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Sinai's Long Reach

By Judy Mehlman

For many around the world Dr. Dror Paley and his International Center for Limb Lengthening, a division of the Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics at Sinai Hospital, represent their only hope. Here is the story of one little boy and his mother's determined quest to give her son a normal life.

On Wednesday, September 3, 2003 I met Michael McKenzie, a bright-eyed, curly blond-haired five year old boy. He was deeply absorbed in the hand-held computer game he was playing and barely looked up from the screen. He reminded me of my five year old grandson Jake with whom I had spent the previous afternoon. Jake often becomes so engrossed in his computer games that he doesn't even notice when someone walks into the room. But when Jake tires of peering into the computer, he turns off the machine and is literally "off and running," exhorting me to time him on his new stopwatch to see how many seconds it takes him to encircle the house or roughhousing with his little brother. When Michael McKenzie gets tired of playing his computer game, his mom hands him a different video; and when Michael wants to interact with his sister, he has to settle for a transatlantic telephone conversation. You see, for the time being Michael is confined to a wheelchair, thousands of miles from his sister and other family in Blackpool, England, as he convalesces from the first of several limb lengthening surgeries that should ultimately enable him to run races and roughhouse with his sibling.

Michael and his mother Ginette aren't complaining about his forced confinement to a wheelchair or their many months of separation from family and friends. Their stay here in Baltimore, while Michael is a patient of Dr. Dror

Paley of Sinai Hospital, is a dream come true, the end result of a mother's love and determination that her son have the chance to live a normal life. Michael was born with his right leg extending only to the knee of his left, no right knee cap and a severe right hip dislocation. As an infant his mother took him to many doctors throughout England and to physicians in France, Germany, Ireland and the Ukraine. Each visit brought the same prognosis: Michael's case was too severe for anything other than amputation. But Ginette wouldn't accept that solution to her son's condition. She joined support groups for parents of children with problems like Michael's and, in addition to taking Michael from doctor to doctor, she began to surf the internet, hoping to locate a doctor willing to tackle Michael's case in surgical ways that didn't involve amputation. Ultimately, she discovered our Dr. Paley at Sinai Hospital's

International Center for Limb Lengthening. Ginette sent him Michael's pertinent medical records and x-rays and- Eureka! - Dr. Paley said that he believed that Michael was indeed a candidate for the limb lengthening procedure.

In May of last year Ginette brought Michael to Sinai for an in-person consultation with Dr. Paley who confirmed his earlier conclusion that he could indeed help her son. Receiving the answer she had so desperately sought since Michael's birth, Ginette knew that there was much to be done before she could consider her efforts a success. The problem now became financial. Limb lengthening involves not one but for Michael probably five surgeries over several years, each requiring transatlantic travel and extended stays (The first visit is expected to last six months and future surgeries should each require a three-month stay). Again,

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Five year old Michael McKenzie recuperates in a wheelchair from the first of several limb lengthening surgeries.

A Message from Sharon Goldstein Auxiliary President



I have been honored to serve as your President this past year. It has been a year of new challenges and exciting opportunities for growth for the Auxiliary. With the steadfast help of so many dedicated and hard working volun-

teers, we have had a very productive and gratifying year serving the Sinai Hospital community.

A major highlight of the year was our very successful circus fundraiser. I applaud our co-chairs Sharon Rosen, Julie Hettleman and Nancy Basner and their stellar committee for an outstanding job! It was a sell-out event; over 1000 Sinai guests were amazed and delighted by the spectacular Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey show. Honorary Chairs Elaine and Dr. Marc Lowen were thrilled that the new Labor & Delivery Unit, a cause near and dear to their hearts, was the beneficiary of this event. Their overwhelming dedication to the new Labor & Delivery Unit was key to our success. Thank you Elaine and Marc, we could not have done it without you! The \$30,000 raised was used by the Department of OB/GYN, to purchase a sophisticated ultrasound machine for the antenatal testing unit. This equipment will help the unit continue to provide our pregnant patients the best quality technology available.

In addition to the circus funds, the Auxiliary has pledged \$125,000 to the new Labor & Delivery Unit for the purchase of the most up to date 3-Dimensional/4-Dimensional ultrasound equipment to be placed in the new Fetal Assessment Unit. The Auxiliary is very proud and pleased to participate in this exciting expansion of the Labor & Delivery Unit. The new unit will offer both technology and comfort, with newly designed and decorated private rooms and the most advanced state-of-the-art equipment to provide the very best care for generations yet to come. The groundbreaking took place in June and we are expecting the delivery of the new Labor & Delivery unit in early 2005!

Profits from our Gift Shop sales this year enabled us to grant \$10,000 to the CyberKnife fund raising campaign. Please see page 3 for details of this truly "cutting edge" technology. We are very proud to have contributed to this exciting advancement in technology at Sinai. A special thank you goes to our Gift Shop manager, Terre Sober, and her hard working staff and many volunteers, who keep the shop running smoothly. Thanks also to the Gift Shop committee, Ellie Spind, Ann Robinson and Karen Glazer for their tireless assistance. Most importantly, we appreciate the patronage of the patients, their families and the Sinai employees whose collective support enabled the Auxiliary to grant this important gift.

I am looking forward to another productive and rewarding year for the Auxiliary, with a focus on membership, volunteerism and community education. The Auxiliary Board has been very busy planning a variety of exciting events for this year. As part of our commitment to community education, we are sponsoring a Speaker and Book Signing Event on Wednesday, December 3, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tfiloh.

Our speaker, Rebecca Bram Feldbaum is the author of "If There's Anything I Can Do..." a book filled with personal experiences and good ideas on how to help those who have suffered loss. Written with sensitivity, insight and a touch of humor, this exceptional volume shows us how to address another's loss and emotional pain. Whether it means caring for someone who is sick, dealing with someone who is widowed, divorced, has a disabled child, is childless or in mourning, Rebecca Bram Feldbaum shows us what to do, how to do it and when. Please join us for this informative and thoughtful discussion of how to provide meaningful help to friends and family members who are coping with many of life's inevitable delicate and difficult moments.

Also, please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 22, 2004 as we present another Share a Smile event, at the Owings Mills Mall from 12 to 4 pm. Once again, area children and their parents and grandparents are invited to "Share a Smile" by creating get well cards and decorating Shalach Manot bags for Sinai patients. A stampede of animal cut-outs will be corralled for children to color, paint and decorate for a special mural to be constructed for the waiting room of the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Department of The Children's Hospital at Sinai. Our 2002 Share a Smile artists produced some beautiful sea creatures who are now swimming in a whimsical aquatic scene, with an overflowing treasure chest which delights the many children who visit the playroom, of the Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics. This multi-faceted project sensitizes our young participants to the needs of Sinai Hospital and makes them aware that they are not too young to help brighten someone's hospital stay.

The Sinai Auxiliary is taking a step in a new direction. We are in the planning stages of our first "Race for Pediatric Oncology". A 5K run and 1K family fun walk are scheduled for Sunday, May 16, 2004. So, while we are still working out the details, dust off those old running shoes and start training to help us race to the aid of the Division of Pediatric Oncology, at The Children's Hospital at Sinai.

As you can see, we have quite a variety of informative, creative, active and plain fun events scheduled for our Sinai community. There is something for everyone! We look forward to meeting and greeting you. Your participation and support are the key to our success. With your help we touch the lives of countless patients and their families every day by providing programs, projects and special events which are all part of the commitment and long standing tradition of the Sinai Hospital Auxiliary to serve Sinai, its patients and the community. I encourage each of you to increase your level of involvement and to become actively engaged in the work of the Auxiliary. With everyone working together we will succeed in all of our endeavors.

Sharon E. Goldstein

A message from Neil Meltzer President and COO Sinai Hospital of Baltimore



The past year has been one of incredible change for Sinai Hospital. In contemplating the last 12 months, I was struck by something that the late George Bernard

Shaw once wrote: "Some men see things as they are and say, 'Why?' I dream of things that never were and say, 'Why not?'"

At a time when the healthcare industry is being scrutinized by legislators who need to balance the budget, when malpractice insurance premiums are skyrocketing and the demand for service is on the rise, we are faced with the challenge of finding the right balance between asking ourselves "Why not?" and fiscal responsibility. Fortunately, I have an incredible group of men and women who are unwilling to let that question go unanswered.

Because of their dreams we've launched a new bariatric surgery program, opened the Sinai Spine Center and established a new non-invasive vascular surgery lab just since January. Ground was broken for the expansion of the Labor and Delivery Unit and also for the Hackerman-Patz guest

house. And, plans are on the board for an on-campus parking garage as well as topping ER-7 with inpatient rooms.

The energy of breaking new ground, coupled with our continued commitment to quality patient care, has garnered kudos for The Heart Center at Sinai, which was once again named among the top 50 heart hospitals by U.S. News & World Report. And our patient satisfaction is at an all time high.

So much has happened over the last year that it would be easy to pat ourselves on the back while contemplating our success. But I would rather thank the people who have dreamed dreams and helped us reach for the stars.

The Sinai Auxiliary continues to shine bright as it supports our efforts through the many fundraising projects undertaken on our behalf. So, for all of the dreamers here at Sinai, I extend to you my heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Thank you.

Neil Meltzer

From the Circus

Dr. Marc and Elaine Lowen, Honorary Chairs of Sinai Hospital Auxiliary's Seventh Circus Fundraiser, take a moment to "clown around" with a member of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus. The proceeds from this successful event, which occurred on March 23, 2003 will benefit the new expansion of Sinai Hospital's Labor and Delivery Unit.



On the Cutting Edge: the CyberKnife Comes to Sinai

By JoAnn Nagy



Neal J. Naff, M.D., head of the division of Neurosurgery at Sinai Hospital (pictured above), and Mark Brenner, M.D., Chief of Radiation Oncology, serve as co-directors of Sinai's newly established Stereotactic Radio Surgery Center which utilizes the CyberKnife. Following are excerpts from an interview between Dr. Naff and JoAnn Nagy, First Vice-president of Sinai Hospital Auxiliary.

Q: Dr. Naff, would you please explain CyberKnife Stereotactic Radiosurgery and how it differs from other stereotactic systems?

A: The CyberKnife is the newest technique to provide radiosurgery, the delivery of highly focused radiation to a target. Although radiosurgery has been used for about 40 years for lesions within the brain, the CyberKnife is a revolutionary advance over older systems, which required a metal frame screwed into the patient's skull to direct radiation beams to the target. CyberKnife technology is frameless radiosurgery incorporating sophisticated imaging and guidance technology similar to what is put into guided missile systems. Because of this new way of targeting tumors, the CyberKnife allows us to treat lesions outside of the brain, giving surgeons in fields in addition to neurosurgery the latest weapons in the fight against cancer.

Q: How did Sinai Hospital acquire the CyberKnife?

A: I became very interested in the CyberKnife after reading early publications on the technology and learning more about it at national neurological meetings. I saw the CyberKnife as a means of bringing radiosurgery to a wide range of LifeBridge patients. I discussed this with Dr. Mark Brenner who investigated the device from the radiation oncology perspective, and he was also very impressed with the technology. The two of us then approached leaders of Sinai and LifeBridge who shared our enthusiasm for the promise that the CyberKnife held and went forward to try to make this cutting-edge technology available to our patients. Our success can be attributed to physician interest and enthusiasm and determined executive leadership able to enlist the philanthropic support of loyal and supportive friends of Sinai and LifeBridge.

Q: What types of cancers and other diseases can the CyberKnife treat?

A: The CyberKnife is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for radiosurgical treatment of lesions throughout the body. Within the brain, it is typically used to treat malignant tumors that have metastasized to the brain from other sites and it is also used to treat benign tumors, such as acoustic neuromas and meningiomas. Outside of the brain, its most frequent application has been the treatment of metastatic tumors in the spine. Because of its potential to treat lesions anywhere, the exciting potential of CyberKnife use extends to pancreatic, liver, prostate, gynecologic and eye tumors.

Q: What are the advantages of the Cyberknife's Stereotactic Radiosurgery vs. that of conventional forms of therapy?

A: A key benefit of CyberKnife radiosurgery is that it directs all of the radiation to targeted tissue, thus limiting the radiation exposure to normal tissue surrounding the lesion. Treatment is faster and can be performed in a single setting or at most three to five settings.

In addition to treatment taking less time, patients receiving CyberKnife therapy do not face surgery, so there is no incision and no hospital stay. Unlike a surgical procedure, CyberKnife radiosurgery is painless and bloodless. The other advantage of CyberKnife surgery is that it can reach lesions that we simply cannot reach safely with surgical means, so it provides a therapy for otherwise inoperable brain tumors. For patients with tumors in their lung or pancreas, CyberKnife treatment avoids a thoracotomy (opening of the chest) or laparotomy (opening of the abdominal wall). Happily, surgeons combating lung, stomach, or prostate tumors will have a new weapon in their arsenal to fight against cancer.

Q: What is the patient treatment process?

A: A determination by both a surgeon and radiation oncologist is required before a patient with a tumor can be deemed a candidate for CyberKnife treatment. Then the patient comes to the CyberKnife Center for a planning CAT scan. When the patient comes in for treatment, the radiosurgical treatment is performed without anesthesia. There is no IV started and no lab work to be performed. The patient is positioned on the treatment table where the needed amount of radiation is delivered directly to the tumor. Treatment generally takes 20-60 minutes. Upon completion of treatment, the patient gets up from the treatment table and leaves the CyberKnife suite without any immediate side effects or symptoms. In fact, one of the few complaints from the patient is boredom!

Q: What are the future plans for the CyberKnife and the Stereo Radiosurgery Center at Sinai Hospital?

A: We are very excited about the future of the CyberKnife at Sinai. We are only the tenth CyberKnife Radiosurgery Center to be operational in the United States. I am actively recruiting neurosurgeons from the Baltimore and Maryland area to learn how to use the resource and we are making it an open resource. Just as our operating rooms are open to surgeons throughout the area, we want to make the CyberKnife available to neurosurgeons throughout the area. Sinai's CyberKnife Radiosurgery Center raises Sinai's standing in neurosurgery to a new level. It is the only community hospital in Maryland to offer this type of advanced neurosurgical treatment, and the recruitment of neurosurgeons from throughout the state to use this resource will further enhance the reputation of Sinai's excellence in neurosurgery.

In addition, unlike the other CyberKnife Radiosurgery Centers, Sinai's CyberKnife project has had a multi-disciplinary approach from the beginning. Our CyberKnife Center should prove invaluable in other areas in addition to neurosurgery.

In conclusion, I'd like to add that I think the CyberKnife Radiosurgery Center is thriving in large part because of the culture at Sinai and within the LifeBridge Health System. I was amazed by how quickly the various team members came together and how quickly the leadership at Sinai

Return! Brain Injury Rehabilitation System

By Judy Rosenberg

One of the most difficult and daunting responsibilities facing the Sinai Auxiliary each year is to choose among the many thoughtful and worthwhile proposals we receive asking for our help. We grant an Annual Award, not to exceed \$10,000, and other lesser funding for people-oriented projects or equipment not included in the Hospital's operating budgets. Knowing that the choices we make often enable a department to implement a program or acquire a piece of equipment, we make our Annual Award and funding designations only after much careful deliberation. We are proud that the financial help we provide really does make a difference and would like to give you an example. Last year's Annual Award of \$9,600 was awarded to the Department of Rehabilitation for the Return! Brain Injury Program.

This day-program offers cognitive rehabilitation and serves adults 18 years and older who have sustained a brain injury that significantly affects daily functioning. The injury may be due to a head trauma, stroke, brain tumor or other neurologic impairment. The focus of this rehabilitation program is to help people return to a lifestyle that is both rewarding and purposeful. This may include return to work, school or home with some primary responsibility.

The Auxiliary's grant helped the Department of Rehabilitation

acquire a computer lab, an important addition to the brain injury program. Computer-Assisted Cognitive Retraining (CACR) is an excellent adjunct to both speech and occupational therapy, as it provides consistent practice in areas in which clients wish to regain function. It extends what is done in individual sessions in a cost-efficient and relevant manner. Specific programs are chosen using the initial evaluations of the therapists as a guideline. Progress can be easily charted by using a personalized disc to track specific improvements in the various programs. Each program also has the ability to be individualized to the level of the person using it, a must considering the range of impairment of those using it.

The computers and their software programs are particularly helpful in cognitive rehabilitation. They focus on improvement of basic cognitive skills such as concentration, attention, short-term memory processes and compensatory techniques. Progress is sought to improve higher level cognitive skills such as complex problem solving and decision making.

Mark Huslage, LCSW-C, the Program Manager of the Sinai Rehabilitation Center, asserts that "the computers definitely complement the overall treatment program. The grant from the Sinai Auxiliary is very much appreciated."

The Sinai Hospital Auxiliary Presents

An Evening With Rebecca Bram Feldbaum

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Ginette was undaunted. A single mom, she sold her house and furnishings and moved in with her mother, sharing with her two children the bedroom where she grew up. She approached England's National Health Service which initially refused to cover the cost of the surgeries but finally relented after agreeing to pay for a similar surgery for a little girl Michael's age. Nevertheless, having the cost of surgery covered was only a partial victory: repeated travel, medicines, housing and food expenses had to be factored in before Michael could become Dr. Paley's patient. Again Ginette swung into action. She approached newspapers, appealing to them to spotlight Michael's situation and raise money for her son;

organized fund raisers, including celebrity auctions of items donated from well-known people she contacted; arranged bake sales; and sought help from pubs, nightclubs and businesses. Ultimately, an Operation Michael campaign was begun and enough money was raised.

The rest is history. Michael and Ginette are now residing at the Ronald McDonald House as Michael convalesces from his second surgery on October 1. Four times a week mother and son board the Ronald McDonald van and come to Sinai, three times for physical therapy and once to see Dr. Paley. Michael's weekly visits to see the doctor usually involve an entire day's wait in an office filled with patients. Yet Ginette said that

when it is Michael's turn to be examined, Dr. Paley is always patient and unhurried, happy to answer all of her questions and concerns. Back at the Ronald McDonald House, their home away from home, she tries to keep Michael comfortable and engaged, tightens the screws which stretch his leg, bathes and dresses him and checks for signs of infection. Fortunately for Ginette, she has a live-in support system at the Ronald McDonald House because, among the other current residents are 12 other pediatric patients of Dr. Paley's and their families. They come from Kuwait, Jordan, Mexico, Bulgaria, the Ivory Coast, the Virgin Islands and other locations. For these

patients, as for Michael, Dr. Paley has extended a lifeline, the chance to enjoy a normal life.

After spending nearly an hour with mother and son, I left the McKenzies, awed by Ginette's strength and determination and feeling somewhat guilty that in the daily rat race of living my life, I am too often preoccupied with trivia to count my blessings. I also thought how we, the Sinai Hospital family and Baltimore community, don't adequately appreciate our good fortune in having in our midst a physician with the skills and dedication of Dr. Dror Paley.

In Memoriam

By Joyce Levy

Florence E. Fineman



Florence "Flo" Fineman became active in community service as a young matron. She was a founding member of the Women's Division of The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, a volunteer and then president of the Levindale Auxiliary and a founder and third president of the Sinai Auxiliary. As our Auxiliary president from 1953

to 1955, Flo initiated many Auxiliary services: Newborn Baby Photos, Volunteer Nursing Aide classes and board member assistance in staffing at the Diabetic Detection Clinic.

Flo inspired both her husband Paul and daughter Suzanne with her "formula for service." Upon his retirement, Paul became an Auxiliary volunteer; Suzanne F. Cohen followed in her mother's footsteps as both an active volunteer and Sinai Auxiliary president.

At her closing meeting as Auxiliary president, Flo remarked, "Early in life, I learned from my parents to accept community service as a responsibility. My serving as third president of the Auxiliary has been both a privilege and an honor."

Flo will always be remembered for her many contributions to the growth of the Auxiliary and her many years of dedicated service to the Auxiliary and Sinai Hospital.

Marjorie Levi Katzenberg



Marjorie L. Katzenberg, an accomplished needlework designer, prize winning flower and vegetable gardener and recognized scenic water colorist, contributed her multiple and varied talents to the Auxiliary from 1957 until her incapacitating illness and subsequent death last June. She designed the personalized "made to order" lingerie cases, wicker totebags, magazine baskets, card table covers and many other exclusive specialties

sold in the Sinai Gift Shop.

Following her election to the Auxiliary Board of Directors, Margie expanded her involvement in the Sinai Auxiliary. She chaired the Decoration Committee of the annual Succot celebration, and her selection of flowers, fruit, corn-stalks, pumpkins and tree branches to adorn Sinai's succah became the standard for the yearly celebration.

Margie initiated the Auxiliary Flower Mart, a successful yearly fundraising "happening." Her son Bruce helped her each year with this project and plans to continue his participation in an event that meant so much to his mother.

Margie and her husband Julian loved to travel and enjoyed extended stays in England, Scotland, France, Holland, Switzerland, Italy and Bermuda.

Margie's devotion and contribution to the Auxiliary will always be remembered and appreciated.

Janis Summers



Janis Murphy Summers became a Sinai Auxiliary member in 1972. Upon her retirement from a business career in 1981, she devoted a great amount of her time to

volunteering at Sinai Hospital. Janis served in the Arthritis Foundation Clinic, the Orthopedic Clinic and several other clinics. In 1998, Janis was elected to the Auxiliary Board. She spent every Monday morning during the school year helping to familiarize young children to a hospital setting through the Auxiliary's First Grader Program.

The Auxiliary could always count on Janis to help at our fund-raising sales. When large mailings had to be sent out, Janis was always there.

Janis may have been small in physical stature, but she was big in her devotion and contributions to the Auxiliary and its service to Sinai Hospital. She will be missed.

Meaningful Greetings

Please consider one of the Sinai Auxiliary gift cards when you're looking for a way to honor or remember someone special. We have an attractive array of cards, ranging from \$3 to \$10, and proceeds from the sale of the cards benefit worthwhile Sinai Hospital programs and projects. As a convenience, we can write, address and mail the cards for you and bill you later. To purchase gift cards, call 410-601-5033, visit the Auxiliary office, or email your gift fund request to: sinaiaux@lifebridgehealth.org.



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Spotlight on Ellie Spind

By Marion Decker



Ellie Spind: volunteer with many hats.

For Ellie Spind the tradition of giving is very strong. It is important for her to volunteer, to give back to the community. The Sinai Auxiliary is fortunate that Ellie

directs many of her volunteer efforts in our direction: she is the co-chair of the Auxiliary's thriving Gift Shop and served for three years as Auxiliary Treasurer, ensuring that we remain in sound fiscal health.

Ellie's diverse interests led her and two partners to found the Art Lovers' League, a group that conducts tours to museums, theatrical events and art collections. At present she and a partner run a business called, "For the Occasion," handcrafting one of a kind gifts.

A native Baltimorean, Ellie is a graduate of the Maryland Institute with a degree in Art Education. She is a devoted wife, mother and grandmother of three. Ellie is active at the Beth El Congregation, where she is a vice-president of the sisterhood.

Travel and bridge are high on Ellie's list of interests, and the "bright thread of service," long an Auxiliary motto, will always be close to her heart.

The Sinai Hospital Auxiliary regrets that this ad was inadvertently omitted from our 2003 Circus Program.

**Village OB/GYN
would like to congratulate
Marc and Elaine Lowen
on a successful circus event.**

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