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In loving memory of Senator
Barry Levey



James B. Kleingers
Chair
Mid-Miami Healthcare
Foundation Board
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Our Vision for the Future

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

—Margaret Mead

Reflecting on those words in light of the past year, I’m convinced that little of the growth we’ve seen at Atrium Medical Center would have happened without the “group of thoughtful, committed citizens” that consists of caring Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation friends like you.

It’s the word “small” in Mead’s quote that gives me pause. As a local boy, born and raised in Middletown, I’m extremely proud of all that the good people of Middletown and surrounding communities have accomplished together. Yet as I assume the role of board chair and build on the work of our former chair, Candice DeClark Peace, I’m particularly excited by the idea of enlarging our Foundation’s outreach to surrounding communities.

Working each day in West Chester, I rub shoulders with so many people who are simply unaware of the good work Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation is doing. Yet our services at Atrium are here for them and their families, too—as is the growing array of specialized services at Premier Health Campus – Middletown.

I’m committed to helping the Foundation become more proactive and effective in communicating its mission and vision to a broader public—people in the vigorous communities between I-275 and I-675. As we forge new relationships and more of our neighbors become educated and aware of the vital difference we’re making, I believe they’ll join our cause.

Won’t you join me in seeking opportunities to share our Foundation’s message within your sphere of influence? Together, we can build a better health future for our communities!

James B. Kleingers
Chair

Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation’s Mission and Vision

Our Mission

To develop charitable gifts and resources dedicated to building healthier communities in southwest Ohio.

Our Vision

To be the most respected, responsive and supportive source for healthcare philanthropy in southwest Ohio.



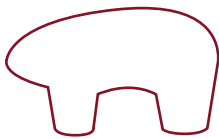
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Gift Honors Middletown's Favorite Son, Senator *Barry J. Levey*



At the Ohio Statehouse, he was known as “The Bear” for his strength, tenacity and calm yet aggressive leadership as a legislator. Back home in Middletown, friends called him “Bear” because of his warm, approachable personality.



“Barry enjoyed being referred to as ‘The Bear,’ and in many respects it was the perfect name for him,” wrote Ohio Senator Stanley J. Aronoff shortly after Barry J. Levey’s passing in 2004. “A bear can be very tough, and it can be lovable and gentle. A bear is usually harmless, but it is not to be trifled with. A bear is single minded, with focus—and a bear is also loyal.”

where he became the only member in Ohio history to chair both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees.

Working tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, Levey was respected by Republicans and Democrats alike, forming lifelong friendships on both sides of the aisle. Marilee recalls, “I never had to develop the thick skin of a political partner, because everyone appreciated his judgment. If it wasn’t right, he wouldn’t do it.”

“Just because we disagree,” Levey was often heard saying, “doesn’t mean we have to be disagreeable.”

“His philosophy was simple: ‘Always do the right thing, and know what the right thing is,’” says Marilee. “He believed in protecting the quality of life for all.”

One of Levey’s major achievements was serving as chief sponsor and advocate of Senate Bill 321 during the 118th General Assembly. With unified support from business and organized labor, Levey worked with the Ohio State Bar Association to enact this major anti-takeover bill to protect Ohio-based companies, such as Armco Steel. “It was one of the most significant pieces of legislation of the mid-1980s to early 90s,” explains Bill Weisenberg, Assistant Executive Director for Public Affairs of the Ohio State Bar Association. “It passed with overwhelming support in both the Senate and House.”

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Early Life and Career

Born in 1930 to Middletown attorney Elliott Levey and his wife, Mae, Barry Levey graduated from Middletown High School before completing his studies at the University of Michigan and Northwestern College of Law. He earned a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from The Ohio State University College of Law.

Though he aspired to becoming a pilot with the Israeli Air Force, Levey served in the U.S. Army as a JAG (member of the Judge Advocate General’s Corps) from 1954 to 1956, before joining his father’s thriving law practice. Thus began his multi-faceted career as a successful attorney, state legislator, college trustee and board chairman, hotelier, labor negotiator and community leader, as well as a loving husband and father of three children, Michael, Lory and Pamela.

“His great strength was his understanding of people and human nature,” says his wife, Marilee. “He was a people person. That’s what made him such a good political advocate.”

Doing the “Right Thing”

Elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1962, Levey chaired the House Judiciary Committee until 1970. In 1987 he was elected to the Ohio Senate,

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A Fitting Remembrance

To honor her husband's legacy and his rare commitment to quality of life for area residents, Marilee recently made a significant gift to name the Levey Rotunda at Atrium Medical Center. Located at the hospital's north entrance, the Levey Rotunda connects Atrium Medical Center with the Professional Building, The Compton Center, MidCare Pharmacy and an outdoor courtyard.

"This is for Barry," says Marilee of her generous gift to Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation. "Barry was a progressive individual. If it was for the good of the community, he supported it. Though he passed away before Middletown Regional Hospital moved and became Atrium Medical Center, I feel certain he would have been a part of it."

"Barry was a community guy. He loved Middletown, he loved growing up here and he knew everyone," recalls John Sawyer, Middletown realtor and chair of the *Advancing Care for a Healthier Community* capital campaign. "Any time there was a real need in the community, Barry would step forward either financially or from a leadership standpoint to get the job done."

Whether in Columbus, Washington, D.C., or a European capital—whether piloting his float plane, captaining his boat on the open water or combing a Florida beach for shells with his grandchildren—there was never any question where Levey's true heart was. It was right here in southwest Ohio.

Marilee explains, "Although he was asked to consider running for a seat in the U.S. Congress three times, he declined, believing he could accomplish more for the people of Ohio here than in Washington."

Passionate about education and the mentor of many young people, Levey became a trustee of Miami University in 1977 and was elected board chairman in 1980. "If there was any single love that towered above the rest, it was his love for Miami," Senator Aronoff told the *Middletown Journal*.

One of Levey's proudest moments in the Ohio Legislature was when he secured \$1 million in "seed" money to build Miami University's Middletown campus. In 1988 the university awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

In 1985 Levey purchased and refurbished Middletown's historic Manchester Inn "because he believed in the community and its downtown." Says Marilee, "There was so much more of him than the political side. He was a businessman, a lawyer, a civic leader, an entrepreneur and a hotelier who just happened to like politics. He made time for the community and organizations worthwhile to the community."

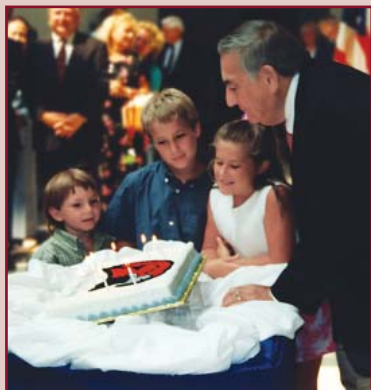
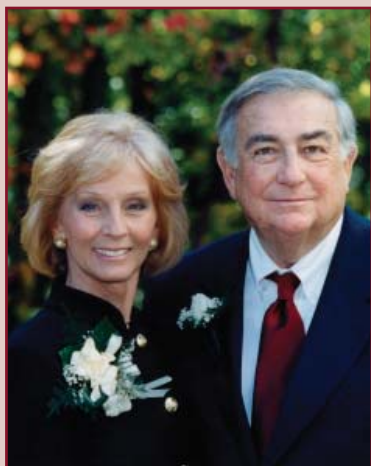
He Cared for All the People

Once asked how he wanted to be remembered, Levey thought for only a few seconds before responding, "That I cared for all the people."

By making possible the Levey Rotunda at Atrium Medical Center, Marilee hopes that the Senator's many friends, as well as those who never had the opportunity to know him, will continue to benefit from his caring spirit.

"He was a gentleman—honorable and bright," she reflects. "He had a wonderful smile, and there was something special in his eyes. They reflected the depth of his heart, the kindness he displayed toward everyone," she says, adding, "All of his energies were for the good."

On behalf of our communities, we at Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation are deeply grateful to Barry J. Levey for his enduring work on behalf of the region—and to Marilee for touching many lives through her generosity. Senator Levey's life and legacy will not be forgotten. 🍷



Top: Ohio Senator Barry J. Levey and his wife, Marilee

Middle: One of his favorite pastimes was piloting planes.

Bottom: Barry Levey's grandchildren, from left to right, Eli, Ryan and Rebecca, celebrate with their grandfather at the dedication of Levey Hall on the Miami University Middletown campus.

Healthy Kids Campaign Helps Children in Need



If not for the Maternal Child Health Center, Ryan McCloe would have had no place to turn when her son, Jaiden, was born with jaundice.

“The nurse at the hospital said, ‘As soon as you get him home, check with a doctor and make sure his bilirubin is still down,’” Ryan recalls. “As a new mom, I was definitely worried.”

But what made Ryan, age 20, doubly anxious was that she had no job or health insurance. A student at Wilberforce University during her pregnancy, she had looked forward to becoming a mom. Now, as she looked at her chubby-cheeked newborn, Ryan wondered how they would make it.

“Everyone I knew that had kids had a doctor,” she says, “but nobody would see him without the correct insurance. I didn’t know what to do or where to go.”

Thankfully, someone told Ryan about the Maternal Child Health Center at Atrium Medical Center. “I got him in the next day,” she says.

Located adjacent to Atrium in the Dayton Children’s Specialty Care Center – Warren County, the center provides high quality primary care to low-income women and children. An income-based sliding fee scale makes the healthcare affordable.

“I don’t know where I’d be without the Maternal Child Health Center,” says Ryan, who now works as a restaurant hostess and plans to attend college next year. “They’re so nice and understanding—and they’ve seen Jaiden through fevers, colds, ear infections, all of the things new babies get.”

Making Care Stronger

Kids like Jaiden are the reason Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation is sponsoring *The Healthy Kids Campaign*—an annual giving campaign created to expand care at the Maternal Child Health Center.

Like Ryan and Jaiden, more than 8,000 local families will turn to the Maternal Child Health Center this year. And that number is skyrocketing, says Donna Parson, RNC, the center’s manager. “With the economy as it is, area families are facing additional stress, causing the demand for our services to grow. This year we’re on track to experience a 60 percent rise in the number of children we’ll see.”

Jaiden and his mother, Ryan McCloe

Parson adds that while the center is not a revenue source for the hospital, Atrium commits significant dollars to extend these quality services to families. “The hospital does so much for infants and children in need, but it takes all of us pulling together to make this level of care available.”

Turning to the Community

With help from health system employees, businesses and generous friends in the community, Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation plans to raise at least \$50,000 to help keep the Maternal Child Health Center strong. For example, campaign funds will help the center remain open on Wednesday afternoons, allowing more children to receive care in a timely manner.

“In the past we’ve been closed Wednesdays due to budget restrictions. During that time, children either stayed sick and untreated an extra 24 hours, or the parent took them to the emergency room,” explains Parson. Opening the center on Wednesdays helps prevent ER overcrowding while ensuring that children with flu, strep throat, ear infections and other issues are treated without delay.

In August, Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation completed the employee phase of the campaign, raising more than \$21,000 for the center. With leadership from campaign co-chairs Dr. E. Ronald and Martha Oches and Judge Anthony and Carol Valen and family, the Foundation is now turning to the community for support. Thanks to generous grants from the Middletown Kiwanis Club, William O. Barnitz Fund and other organizations, the campaign total now stands at \$27,250.

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“It’s not uncommon for us to see parents tell us through tears that they have no money for medication or a doctor visit,” says Parson. Yet if each person in the community who cares about children made a gift to *The Healthy Kids Campaign*, those tears would turn into smiles.

Just Ask Ryan McCloe

Being a single mom can be a struggle, she says. “It’s just me, by myself, raising him—and sometimes I just want to cry. But then I see him giggling and making faces, and I think ...” Her voice trails off and then she adds, “It’s wonderful.”

How You Can Help

You can do your part to keep area children healthy by helping them receive quality healthcare at a cost their families can afford. Your generous campaign gift will help improve care at the Maternal Child Health Center by...

- Allowing the center to remain open on Wednesday afternoons
- Purchasing prescription medications for those who cannot afford them
- Helping to prevent child abuse and neglect through parent education
- Funding equipment needs

To make a gift, simply use the enclosed reply envelope and designate your gift for *The Healthy Kids Campaign*. Thanks for your support!

Judge Anthony and Carol Valen, center, and their family are co-chairing *The Healthy Kids Campaign*.



Capital Campaign Makes History

Thanks to the generosity of supporters throughout the region, Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation raised a record-breaking \$5,118,000 for the *Advancing Care for a Healthier Community* capital campaign. Exceeding our campaign “stretch” goal of \$4.5 million, this total is the most money ever given to support the medical center. At the campaign celebration on April 23, campaign volunteers and Foundation leaders hold a banner showing the funds raised as of that date.

Pictured are, left to right, John Sawyer, Dr. Bruce Barnes, Gene Snow, Neila Barnes, Nancy Gross, Jim Kleingers, Jim Papakirk, Jayne Floering, Sarah Kaup and Leroy Reshard.





Memorial Golf Outing Raises \$19,500 for Cancer Care

Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation is grateful to the family and friends of Jim Geran and to Wildwood Golf Club for sponsoring the 1st Annual Jim Geran Memorial Golf Outing. Held October 9, the outing raised \$19,500 to strengthen and enhance the Cancer Care Program at Atrium Medical Center.

“Jim was a happy-go-lucky guy who always looked on the positive side of life,” said Brenda, his wife. “He loved golf—and he especially loved Wildwood, where he worked part-time after he retired from AK Steel.”

As a cancer patient at Middletown Regional Hospital, Jim dreamed of combining his loves as a way of raising significant funds to cure the disease he and so many others have battled. It was the people who loved him that carried out those dreams, organizing a tournament that attracted more than 108 golfers and nearly 50 sponsors. Eagle Level sponsors included Signal Point Hematology & Oncology, Inc., (physicians Albert S. Malcolm, MD, Nandagopal S.

Vrindavanam, MD, and Prasad D. Kudalkar, MD) and Skanska Shook ATCS.

The outing at Wildwood Golf Club was a wonderful success thanks to the hard work of Planning Committee members Brian Brown, Chris Cooley, Brenda Geran, James Geran, Jr., Donna Kramer, Mike Long, Don Pelfrey, Stephanie Shimer, Adam Smith, Stacy (Geran) Smith, Jack Totten and Atrium Medical Center representatives.

Jim Kleingers, chair of the Foundation board, thanked those involved, saying, “Every week, more than 2,000 individuals in Butler and Warren counties receive treatment for cancer. These are our friends, loved ones and neighbors—and they turn to the cancer care experts at Atrium for health, help and hope. We deeply appreciate everyone who has helped our cancer center deliver the most advanced and compassionate care possible.”



The Geran family presents a check to Jim Kleingers, right, Foundation board chair.

Welcome New Board Member Jayne Floering



Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation’s board of directors looks forward to working with its newest board member, Jayne Floering. As the new president of Atrium Auxiliary Middletown, Floering becomes the Auxiliary liaison to the Foundation board.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Jayne graduated from Miami University with a BA in microbiology and attended Duke University, where she was board certified as a registered technologist. While working in the microbiology lab at the Cleveland Clinic, she met her future husband, pathologist David Floering, MD, who now serves as medical director of laboratory services at Atrium Medical Center.

Since July 2001 Jayne has worked as a volunteer at Middletown Regional Hospital and at Atrium Medical Center, assisting in the Infectious Disease Clinic and at the main information desk. In January she became president of the Atrium Auxiliary—an organization which, over and above its significant volunteer hours, has given more than \$1.5 million to the Foundation to date.

Generous with her time and creativity, Jayne also serves as vice president of the Decorative Arts Society of Cincinnati and as treasurer of the Cincinnati Branch of the English-Speaking Union. She and her husband have four children, two grandchildren, and a third grandchild on the way.

Beacon Society Members Become “Part of History”



Have you strolled through the grand lobby of Atrium Medical Center and seen the beautiful colored glass walls, etched with donors’ names, within the atrium?

Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation was pleased to unveil this unique and visually stunning donor recognition feature, which demonstrates our gratitude to four highly valued groups of people:

- The Beacon Society—Longtime friends of the Foundation who have shared cumulative gifts of \$5,000 or more over the years
- The Heritage Society—Those who have chosen to include the Foundation in their wills or estate plans
- Friends who gave \$1,000 or more to the *Advancing Care for a Healthier Community* capital campaign
- Employees who contributed to the *Advancing Care* capital campaign

Donors who support the Foundation in these ways “become a permanent part of history,” explained Candice DeClark Peace, former chair of the Foundation board and leader of the project. “Aside from the visual beauty of our colorful glass donor chimes, their true beauty is their flexibility. Over the years they will grow and change to reflect those who are making a difference through giving.”

Closer Than You Think

Depending on your giving to date, you may be close to becoming a member of the Beacon Society—or to participating in the Beacon Society at a higher level. Membership at the following giving levels is based on donors’ cumulative giving to Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation over the years.

Supporters Circle	\$5,000 or above
Partners Circle	\$10,000 or above
Benefactors Circle	\$20,000 or above
Philanthropists Circle	\$50,000 or above
Pacesetters Circle	\$100,000 or above
Leaders Circle	\$250,000 or above
Legacy Circle	\$500,000 or above
Visionaries Circle	\$1 million or above

To join the Beacon Society or to participate at the next level, you may want to consider making a generous year-end gift to Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation. A quick call to the Foundation office will tell you your total cumulative giving over the years, including your capital campaign gift, if applicable.

For more information on becoming a Beacon Society member and to see your name etched in hospital history, please contact us at (513) 420-5144 or at foundation@atriummedcenter.org. We look forward to honoring your generosity!

Heritage Society Members

Members have included Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation in their wills or estate plans. Members are as of October 2008.

Anonymous	Arlie and Mary Rose Kemplin
Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Barnes	Edna M. Kinsinger
Dr. and Mrs. Jack Barnes	Senator Barry and Marilee Levey
William O. Barnitz	Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Linder
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beck	Nellie Losh
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Robert B. Gardner	Claire Porter
Imogene Harmon	Louise Pratt
Stuart Ives	Bill and Connie Rathman
Loyal R. and Anita Juengling	Mr. and Mrs. William Sandston
	Lucille Shafor
	David and Carole Schul
	Ernest and Wilda Streifthau



Remaking the Future of Care

*Viewpoint by Douglas W. McNeill, FACHE,
President and CEO, Atrium Medical Center*



It's hard to believe that a year has passed since those intense days of preparation before the opening of Atrium Medical Center to the public.

Over the past year, the Atrium team has continued to remake the future of healthcare for this region with several new services and facilities that have expanded care for area families. Summer marked the opening of two major buildings on our campus.

The Ann and Arthur Bidwell Surgery Center now offers private and convenient access to a variety of outpatient procedures. And in August, we celebrated the opening of the Atrium Family YMCA, featuring all-new fitness equipment, aquatic facilities, a full-day childcare center and more. The new Y is also home to Atrium Sports Medicine & Physical Therapy—a state-of-the-art center for physical therapy, athletic development and strength training.

On June 2 we made history by performing our first open-heart surgery at the new Heart Center. John M. Miller, MD, open-heart medical director, performed the successful triple bypass procedure assisted by Scot Denmark, MD. Throughout the fall we've phased in more complex, higher risk open-heart surgeries. And we've begun doing interventional cardiology procedures, such as balloon angioplasty and stent placements, in the Heart Center's leading-edge Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

Honors for Our Heart Care

In October, Atrium was pleased to announce that we received a top, five-star rating for the quality of our cardiology care from HealthGrades, the nation's leading independent healthcare ratings company. Two clinical areas receiving the five-star rating are "treatment of heart attack" and "treatment of heart failure."

Five-star ratings indicate statistically significant better patient outcomes in these areas and underscore Atrium Medical Center's commitment to the highest quality of care for you and your loved ones.

These findings were published in the 11th annual *HealthGrades Hospital Quality in America Study*, which analyzed and objectively rated the quality of care at nearly 5,000 U.S. hospitals. For more information, you're invited to visit www.healthgrades.com, a Web site designed to help individuals research and compare healthcare providers.

Of course, these achievements and innovations would not have been possible without Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation donors like you. As you watch these developments, I sincerely hope that you share great pride in what we've accomplished together!



Atrium Medical Center recently added interventional angioplasty and open-heart surgery to its well-established heart services. Here, cardiologists perform angioplasty in the Heart Center's Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

Tax Law Favoring Charitable Gifts From IRAs Extended



By Ronald C. Christian, Esq.

Mr. Christian is a partner with the law firm of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP and chairs the firm's Nonprofit and Tax-Exempt Organization Practice Group. He concentrates his practice on advising nonprofit organizations, charitable foundations and charitable gift planning. He is listed in The Best Lawyers in America and has been chosen as a Leading Lawyer by Cincinnati Magazine.

On October 3, 2008, Congress passed and President Bush signed into law the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. While the nation watched closely as this dramatic financial rescue bill became law, one aspect that received little attention was the extension of the charitable IRA rollover gift provisions that had expired at the end of 2007.

The new tax law made no substantive changes to the charitable IRA rollover provisions that first became law in 2006. It simply extends the original law to apply to qualifying gifts from IRAs made in 2008 and 2009 retroactive to January 1, 2008.

Now individuals over the age of 70 1/2 can make direct lifetime gifts of up to \$100,000 per year from an IRA to one or more qualified charities (such as Atrium Medical Center) without having to pay income tax on the distribution for gifts made before the end of 2009.

The IRA charitable gift law may benefit persons who:

- Do not need or want the income from the required minimum distribution from their IRA
- Do not itemize income tax deductions
- Live in a state, such as Ohio, that does not allow a charitable tax deduction for income tax purposes
- Will have more of their social security income taxed with additional income from their IRA
- Will lose itemized deductions or personal and dependent exemptions as their adjusted gross income increases
- Wish to use their IRA assets as a convenient source of funds to satisfy a charitable pledge
- Have gifts to charity exceeding the percentage limit threshold for deductibility (generally 50% of adjusted gross income)
- Wish to reduce the size of retirement assets that otherwise may be subject to both income tax and estate tax in their estate

Key requirements to remember under the law:

- Donor must be at least age 70 1/2 on the date of the gift to the charity.
- Charitable gifts must be made directly from an IRA to the charity (i.e., the donor may not withdraw and receive the funds and then write a check to the charity).
- An individual may give a maximum of \$100,000 in 2008 and an additional \$100,000 in 2009. A spouse may give an equal amount from his or her IRA. Gifts may be made to (or divided among) multiple charities provided that the total amount of charitable gifts made by an individual during a year does not exceed \$100,000.
- The law only applies to charitable gifts from IRAs and does not apply to other types of retirement plans such as 401(k) or 403(b) plans, pension plans or other retirement plans. However, in certain instances, the donor may be able to rollover an employer-sponsored retirement plan to an IRA and then make a qualifying charitable gift from the new IRA.
- The gift must be made to a qualified charity. Private foundations, supporting organizations and donor advised funds are not eligible qualified charities to receive a tax-free gift from IRAs. Therefore, Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation, as a supporting organization of Atrium Medical Center, is not a qualified charity to receive gifts from an IRA. However, Atrium Medical Center is a qualified charity and may receive such gifts.
- Gifts may not be made in exchange for a charitable gift annuity or to a charitable remainder trust.
- Donors may not receive any benefit in return for the gift in order to qualify for tax-free treatment.
- Donors who have reached age 70 1/2 and are required to take minimum required distributions from their IRAs may direct the entire distribution to charity to satisfy their required minimum distribution.

If you have any questions or would like to consider making a charitable gift from your IRA to benefit Atrium Medical Center, please contact Michael D. Stautberg, director of major gifts, at (513) 420-5125 or MDStautberg@AtriumMedCenter.org for more information.

Charity Ball Promises *Red Carpet* Excitement

November kicks off the holiday season, promising crisp, cool weather, decorations in every store, party invitations—and of course, the annual Charity Ball. This year the region’s most festive holiday event will take place Saturday, November 29, at the Manchester Inn and Conference Center.

With the theme “Red Carpet Gala,” the evening will start with cocktails and dinner, followed by dancing to the sounds of one of Cincinnati’s hottest bands, Soul Pocket. “Anyone who’s danced to Soul Pocket knows they’re an absolute blast,” said Kathie Wassenich, co-chair of the ball with Jennifer Becker. “They’re a 12-piece band with a big following in Cincinnati. Their music and energy will keep the crowd rocking till midnight.”

Wassenich added, “We’re going all out to make this evening exciting for everyone—the generation that’s supported the Charity Ball for many years and made it such a huge success, and a new generation of Charity Ball lovers.”

Sponsored by the Middletown Area Federation of Women’s Clubs, this 88th annual event will benefit the HEAL (Help Endure a Loss) Program at Atrium Medical Center—a unique service to families that have lost an infant or child. By providing counseling, support, and countless ideas to help parents remember their precious children, the HEAL program gives families hope to go on after a loss.



Gala co-chairs Jennifer Becker, left, and Kathie Wassenich, right

To purchase tickets for the Charity Ball, please call Jennifer Becker at (513) 422-1612 or send an email to middletowncharityball@gmail.com.

Linda C. Baxter Receives Women of Excellence Award

Linda C. Baxter, executive director of Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation, has been named one of 10 Women of Excellence by the West Chester Chamber Alliance. Through their current careers or volunteer work, the winners have enhanced business, education, culture, philanthropy or have provided outstanding service to our region. The award will be presented on November 21.

Prior to joining the Foundation in 1995 as executive director, Linda served as development officer at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. She has also worked at Cincinnati Bell and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. Her many volunteer activities include leadership positions with the Junior League of Cincinnati, Salvation Army of Greater Cincinnati and Association of Healthcare Philanthropy, Midwest Region.



Atrium Medical Center President and CEO Doug McNeill said in his nomination letter, “Linda has been a passionate supporter of our vision to create the region’s premier destination for healthcare services. She’s translated that passion into action, raising millions of dollars to support the healthcare needs of southwest Ohio residents now and for years to come.”

Congratulations, Linda!



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Year-End Giving Benefits You and Atrium Medical Center

As 2008 draws to a close, you may be able to reduce your tax liability by making a year-end gift to Mid-Miami Healthcare Foundation. Consider a gift of:

- Cash
- Stock
- Unneeded, paid-up life insurance policies
- Real estate
- Planned gifts that provide financial support to the Foundation while providing income to you and a loved one

Consult your tax advisor about the best year-end giving options for you. You'll help yourself—and strengthen healthcare in our communities for you and your loved ones. Thank you!

To Learn More

Please contact us at (513) 420-5144, (800) 338-4057 ext. 5144, or Foundation@AtriumMedCenter.org.

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