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# Philanthropist

## Bequest for Liver Care at Weill Cornell Medicine

John and Lorraine Jacobsen

In gratitude for the superb care he received at Weill Cornell Medicine that saved his life, John Jacobsen decided to make a generous planned gift in honor of the physician-scientist who cared for him during his illness.

Jacobsen, now 76, the owner of a successful business in Fort Lauderdale, FL, contracted hepatitis C as a young man. By 2010, his liver failing, doctors in Florida recommended he seek care at Weill Cornell Medicine, which has a world-class reputation in liver health.

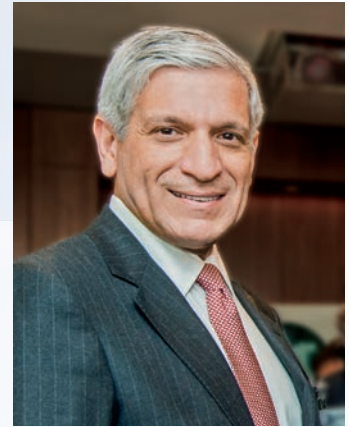
"I was seriously ill," says Mr. Jacobsen. "I had developed cirrhosis, hepatic encephalopathy (a buildup of toxins in the brain) and then liver cancer, all because of hepatitis."

He was referred to Dr. Robert S. Brown, chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and the Vincent Astor Distinguished Professor of Medicine, who recommended a liver transplant – the sooner the better. A donor was found and surgeons completed the operation in 2014.

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# Message from Stimson Society Leadership



Dear Friends,

Welcome. I am pleased to share with you this special recognition edition of the Philanthropist newsletter, honoring the many members of our Lewis Atterbury Stimson Society and their steadfast legacy support.

To this wonderful group of philanthropists, you have my heartfelt gratitude for your generosity, vision and unwavering commitment to medical excellence. The bequests and other long-term planned gifts that you have established ensure that Weill Cornell Medicine can continue to provide the finest clinical care, biomedical research and educational initiatives for decades to come.

In this issue of Philanthropist, I invite everyone to read inspiring stories of individuals who have created meaningful legacy gifts that have made an impact on the future of medicine. With strategic philanthropic planning, your support bolsters the work of researchers, clinicians or program areas that have special meaning for you and will help us to accelerate growth of our world-class research programs, teach the health-care leaders of tomorrow and provide the finest care to our patients.

One recent accomplishment that fills me with pride is the Stimson Society's support of the successful Legacy Match Challenge. By the time the program ended in June, Stimson members had established more than \$30 million in bequests and beneficiary designation intentions and activated more than \$1.7 million in match funds. The match funds are supporting the building of Weill Cornell Medicine's new student residence under construction at the corner of York Avenue and East 74<sup>th</sup> Street.

I personally want to thank all who have contributed to the fund, and I thank all Stimson members for their partnership, extraordinary generosity and compassion for saving lives and improving the quality of life for patients in the future.

Please enjoy this special recognition issue of Philanthropist. As always, Weill Cornell Medicine's planned giving specialists are available to help you in your philanthropic planning and guide you to the best programs that meet your needs and goals. I encourage you to reach out to us at 646-962-9567 or [plannedgiving@med.cornell.edu](mailto:plannedgiving@med.cornell.edu).

Sincerely,

**Michael Alexiades, M.D. '83**  
Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery  
Co-Chair, Lewis Atterbury Stimson Society

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Medicine.**

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# Bequest for Liver Care at Weill Cornell Medicine *(continued from cover)*

Mr. Jacobsen made fast progress initially but developed lymphoma two years later. Doctors were able to use innovative treatments to control the cancer. He has not had a recurrence since 2016.

“What I love about Weill Cornell Medicine is that their physicians are there for you for life,” he says. “The transplant is just one step in a long-term strategy to treat your illness and keep you healthy. Dr. Brown has been by my side for many years now, and I’m just so grateful to him.”

To honor Dr. Brown’s work, Mr. Jacobsen and his wife, Lorraine, created a bequest to support research into liver disease and transplantation in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Dr. Brown and his colleagues conduct a wide variety of liver-related research, such as cancer, cirrhosis, transplantation, hepatitis C and other issues.

“The Jacobsens’ generosity will have a positive wide-ranging impact on the health and well-being of generations of patients,” says Dr. Brown. “Philanthropy drives medical innovations for liver diseases and a host of other illnesses that Weil Cornell Medicine is striving to cure.”

Mr. Jacobsen enjoys giving to others and has a long history of volunteerism and philanthropy. While he lives mostly in Florida, he keeps a residence in New York City and regularly returns to Weill Cornell Medicine to see Dr. Brown and other physicians.

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John Jacobsen

Giving to Weill Cornell Medicine through a planned gift was an easy choice. A bequest allowed the couple to comfortably plan for their own retirement needs, make an impact for future patients and still be able to provide regular annual donations to support Dr. Brown’s research. Their thoughtful planning helps patients now and in the future.



John Jacobsen

BRIAN ADAMS

“I witnessed the excellence of Weill Cornell Medicine’s doctors and staff firsthand,” says Mrs. Jacobsen. “My husband truly benefited from their expertise and caring. Now, out of gratitude, we want to return the compassion they showed us.”

To Mr. Jacobsen, there’s another reason he made such a substantial legacy gift to Weill Cornell Medicine: “When you give it makes you feel so good. You can’t put a price on that.”

## YOU’RE INVITED TO JOIN US

By making a planned gift – a gift through your estate or financial plans – you can ensure the future success of Weill Cornell Medicine and have the satisfaction of knowing that your values will live on through the lifesaving care we provide.

Qualifying gifts take many forms, including bequests, charitable gift annuities and trusts and beneficiary designations. Many of these gifts offer significant financial and tax benefits, often complementing an individual’s overall estate and financial planning.

Members are honored across the institution and receive invitations to special educational events, the Philanthropist newsletter, as well as valuable charitable gift planning information.

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# Honoring the Visionary Members of

Weill Cornell Medicine gratefully acknowledges the patients, friends, alumni, faculty and staff who have provided vital support to our lifesaving work through their estate and financial plans. These forward-thinking donors have demonstrated their steadfast commitment to future generations and helped to ensure Weill Cornell Medicine's continued excellence in patient care, research and medical education. We are honored to recognize their visionary support as members of the Stimson Society.

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The following supporters have demonstrated philanthropic leadership by participating in our historic Legacy Match Challenge. Their generous legacy gifts to Weill Cornell Medicine have allowed us to access \$1.7 million in match funds directed to the design and construction of our new student residence, currently slated for completion in 2025.

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# Legacy Gift to Bolster Student Scholarships

**"Dr. Yung is a wonderful example of a compassionate donor who wants to make a lasting impact on future generations of physician-scientists."**

Dr. Robert A. Harrington  
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Lillian Yung

Lillian Yung, Ed.D., first noticed the burden of medical student debt when she was working as a nutritionist at Weill Cornell Medicine in the early 1970s. She met many young doctors who were struggling financially and were unsure how they were going to pay off their medical school debts.

In 2013, Dr. Yung, along with her late husband, set up her first scholarship fund at Weill Cornell Medicine. She has contributed to the Lillian Yung and Mitchell Schorow Scholarship ever since, helping 11 students over the years – an achievement that fills her with great pride.

Now retired, Dr. Yung decided to create a second scholarship in her estate plan, pledging a significant bequest that will help future generations of medical students reduce their debt load. Called the Lillian C. Yung Scholarship, the new fund will strengthen her efforts to support deserving students. She chose to establish it through a bequest so that she could designate the gift to Weill Cornell Medicine after her lifetime.

"I remember when I was a young professional and thinking that when I accumulate enough money, I would like to donate part of it to help students," says Dr. Yung. "I am honored to be able to help the next generation of physician-scientists at Weill Cornell Medicine afford an education that will have so much impact on the world in the years to come."

Dr. Yung grew up in Brazil and emigrated to the United States to pursue her education and career in clinical nutrition. She worked as a dietetic intern at Weill Cornell Medicine in the early 1960s, left and then returned to Weill Cornell Medicine from 1968 to 1973, as a dietician in the research unit. She eventually earned her doctorate in education at Teachers College, Columbia University, where she taught clinical nutrition until her retirement in 1997.

"Dr. Yung is a wonderful example of a compassionate donor who wants to make a lasting impact on future generations of physician-scientists," says Dr. Robert A. Harrington, the Stephen and Suzanne Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine. "A bequest is a perfect way to create a lasting legacy."

While the institution's successful debt-reduction program, launched in 2019, didn't factor into Dr. Yung's decision to make the bequest, it reassured her that Weill Cornell Medicine's vision completely aligns with her own. "It feels good that I was able to deliver on the vow I made many years ago to help students when I was in a position to donate," she says. "Now, with the wonderful resources of this great academic medical center, we will be able to help many more young people achieve their dreams and ease the burden of their debt."

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Planned gifts can be tailored to meet your unique needs and philanthropic vision. Your contribution can be for operating support, or you can create an endowment fund that will provide future and ongoing support. You can gift to a specific area that has special meaning for you, or you can support our greatest needs. And you can honor a special physician or a loved one.

Strategic gift planning provides you with the opportunity to design your personal legacy.



## Future Gifts

These gifts are easy to arrange, with little or no upfront costs. They allow full control of your assets during your lifetime and reduce estate taxes for your heirs. Your estate gift to Weill Cornell Medicine can be for a specific dollar amount, a percentage or a remainder of your assets.

- **Make a Bequest in Your Will or Revocable Trust.** This popular way to create a lasting legacy is as simple as adding a sentence or codicil to your will. If you have already included Weill Cornell Medicine in your estate plans, please let us know so that we may honor your generosity.

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