals dinner on November 7th and raised \$4.5 million. Held at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, the gala honored the contributions to basic research of Priscilla Chan, Mark Zuckerberg, and Larry Norton.

The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation Family is proud to support this event each year.



Double Helix Medal honorees Dr. Larry Norton and Dr. Priscilla Chan, and CSHL President and CEO Dr. Bruce Stillman.



Mel & Don Saladino



Bruce Stillman, Leslie Stahl



Erin & Rich Monti



Joseph Faria, Danielle Faria, Steve Gevinski, Anna Gevinski, Bruce Stillman, Sarah Saladino, Joseph Saladino, Erin Monti, Rich Monti, Mel Saladino, Don Saladino

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The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation Supports Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory



Anna Gevinski, DMF Executive Vice President; Dr. Bruce Stillman, President of CSHL;
Caroline Monti Saladino, DMF President; Mel Saladino, DMF Executive Vice President

On January 3, it was our great pleasure to present Dr. Bruce Stillman, President of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, with a donation of \$220,000 to support Cancer Research. We look forward to updating you on the research of Dr. Bruce Stillman, Dr. Nick Tonks, and Dr. Chris Vakoc in our summer issue. — Since our partnership in 2006, the DMF has donated 6 Million to CSHL for Cancer Research.

Save The Date

Our 48th Anniversary Ball of the Year
November 2nd at 6:00

We are honored to present **Dr. Bruce & Grace Stillman** with the Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.



To My Anonymous Bone Marrow Donor

Written By: Tracy Jolly

Today was a glorious day. I taught a yoga class and ate a hummus sandwich for lunch. The lettuce was crisp, the pita piping hot and I ate it slowly as I read the newspaper in my sun-drenched kitchen. I laughed with my sister about a story she heard about someone we went to high school with and took my son shopping for a new pair of sneakers. His feet have gotten so big, it takes my breath away when I think about his little baby feet from so long ago. He's off to college next week, but I'll never forget his smirk as he strode across the stage to take possession of the diploma he worked so hard to earn. That crooked grin melts my heart.



There was a time when I didn't think I'd get to see him in cap and gown. No one did. I was 45 and I had acute myeloid leukemia. I was told it was serious. I was told that without a bone marrow donor, my chances of survival were very low.

I was so scared when I was diagnosed, I could barely understand what my doctor was telling me. My power of denial was strong. All I kept thinking was, "I don't have time for this. I have things to do." What I did understand was that my life was changing in that moment. Forever. "Can you come in for a bone marrow biopsy?" they asked. "No, I have a yoga class to teach," was all I could think to answer.

But eventually the reality of what was happening settled in. And I was petrified. And angry. And as I sat isolated in the hospital for months getting my treatment, I swore that if I survived and ever got out of that hospital room, I would never set foot in that hospital again.

But then the gift of your bone marrow took hold and I started to get better. And the doctors told me I would be OK. And it eventually became clear that you—my dear, selfless, anonymous donor—saved my life.

I volunteer now on the very same floor where I once lived for more than 70 days straight. I swore I'd never go back, but then I realized that I, too, had a gift to give. So I followed your lead and decided to be there for others who needed me. I hold their hands. I talk to them. I give them hope.

How can I properly thank you for what you have given me? The opportunity to travel, to spend time with my boys, to drink wine and laugh with friends. Maybe my kids will get married. I plan to be there. I want to be a grandmother someday. Thank you so much for being the selfless human being that you are. You are only in your 20s—around the same age as my son—but you have more compassion and maturity than just about anyone I know. You gave me, a complete stranger, the gift of seeing another day.

But your generosity doesn't end there. It lives on in my sons and in my sisters and in my volunteer work. You saved a stranger—which speaks to your pure heart—and you've affected so many lives when you anonymously made a donation to save somebody's mother, daughter, wife, sister, friend, teacher, neighbor....

I think about you a lot. I wonder what you're doing today. I wonder if you're happy. I wonder if you're living out your dreams. I truly hope so. And please know that because of you, I will now get to live out mine.



Understanding Bone Marrow Transplantation

North Shore University Hospital's **Don Monti Bone Marrow & Stem Cell Transplantation Program** offers the most comprehensive options for stem cell transplantation. It is the largest on Long Island and Queens – and the only program accredited by the Foundation for Accreditation in Cellular Therapy (FACT) in recognition of its exceptional patient care.

For cancer patients undergoing high doses of chemotherapy, the treatment not only destroys cancer cells but also normal blood cells in the bone marrow (the soft, spongy tissue found inside bones). Healthy bone marrow is crucial to survival because it develops and stores most of the body's blood cells. The blood cells that produce other blood cells are called stem cells. It is the stem cells that are needed in bone marrow transplants.



Tracy Jolly was a guest speaker at our 2017 Celebration of Life Dinner. An event that brings together bone marrow recipients and their donors.



Bone marrow and stem cell transplantation is offered to a very select group of patients who are thought to be at high risk of relapse of their cancer, or to patients who have relapsed and now have their disease back under control. The treatment is used for patients with life-threatening malignant and non-malignant diseases, such as leukemias, lymphomas, plasma cell disorders, marrow failures and inherited immune system disorders.

Your Support Saves Lives

Thanks to your support of the Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation, clinicians and researchers continue to pursue new life-saving options for those seeking treatment at the Don Monti Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant Unit.

In addition to your financial support, please consider becoming a donor for the National Marrow Donor Program. To find out more, visit: www.marrows.org

A Letter

From Beverly Oakley

To Everyone at the
Don Monti Foundation,

Thank you for your dedication in finding a cure for Leukemia. Words can never express our appreciation to all the people who have helped save Jackie's life. We are eternally grateful. We hope this picture helps you realize that you truly make a difference in the world to so many people. Jackie was diagnosed in April 2009. This picture is from 2018. Thank you for helping to save her life and helping to make Dory & Henry miracle babies. A picture is worth a 1000 words.

Love,
Beverly Oakley

P.S. We LOVE you Caroline Monti for making our prayers and dreams come true!



Jackie with her children Henry & Dory.

Don Monti Division of Oncology / Hematology ANNUAL PATIENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party, held on December 14th on the 7th & 8th floors of the Monti Pavilion, is an annual tradition for The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation. Patients, staff and volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by the foundation while Santa and his elves made the rounds delivering gifts to the patients. We extend our most sincere thanks to St. Mary's Choir for bringing holiday cheer to our festive occasion.

We are thankful for Ms. Louis Barba, cancer survivor & volunteer extraordinaire, and her husband for volunteering their time year after year.

.... And a special thank you to Don Saladino, aka Santa Clause!



Mel Saladino, Arthur Saladino, Don Saladino (Santa),
Caroline Monti Saladino, Anna Gevinski



Pasquale Barba; Arthur Saladino; Caroline Monti Saladino;
Audrey Weismen, NP; Louis Barba, Louise Weck



Santa Selfie!



Arthur Saladino, Don Saladino, Dr. Ruthee-Lu Bayer, Caroline Monti Saladino



Anna Gevinski, Don Saladino, Caroline Monti Saladino, Mel Saladino
with the Saint Mary's High School Choir.



Don Saladino, Arthur Saladino, Maria Tekie, Caroline Monti,
Salaidno Maria, congrats on your retirement! Stay in touch!



Anna Gevinski, Mel Saladino



Saint Mary's High School Choir



Rachel Picciocchi; Ruthee-Lu Bayer, MD;
Caroline Monti Saladino, Eileen Fitzgerald, RN; Michelle Quintana, BSN



Don Saladino; Mel Saladino; Audrey Weismen, NP; Anna Gevinski



Santa Spreading Holiday Cheer



Recollections



Jack Gallagher, Tita Monti and Dr. Vincent Vinciguerra, circa 1990



Joseph Monti with Mario & Matilda Cuomo, 2006



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Richard R. Barakat, MD, MBA

*Physician in Chief and Director of Cancer Northwell Cancer Institute
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Dr. Richard Barakat with his wife, Dr. Catherine D'Agostino, at our Celebration of Life Dinner.

Richard Barakat is an internationally recognized surgeon and clinical investigator who was Chief of the Gynecology Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering from 2001 to 2013 and held the Ronald O. Perelman Chair in Gynecologic Surgery. Dr. Barakat was the lead investigator on several influential research projects at MSK, including a study to compare the benefits of laparoscopic versus standard surgery for patients with endometrial cancer, a study evaluating symptomatic lower-extremity lymphedema in women treated for uterine corpus cancer, and a study testing the efficacy of the Gynecologic Cancer Lymphedema Questionnaire in detecting lower-extremity lymphedema symptoms. Dr. Barakat is author or co-author of more than 340 peer-reviewed articles and numerous textbook chapters and is also an editor of a surgical atlas on gynecologic cancer and of the latest edition of Principles and Practice of Gynecologic Oncology, one of the leading texts in the field.

In addition he served as a member and examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and for five years served as Vice Chairman of the Cancer Prevention Committee of the Gynecologic Oncology Group. He was President of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology from 2013 to 2014 and past President of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (2014-2016). From 2013-2017, he served as Director of the MSK regional network.

In 2018 Dr. Barakat joined Northwell Health to lead all cancer services and research and serve as professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

