



Left to right: Gayle Alston, Gala Co-chair; Jonathan Lewin, MD, Emory University Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Emory Healthcare President and CEO; Linda Lewin, MD; Berny and Anne Gray, Honorary Chairs; Laura Palickar, wife of Walter J. Curran, Jr.; Betsy Glenn, Gala Co-chair; Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD, Winship Executive Director; Claire E. Sterk, PhD, Emory University President.

## Celebrating our Progress, Imagining a Cure

**O**N MARCH 24, GENEROUS BENEFACTORS AND CORPORATE SPONSORS GATHERED at The St. Regis Atlanta to attend the fifth Winship Gala. The event raised more than \$1 million for cancer research at Winship and was hosted by Gala chairs, Gayle Alston and Betsy Glenn. Honorary chairs, Anne and Berny Gray, were recognized for their unwavering commitment to the mission of Winship Cancer Institute.

The Grays, already champions of Winship through their service on the Winship Advisory Board, came to know Winship at a deeper level when Anne's late sister, Karen, was diagnosed with recurrent breast cancer. The Grays hope they inspire others to be involved with Winship, whether it is improving the experience of current patients or supporting cancer research.

The theme of this year's Gala was *Imagination*, honoring the creative talent that Winship's physicians and researchers employ to discover new treatments for cancer.



## Director's Update



WELCOME TO THE RETURN of our donor newsletter, now named *Ovation*. It is fitting that with the revival of this piece, its new name reflects our sincere thanks and appreciation for your longstanding support and investment. There continues to be tremendous progress against cancer by Winship investigators, and there is much to celebrate.

In 2017, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated Winship an "outstanding" cancer center and renewed our NCI cancer center support grant for five years. Along with this recognition, Winship was approved as the nation's latest NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center. As the only such center in Georgia, Winship leads our region in cancer research, innovation, and discovery. We are continuously recruiting exceptional new faculty and investing in technology and infrastructure that can improve cancer patient care and patient outcomes. Such activities have been supported by the extraordinarily successful Winship Gala in March, the Winship *Fashion for a Cure* event in February, and the 2017 *Winship 5K*, which raised more than \$1 million last October.

Philanthropy remains vital to advancing Winship's mission. We rely on our community's passion for having the very best cancer care and cancer research right here in Atlanta. Your gifts equip us with the resources to exceed your expectations.

Winship's accomplishments are truly significant. Winship's physicians see more than 17,000 newly diagnosed cancer patients a year. We have the largest Phase I clinical trials unit in the state and will double its capacity in a new facility which will open in early 2019 in the Emory University Hospital Tower. Later this fall, Winship physicians will provide cancer clinical care to patients at the first and only proton therapy center in Georgia.

Your generosity allows Winship to stretch our goals and make even greater progress against cancer. Donors like you enable our physicians and researchers to develop novel treatment approaches to cancer and provide the very best care for our patients. Let me extend a sincere thank you for partnering with Winship in advancing our work against cancer.

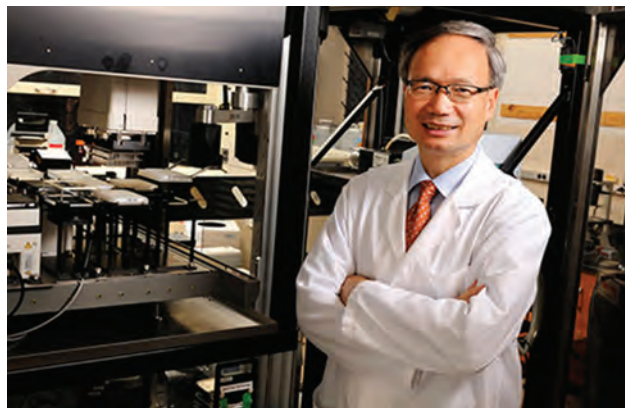
*Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD*

Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD  
Executive Director, Winship Cancer Institute

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

Thanks to the generous support of friends, families, and donors to Winship Cancer Institute's *Partner in Research* fund, Winship investigator Haian Fu, PhD was named to the Winship Partner in Research Endowed Chair. Established in 2016, this endowed chair was created within Winship to recognize the achievements and contributions of outstanding faculty. Dr. Fu is Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and also serves as Director of the Emory Chemical Biology Discovery Center and Leader of the Discovery and Developmental Therapeutics Research Program at Winship. His work focuses on translating bench research into clinical applications and drug discovery. Collective gifts to the *Partner in Research* fund are evidence of donors' unwavering trust and commitment to the fight against cancer.



Haian Fu, PhD

## A CALL FOR CELEBRATION

In their inaugural fundraising auction, the South Carolina based Carolina Auto Auction, Inc., in partnership with local dealerships, answered the call and raised \$100,000 for cancer research. Just prior to the New Year, auction leaders from around the country held a charity auction to support melanoma research at Winship.

Carolina Auto Auction is no stranger to Winship. The auction company hosts various events throughout the year, including Beards for Bucks, an Ugly Christmas Attire Contest, and their annual Celebrity Charity Golf Tournament, all of which benefit Winship. The auction's most recent event—a three-day VIP dinner, live auction, and celebrity golf tournament, generated an additional \$100,000 donation for melanoma research. These events celebrate the recovery of Henry Stanley, CEO of Carolina Auto Auction and Indiana Auto Auction, and help further cancer advancements that give other families hope.



Left to right: Eric and Lisa Autenrieth, Pam McAdams, Henry and Patty Stanley

## PAYING IT FORWARD TWOFOLD

Mike Thomas glows when sharing stories of his late wife Lin, who succumbed to colon cancer ten years ago at the age of 57.

Lin, a successful business owner, mother and runner, had skipped a routine colonoscopy only to be diagnosed a few years later with stage IV colon cancer. They sought second opinions



Lin Fearington Thomas

from notable physicians and cancer centers in the southeast, including Winship Cancer Institute, and ultimately, Lin chose to receive treatment at Winship because of the positive and warm interactions she had with the physicians, nurses, volunteers, and staff.

It was that same friendly and caring atmosphere provided by the Winship team that inspired Mike to begin volunteering. Mike's daughter, Maggie, and his current wife, Tammy, encouraged him to pursue the volunteer work. What began as a one day a week occurrence soon became three days a week. Mike is now a familiar face checking patients in at Winship's first floor lab. His favorite thing is to hear a patient say, "I won't see you again for six months, because I'm in remission." Mike warmly responds, "I'll miss seeing you, but I'll be happy not seeing you for the reason you aren't coming." Then, everyone smiles. Mike shares these heartfelt interactions with Tammy who has also developed a deep admiration for the hard work of those dedicated to sharing and overcoming the cancer journey at Winship.

Inspired by what they have witnessed at Winship, both Mike and Tammy want to do more to help battle cancer. Through combined estate gifts and stock transfers, Mike and Tammy have made gifts of nearly \$500,000 to Winship to support colon cancer research. Anyone who has met Mike and Tammy would without a doubt attest to their warm, caring hearts.

The entire Winship crew—from the scientists developing new breakthroughs in the lab to the team running clinical trials, and the skilled nurses caring for patients—feel good about knowing the guy with the big smile checking patients into the lab three times a week.



Tammy and Mike Thomas in Tuscany

Today, Tammy and Mike, inspired by Winship's research and patient care, including that of Lin, are determined to assist in battling cancer every day. Together, with Winship, they are committed to diminishing the impact cancer can have on our loved ones.



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“I would like to imagine truly having an impact in treating cancer, in controlling it, and, eventually, conquering it,” said Anne Gray.

Gala attendees enjoyed an elegant evening with cocktails, dinner, dancing, and a special celebration of Winship’s designation as a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute. Generous Winship Gala sponsors included the Ma-Ran Foundation, the Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation, Brenda and Mac Nease, and Cox Enterprises, Inc.

“Our generous donors and corporate sponsors have made the Winship Gala a wonderful success,” says

Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD, executive director of Winship. “The support we have from the extraordinary community here in Georgia has really fueled the imaginations of our scientists, our physicians, and our whole team.”

Proceeds from the event support the new Winship Center for Cancer Immunology and research projects focused on cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

To view additional photos from the Gala and to see a full list of the 2018 Gala sponsors and patrons, visit <http://bit.ly/WinshipGala> and <http://bit.ly/WinshipGalaSponsors>.



Amanda and Greg Gregory



Left to right: Stephan Jackman, Pam Rollins, Kyle Moon, and Shannon Nease



Madhav and Kavita Dhodapkar



Missy and Joe Craver



Left to right: Brenda Nease and Mary Long Howard



Left to right: Mary-Cathryn and David Kolb and Richard and Cathy Mooney

## Personalized Care Inspires Extraordinary Commitment

MANY MEMBERS of the Winship Advisory Board have been touched in some way by cancer. Board members Anne and Berny Gray had been dedicated supporters of Winship Cancer Institute long before Anne’s sister, Karen, was diagnosed with breast cancer. At that point, their connection to Winship became much more personal. “It was a different side of the fence to be on,” said Anne.

When the Grays brought Karen to Winship for care under the expert guidance of medical oncologist Bill Eley, an immediate bond was formed. “Karen’s courage was really unbelievable,” Dr. Eley recalls. “To be around people like her really should, and does, inspire all of us.”

As Dr. Eley cared for Karen throughout her illness, Anne and Berny said the compassion at Winship made all the difference, noting that Dr. Eley didn’t just treat Karen’s disease, he also appreciated what a special person she was.

“We look back and remember her athleticism, her beauty, her grace, and her peacemaking,” said Anne. “That’s what Karen’s physician at Winship understood. He understood her.”

Today Anne and Berny are doing all they can to support Winship’s mission of controlling and eventually conquering cancer. They were recognized at the 2018 Winship Gala for their service and philanthropy, and Dr. Eley believes they are already making a significant impact.

“The Grays, not only through their financial contributions, but perhaps more importantly, through their personal commitment, are part of a team that are producing miracles for people who are suffering with cancer,” said Dr. Eley.

By contributing their time, talents, and resources to Winship, visionary supporters like Anne and Berny Gray are making a lasting difference in the lives of patients.



# Winship Advisory Board Tours Proton Center at Spring Meeting



*Winship medical physicist Samantha Hedrick, PhD, speaking with Winship Board of Advisors and special guests as they get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Emory Proton Therapy Center.*

ON APRIL 17, 2018, WINSHIP’S BOARD OF ADVISORS hosted their spring meeting at the Emory Proton Therapy Center and welcomed incoming board members Wendy Aronson, Ann Crouse, Carlton Forrester, Rick Reynolds, Pam Rollins, Kim Stamper, and Richard Stamper. The Winship Advisory Board was launched in 2006 to unite a group of individuals who were contributing individually to Winship through their donations and volunteer work.

Leslie Wierman, board chair, shared updates on the board’s recent accomplishments and discussed other opportunities to support Winship, including *Cars Under the Stars*, *Aladdin*, the 2018 *Winship 5K* events, and 2019 *Fashion A Cure*. At the meeting, Wierman was also recognized by Executive Director Wally Curran for her leadership.

“Leslie cares deeply about making sure every cancer patient has the very best care,” said Curran. “We are a better institute because of her involvement.”

The spring meeting provided members with an exclusive, behind-the-scenes tour of the Emory Proton Therapy Center. Located just a few blocks from Emory University Hospital Midtown, the 108,000 square foot facility is set to open in late 2018. It will be the first and only center of its kind in Georgia.



*Bree Eaton, MD, Suresh Ramalingam, MD, Winship Deputy Director, and Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD, Winship Executive Director, participate in a panel discussion about the benefits of proton therapy.*



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## The Business of Doing Good

“DON’T DREAM ABOUT THE FUTURE. DRIVE IT.” It’s an inspiring advertisement for Peach State Truck Centers... and the company’s commitment to cancer research.

Peach State Truck Centers has been a leading corporate sponsor of Winship Cancer Institute’s signature fundraiser, Winship ‘Win the Fight’ 5K, since the event’s inception eight years ago. Peach State Truck Centers is dedicated to improving outcomes for cancer patients and supporting the health of their employees.

Peach State’s founder, Tom Reynolds, and his children established the Patricia R. Reynolds Endowment for Sarcoma Research at Winship Cancer Institute to honor the memory of his wife who was treated at Winship for sarcoma. Tom served on the Winship Advisory Board, was a strong supporter of Peach State’s Winship 5K team, and was a devoted advocate for Winship in the community until his passing in 2016. Mr. Reynolds made a tangible difference in his dedication to volunteerism and philanthropy for cancer research, a legacy continued by his children—Ann Crouse, Rick Reynolds, and the late Tim Reynolds. As active supporters of sarcoma and breast cancer research, Ann and Rick carry forward their father’s legacy of service on the Winship Advisory Board, as did their brother Tim prior to his passing in 2017.



Tom Reynolds



Left to Right: Mark Winne, 5K emcee and WSB-TV Investigative Reporter; Rick Reynolds, Peach State Truck Centers President; Dominique Wilkins, 5K Grand Marshal, and Hawks’ Vice President of Basketball Operations and Special Advisor to the CEO; Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD, Winship Executive Director.

The Reynolds family continues to represent a driving force for good. Rick was recently named 2018 Truck Dealer of the Year, a national award recognizing commercial truck dealers for business performance, industry and civic leadership, and community service. Peach State Truck Centers was also recognized this year as one of the healthiest employers in Atlanta by the Healthiest Employers of America and the Atlanta Business Chronicle. The award acknowledges companies committed to a healthy workplace, and it is a fitting tribute to the Reynolds’ lasting dedication to the wellness of their Peach State family and the greater community.

“All you have to do is talk to patients who have been at Emory,” says Rick. “Talk to the physicians, the researchers, the clinicians, and the caregivers. When you see that passion, that drive to find a cure, you want to be a part of it.”

The Peach State Truck Centers team is bringing special attention to the cause of sarcoma research at the 2018 Winship 5K. Visit [winship5k.emory.edu](http://winship5k.emory.edu) or <http://bit.ly/PSFreight> to participate in this year’s Winship 5K and join the Peach State Truck Centers team.

“MY DAD, AS WELL AS MY BROTHER TIM, HAD A BIG HEART WHEN IT CAME TO THE WINSHIP RACE EVERY YEAR,” SAID RICK REYNOLDS, PEACH STATE TRUCK CENTERS PRESIDENT. “WE ALL CONSIDERED BEING A WINSHIP SPONSOR AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS WE’VE EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN.”



Peach State Truck Centers Team at the 2017 Winship 5K



## No One Fights Alone

LINDSEY THAMES MAY NOT LOOK LIKE YOUR TYPICAL SOLDIER. The petite mother of three is armed with a dazzling smile, but she also has a fighting spirit. Her husband, Michael, better known as Mike to friends and family, was diagnosed with leukemia on May 6, 2016. On that day, Lindsey began to lead an army.

“We decided to choose hope,” she remembers, “when doubting would have been a heck of a lot easier.”

Friends and family rallied around Mike as soon as they heard the news. Inspired by her husband’s tenacity and courage, Lindsey organized a mission to “fight like Mike.” These dedicated supporters grew into an army of love fueled by hope and courage.

Lindsey says, “Our army of prayer warriors kept on fighting for us when we were too tired. They surrounded us with light and hope and sat with us in the dark.”

Mike’s attending physician, Martha Arellano, MD, quickly saw that he was a fighter. She recruited him for her Winship 5K team, the Leukidators, and he took on the task of fundraising, recruiting, and designing team t-shirts like it was a full-time job. It was one he did well.

**FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE LEUKIDATORS HAVE BEEN THE WINSHIP 5K’S TOP FUNDRAISING TEAM. IN 2017, THEY HAD 236 PARTICIPANTS AND RAISED OVER \$204,000 FOR CANCER RESEARCH.**

Their team motto is “No One Fights Alone,” a message to help remind patients that they have an army of friends, family, supporters, and Winship staff working together to fight cancer. With an army of love, Lindsey and Mike carry on, fighting for all of us.

For more information about participating in the 2018 Winship 5K or to join the Leukidators, visit [winship5k.emory.edu](http://winship5k.emory.edu) or <http://bit.ly/Leukidators>.



Above and below: The Leukidators Team at the 2017 Winship 5K





# A Runway to Research

HOW CAN A GORGEOUS GOWN lead to the next innovation in cancer care? When it hits the runway at Fashion a Cure! Organized by *Friends of Winship*, Fashion a Cure is an event that raises funds for Winship Cancer Institute to benefit the treatment and research of cancers affecting women.

The sixth annual Fashion a Cure fashion show and luncheon took place on January 29 at The St. Regis Atlanta and was attended by more than 550 guests. Local designers donated a variety of fashions that were modeled by cancer survivors, caregivers, Winship doctors, and volunteers.

The day's activities also included a silent auction and raffle of items provided by boutiques and generous donors. Joined by CNN anchor and emcee Fredricka Whitfield, co-chairs Julie Levine and Dell Rearden hosted the successful event, which raised more than \$300,000.

The funds will be used to purchase new equipment that will enable Winship's researchers to tag and visualize immune components in cells to better understand how cancer develops and how to improve treatments.



Left to right: Kathryn Masters, Hampton Masters and Mitchell Masters



Left to right: Wally Curran, Dell Rearden, Julie Levine, Fredricka Whitfield



Georgia Bentley



Ada Lee Correll



Top row (left to right): Lynne Rankin, Ashley Whitehurst, Nell Mitchell, Ruth Lanier, Mary Susan Wheeler  
Bottom row (left to right): Jennifer Raulet, Reed Roberts, Jennifer Cooper, Mary Leslie Spencer, Kristen Domestic, Lydia Hansen



Linda Clarke



Left to right: Kay Buckham, Katie Cardwell, Mary Ellen Cleveland, Sandy Geiger, Margaret Curtin



Jason Levine and Billy Levine



# This is my legacy.

"I MADE WINSHIP A BENEFICIARY OF MY LIFE INSURANCE SO THAT THEIR LIFE-SAVING WORK OF COMBATING CANCER CAN CONTINUE. As one of 60 participants in a national clinical trial to refine new treatment methods for other patients fighting non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, I want to create a legacy of hope and generosity in honor of the compassionate doctors and innovators searching for a cure."

## Have you planned your legacy?

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**Ann Viehman, Atlanta, GA**

*Ann Viehman, pictured with her husband Bill Viehman, are leaders on Winship's Advisory Board and founding members of Friends of Winship where they bring awareness to the community of the innovative research and care Winship Cancer Institute provides to Georgians.*



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

*Friends of Winship, Cars Under the Stars,*  
Emory Clinic A Valet Circle  
6:00 p.m.  
winshipcancer.emory.edu/CUTS

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

*Aladdin*  
Fox Theatre  
5:00 p.m. – Cocktails  
7:00 p.m. – Curtain

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

*Winship 5K*  
Emory University Quadrangle  
7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
winship5k.emory.edu

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**

*Friends of Winship*  
*Fashion a Cure Fashion Show*  
The St. Regis Atlanta (Buckhead)  
11:00 a.m.

### CONTACT US

If you are interested in supporting the work of Winship Cancer Institute or participating in an upcoming event, contact the Winship staff for more information at [winship.dev@emory.edu](mailto:winship.dev@emory.edu) or call 404.778.5175.

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