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## A Letter from the Chancellor

Every year, as Louisiana's premium safety-net healthcare system, our healthcare professionals treat over one million patients with committed, compassionate care. We feel deeply honored to have you in that number. We know that your journey toward health and healing is a very personal one, and we are immensely grateful that you have chosen us to be your preferred partner. As a way to recognize those who have touched your life along the way, we invite you to learn more about our Gifts of Gratitude program. Our Gifts of Gratitude program offers our patients another meaningful way to say thank you to the caregivers who treated them, and through a charitable gift, makes it possible to help LSU Health New Orleans care for others like you. As a non-profit organization, our capacity to care depends on the generosity of the very people we serve, patients, and families like you. Thank you for choosing LSU Health New Orleans. Together, we can continue to touch hearts and save lives for the one million patients we treat each year.

L. H. Hollin, M.D.

Larry H. Hollier, MD, FACS Chancellor, LSUHSC at New Orleans

## Gifts of Gratitude at LSU Health New Orleans

Welcome! As the Director of Development for the LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine, I am proud to be serving our community alongside our world-renowned physicians. The LSU Health Foundation supports LSU Health New Orleans and its fourfold mission of education, patient care, research, and community outreach. Our Gifts of Gratitude Program focuses on enhancing patient care in our community and offers our patients the opportunity to express their appreciation through philanthropic initiatives



that make their caregivers, affiliated health institutions, and the greater New Orleans community stronger. These acts of kindness benefit lifesaving technologies, education for our dedicated caregivers, and innovative programs and therapies for patients. As your point of contact for the Gifts of Gratitude program, I can be reached at **kohagan@lsuhealthfoundation.org** or at **(504) 568-2430**. On behalf of the foundation, we look forward to building impactful and fulfilling relationships with you.

Katherine O'Hagan Director of Development LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans



Under Dr. Woltering's leadership, the Neuroendocrine Tumor Clinic has grown from his vision to the only multi-disciplinary clinic of its kind in the region. His team has worked together to save thousands through

## Honoring a Healthcare Hero

the relentless pursuit of innovation, discovery, and team building, which has resulted in success at tackling a rather complex disease. Beyond having the best outcomes for patients in the nation, what resonates so deeply with his patients is his undivided attention, personal care, and hope provided to patients and families like your own.

## More Than a Physician, a Friend

Much of the reason for my good health is the caring and individual treatment that I have received over the past six-plus years from my good friend and Oncologist, Gene Woltering. I first met him at the worst moment of my life, when making a friend was the last thing I cared about. But a mutual friend sent me to meet this man in the early weeks after I was treated surgically for a Stage IV Neuroendocrine Carcinoid Tumor of the ilium that had spread to the omentum, paraaortic and thoracic nodes in an unexpectedly complex procedure. You see, I also had a Stage III Renal Cell Carcinoma which was thought to be the source of these metastatic masses. Only at surgery, they discovered them to originate in the Carcinoid tumor. Thus Stage IV! Dr. Woltering was inviting and optimistic



EUGENE A. WOLTERING, MD

while being frank and too honest as only a Buckeye can to a dreaded Longhorn. He failed only in not recognizing our superior manhood in Texas! Nonetheless, he took the time and the care to comfort my wife and me, explain our situation in a way that gave us confidence in both his knowledge and ability to apply it to my unique problems. We have since come to know each other, be in touch even when he is traveling or off-call (which never occurred), or when he has been involved in his health problems. Gene is a special gem of a person and the real definition of a doctor as I learned it decades ago. Without his embracing arms, we would have never reached this point in life. We came to him feeling like we were living out my death; he gave me back my life... He embraced me, my family, and my illness as personally and as involved in our lives as anyone could. I love him as a brother.

- Bruce Leipzig, MD Grateful Patient Ambassador



This past March 30th was National Doctors' Day— a special occasion dedicated to the outstanding men and women who humbly nurture the health and wellbeing of our families and loved ones. Here, at LSU Health New Orleans, we celebrate and honor our physicians not just on Doctors' Day, but every day. We cannot thank you enough for the outpour of love shown to your caregivers in honor of this year's celebration. Your support is so important now more than ever during these unprecedented times. You can continue to write notes of appreciation to the physician who made a difference in your life. Join us in thanking all LSU healthcare providers today! See page five for more details.



PICTURED: DR. WOLTERING AND HIS STAFF ENJOYING OUR 2019 DOCTORS' DAY CELEBRATION

# Thank you for supporting our LSU Health physicians!

"We appreciate the awesome job that you do for all your patients. Thank you for your big heart and generous spirit."

"There are not enough words to express the gratitude I have for you. You have given me a second chance at life for which I will be eternally grateful.

The world is a better place with people like you."

## Grateful Patient Ambassador Spotlight

#### Dr. Charles Hunter

"In August 2019, I noticed something very unusual. Needless to say, I was concerned. I saw my Urologist in Mobile, Alabama. He immediately ordered a CT Urogram. I then heard the words everyone fears and dreads to hear. 'I believe you have bladder cancer.' My doctor then recommended Dr. Scott Delacroix, the Director of Urologic Oncology at LSU Health New Orleans. Dr. Delacroix worked me into his full schedule and saw me the next day. He and I



reviewed the CT scan, and again he confirmed the diagnosis of bladder cancer. He professionally and calmly explained the various possibilities. He scheduled a Cystoscopic surgery at East Jefferson General Hospital two days later. The surgery was successful and without complications. Dr. Delacroix gave me the good news that my cancer had not invaded the bladder wall. After, he completely and thoroughly explained the next steps in management. I certainly would not vote to have bladder cancer, but I am blessed to have a physician with Dr. Delacroix's skill, experience, and knowledge. As a retired physician, I can say Dr. Delacroix combines the best attributes of a physician; academic knowledge, warmth, and sensitivity; as a trusted family physician. I am truly grateful for his care."



#### Denise C.

"Dr. Batson, I can't begin to express my appreciation for your compassion and concern when I came to you with a large post-op hematoma in my abdomen. You didn't hesitate to reach out to Dr. Marshall on my behalf to make sure I would get immediate and the best care possible. Your caring and quick response helped me through my crisis, both emotionally and physically. I will forever be grateful."

## Become an Active Member of Our LSU Health Community



Thank you for caring for me and my family.
We appreciate you!

Let your doctor know how much their care means to you by writing them a message of gratitude!
Email ecurole@lsuhealthfoundation.org
your address, and we will mail you a card to send to your physician!

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CALLING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR FIRST ANNUAL

### TIGER DALL

A fundraiser benefiting cancer research and treatment at LSU Health Sciences Center.

The LSU Health Foundation is partnering with the Al Copeland Foundation to host a one-of-a-kind benefit.

We need your talent to make it a success and raise the most money to fight cancer through LSUHSC.

#### SIGN UP TODAY!!!

Contact Sam Cusimano with LSU Health Foundation scusimano@lsuhealthfoundation.org
504.568.5717

#### Ways to get involved in our Gifts of Gratitude Program

Write a Message of Gratitude to Honor Your Physician!

Volunteer at Our First Annual Tiger Ball!

Watch Our Coronavirus Webinar Series by Visiting:
lsuhealthfoundation.org/
coronavirus/

Become a Grateful Patient
Ambassador!
For more information, contact
Katherine O'Hagan at
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#### **Check Out Our Web Series**

With Coronavirus at the forefront of healthcare, we have partnered with various LSU Health experts and launched our web series dedicated to sharing news about this pandemic. You can tune into past and current webinars featuring a diverse set of LSU healthcare professionals by visiting:

#### lsuhealthfoundation.org/coronavirus/.

In addition to this web series, we will



also transition into other healthcare topics spotlighting your very own physicians. For the foreseeable future, we are bringing healthcare experts and resources right to your home. Be on the lookout for future webinars while checking out past webinars featuring your LSU healthcare providers, such as Frank Lau, MD, and Mary Maluccio, MD.



