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Sally & Eugene Snarski
Sally Snarski grew up in Marshfield Clinic’s shadow, if not literally, then figuratively. She is the youngest child of Walter G. Sexton, M.D., one of Marshfield Clinic’s six founding physicians. On her way home from school, Sally Snarski often stopped at the Clinic’s pharmacy for some candy. On Sunday mornings, she went on rounds with her father, waiting in the hall while he checked on his patients.

She was allowed to watch surgery at times, which may have piqued her interest in science and medicine. She earned her degree in bacteriology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1951 and moved to Illinois to work for Abbott Laboratories.

Although she moved away from Marshfield permanently after graduating from college, Snarski still feels connected to the community and the clinic that bears its name. Her late sister, Ellen Sexton, M.D., and her brother-in-law, Russell Lewis, M.D., (a retired obstetrician and former president of Marshfield Clinic) kept her updated on how the Clinic was doing.

So when Sally and her husband, Eugene Snarski, decided to make a charitable donation, they made it to Marshfield Clinic in honor of the clinic Dr. Walter Sexton helped establish. They also made their donation toward the capital campaign for the Laird Center for Medical Research, which will be an addition to the Melvin R. Laird Center. The new addition will house several laboratories and will allow researchers and clinical scientists to work closely together and collaborate even more efficiently.

“I knew Mel Laird growing up,” Sally said. “He lived just down the street. This donation is in honor of my father and in honor of Mel Laird. It was a nice way to make the connection for us.”

Sally thinks her parents would be surprised by how much Marshfield Clinic has grown. “My father would be overwhelmed,” she said. “The fact that the Clinic has grown so much. It was just this little group of doctors when he was here.” Her mother, who met Dr. Sexton in Baltimore and moved to Marshfield, would also be proud of her husband’s clinic, Sally said.

The Snarks have told their children about the donation, Eugene said. “This is the right time to make a contribution to Marshfield Clinic,” he said. “We have talked about it for several years but now felt like the right time for us. We’ve traveled extensively around the world and we were ready to make this commitment.”
Who would have dreamed that a weekend pool tournament in Wisconsin Rapids could raise $27,000? Peggy Jacoby did. A breast cancer survivor with a passion to make a difference, Jacoby, along with her family and friends, have raised nearly $70,000 over the last five years to support breast cancer research at Marshfield Clinic.

Jacoby and her sister-in-law, Doris Laskowski, avid pool players and co-coordinators of the “Shooting for a Cure” tournament, work all year to make the event a success. The event, which began with 32 players in 2002, has expanded to 114 women and in 2006 a men’s league was added. The 2006 event raised a record high $27,000. Many of the players have been affected by breast cancer, some are breast cancer survivors, and other players are there to support a loved one who has been affected or to honor one who has lost the battle.

The event’s success is due to the overwhelming support of volunteers and area businesses. Volunteers donate countless hours of time to prepare the food and refreshments for the event. Others work to acquire raffle items, prizes and other donations. Jacoby is continually amazed by the support of area businesses, which donate generously to the event.

Keeping the donation local was important to the organizing committee. In addition, Jacoby wanted to show her gratitude for the wonderful care she received at Marshfield Clinic. Jacoby, Laskowski and the committee know the value of research. They understand that the only way a cure will be found is if people invest in science today to find the answers of tomorrow. Jacoby said she hopes her granddaughter will live in a world where breast cancer can be cured, or even prevented.

This year’s tournament is set for March 30 and April 1. To assist with their fund raising, the group is planning a second version of a cookbook to sell as well. For more information on participating or sponsoring “Shooting for a Cure,” please contact Teri Herr-Wilczek at 715-389-3249.
Every day, friends of Marshfield Clinic remember and honor relatives and others by making contributions that support research and education programs necessary to enhance the quality of healing and caring.

Memorials honoring these individuals were received from October through December 2006.

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March 31 and April 1
“Shooting for a Cure” pool tournament
Wisconsin Rapids

April 29
Science on Sunday - Donor recognition event
Marshfield

June 14
Pink Ribbon Garden dedication
Marshfield Clinic Wisconsin Rapids Center

June 19
Steve Meissner Memorial Golf Classic
Marshfield

August 21
“Golf to Benefit Cancer Research” at Lake Arrowhead
Nekoosa

September 20
National Farm Medicine Center,
Auction of Champions
Marshfield

Thank you
When Sue Winger, R.N., made her donation in support of the Healing Garden at the new Rice Lake Center, she did it as a grateful sister. “Marshfield Clinic saved my sister’s life,” Winger said. “I have no doubt that she would have died without the Clinic.”

Winger’s sister, Candy Hayes, was diagnosed in 1993 with intravascular lymphomatosis, a type of lymphoma located in the blood vessels of organs rather than in the organ itself. It took several months of illness before Hayes was diagnosed and even then, the news was not good. “They had never heard of a case like mine,” Hayes recalled. “But Dr. (William) Hocking had promised me that he would dig until he found the problem and that he would work to find the cure.”

Dr. Hocking, a hematologist/oncologist at Marshfield Clinic Marshfield Center, said the diagnosis was complicated because most people with the disease died before they could be diagnosed. “A great deal of the credit for diagnosis goes to our pathologists, who recognized the illness.” Because so few people had been treated for this cancer, Dr. Hocking prescribed an aggressive chemotherapy regimen that had been shown to work well with other aggressive lymphomas.

Although the cure was certainly not easy, Hayes, who has been cancer free for more than a decade, said her fear of chemotherapy was one reason it was hard to learn she had cancer. She was terrified of leaving her children and husband, Sonny, behind. Through six months of chemotherapy, Hayes drove to Marshfield for her treatment. It was a small difference, but at Marshfield Center patients had private treatment rooms and Hayes’ family and friends could keep her company during the five-hour treatments. “It was nice to be able to bring videos to watch,” Hayes said. “We would always bring comedies and the nurses said they loved hearing the laughter.”

After months of chemotherapy, Hayes was declared in remission and returned to her regular life. She serves as an advocate and source of support to other people diagnosed with cancer in her community. Winger, who works as a nurse in the Anticoagulation Service at Marshfield
Clinic Indianhead Center in Rice Lake, has never forgotten the care her sister received. When the call went out for donations for amenities to improve the patient experience at the new Rice Lake Center, she did not hesitate.

Remembering the comfort of the chemotherapy rooms in Marshfield, Winger wanted to give to the healing garden, which will be visible from the chemotherapy treatment rooms at Rice Lake Center. Patients and families will be able to see the garden, being designed with Wisconsin’s four seasons in mind, as well as be able to walk in the garden.

“This is all interconnected,” Winger said. “I feel that our new clinic is such an opportunity for the community, to bring to Rice Lake the same things that Marshfield Center offers. With the technology of today, we are interconnected. We’re all one big clinic.”

Giving to Marshfield Clinic and in honor of her sister was easy for Winger. “Marshfield Clinic is wonderful,” she said. “I think about the love I have for my sister and that she’s saved. When I see Marshfield Clinic printed anywhere, I think of what the Clinic did for my sister. I am extremely grateful.”

When Hayes became aware of her sister’s donation she was touched by the thoughtfulness. “I love that people will be comfortable, that they will be happy,” Hayes said.

For Winger, although she wanted to honor her sister with the donation, giving to Marshfield Clinic was something she felt was important to do for herself. “There is no way that I shouldn’t give back,” she said. “Marshfield Clinic is going to be there for my family and their future.”

Physicians lead campaign for Rice Lake Center

Lynn Koob, M.D., a general surgeon, and John Henningsen, M.D., a family practice physician, both at Marshfield Clinic Indianhead Center in Rice Lake, led the “Patients and Community First” campaign among physicians and staff to raise money for the healing garden, education kiosks and community rooms.

When asked to lead the campaign, Dr. Koob did not hesitate. “I felt strongly that this was a good project,” he said. “I have many patients with cancer and many of them end up having chemotherapy. They will benefit from the healing garden, as will any person, staff, physician, patient or family member who takes a walk through the garden.”

The healing garden, which is being designed in partnership with the Barron County Master Gardeners, will feature various plants to provide interest during all seasons. It will be visible from all treatment rooms. A walkway through the garden as well as patio spaces will foster inspiration and hope. “The majority of people who gave to this project gave in support of the garden,” said Matt Schneider, major gifts officer in the Development Department at Marshfield Clinic. “This garden is being created in partnership between the community and Marshfield Clinic physicians and employees.”

The project also includes community rooms, which in addition to being available for patient education, also may be used by community groups after business hours. The new Rice Lake Center is being designed so the building can be secured with the rooms still open. Dr. Henningsen said. “This is a nice thing to give back to our community,” he said. “The Rice Lake community has given us so much over the years.”

A third area the project is funding are six patient education kiosks. These will allow patients or family members to access information about specific diagnoses and treatments, Dr. Koob said. “We understand that when people come in for care, they don’t always think of every question,” he said. “Sometimes they remember questions later. If we can provide information to them, at their convenience, it will help us provide better care.” The kiosks will not replace conferring with a health care provider, he continued. “These will be a supplement to the information we provide.”

The new Rice Lake Center will open in spring 2008. Physicians and staff in Rice Lake contributed $168,000 toward the project. A fund-raising campaign is under way in the community until the $235,000 goal is reached.

For more information, contact Matt Schneider at 715-858-4427 or via e-mail at schneider.matthew@marshfieldclinic.org.
Chet Krause is known to many people for many different things. He’s an example of realizing the American Dream, a farm boy who “made good,” a hometown Iola boy who, despite traveling the world, never really left his hometown. To Marshfield Clinic, Chet Krause is all of those things as well as a dedicated and faithful friend.

Krause founded Krause Publications in his mother’s kitchen. A well-known story details Krause’s beginnings as a coin collector who then started Numismatic News to serve other collectors, like himself, who lived away from large cities. That publication, which Krause worked on after his day job in construction, soon grew too large to be a part-time endeavor. Eventually, Krause purchased or started other newsletters that served hobbyists. Even people who aren’t aware of Iola as the home of Krause Publications are usually aware of the Iola Old Car Show, an annual homage to vintage vehicles, and the brainchild of Krause. Proceeds from the show benefit the Iola community.

Krause, now 83, is no stranger to being asked for money. “Once you give some money, you’re going to get asked for more,” he said. But much of his charitable dollars remain in Iola. Donations to help the village, support for the local hospital, assistance to turn the hospital into a retirement home; all have benefited from Chet Krause’s generosity. “I consider whether the project will do good for a lot of people,” Krause explained. “A donation to one person is not as useful as one that will help the community.”

Krause had been a patient of Marshfield Clinic in the 1980s when he was first approached to serve on the National Advisory Council. “Like any good fund-raiser, they brought someone I knew to make the introduction,” he said, laughing. That’s a technique he has used when working on fund drives for other projects, he said. “You always take someone along to smooth the way, to let your donor know a person they know believes in the cause.”

Krause was more than an advisor to Marshfield Clinic, however. During the fund-raising campaign for the first Melvin Laird Center, Krause decided to make a contribution, but with some strings attached. He agreed to donate $1 million to the campaign if other volunteers would raise the remaining money. “Being able to say ‘We have this amount if you help us raise the rest’ is useful,” Krause said of his strategy.

In addition to Marshfield Clinic, Krause has a few other special charities outside of the Iola Community. A strong supporter of Rawhide Boys Ranch, Krause has donated money to build a field house, the most highly used facility on the grounds of the ranch. He also supports research at Children’s Hospital in Milwaukee to cure type 1 (also known as juvenile) diabetes, a special cause of his friend (and former Green Bay Packer) Max McGee.

“I have a feeling for Marshfield Clinic,” Krause said. “I can attest to its credibility. I believe Marshfield Clinic has extended my life and the lives of my friends.” Krause recently put that feeling for Marshfield Clinic into making a donation to the Laird Center for Medical Research. The new addition to the Laird Center will house several laboratories and will allow researchers and clinical scientists to work closely together and collaborate even more efficiently to make discoveries that improve human health and well being.

As one of the first large private donors to the Laird Center for Medical Research campaign, Krause said he felt it was important to make his donation to the Laird Center early. “I know how hard it is to get a capital campaign going,” he said. “This was to help get the ball rolling.”

Krause is planning a second gift to the campaign, contingent on others giving as well. “He challenged others to give by matching their gifts,” said Beth Busscher, a major gifts officer for Marshfield Clinic. “He has raised the bar again.”

Around Marshfield Clinic, Krause is known for saying “you give until it feels good, and right now, I feel wonderful.”

For Krause, giving is a key to being part of the community. “My philosophy on money is that I would like to give away every cent and have the check to the undertaker bounce,” he said.
Dear Clinic Friends and Benefactors,

In 2006, we launched a campaign to build the Laird Center for Medical Research and we set out to raise $40 million to further the future of medicine. We are at 76 percent of our goal. The Laird Center for Medical Research will enhance the collaboration of Marshfield Clinic physicians and researchers in their work to find the causes and cures of diseases, including Alzheimer’s disease, ALS, multiple sclerosis, cancer and heart disease. On September 8, 2006, we broke ground on the new building. It will be completed in June 2008.

We are most grateful to the hundreds of people who have made building the future of medicine a priority and part of their personal legacy to Marshfield Clinic. We are grateful for the support of the federal government, which provided funding to help move a laboratory closer to its research counterparts, and to Marshfield Clinic, which made a substantial donation in support of the Laird Center for Medical Research.

We never know where the next discovery will come, but we do know that with your contributions and your continued interest in our research, we will improve patients’ lives for generations to come. To learn more about the campaign, or to speak with a Clinic representative about a gift, please call 715-387-9249 or 1-800-858-5220.

On behalf of our Physician Director of Development, Richard Leer, M.D., and our Chief Development Officer, Steve Yorde, please accept our thanks for what you and many others have done in support of our clinical care, research and education.

Sincerely yours,

Mark D. Bugher
Campaign Chair
Laird Center for Medical Research

Richard Leer, M.D.
Physician Director of Development
Family Practice

Steve Yorde
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Membership in the Laird Fellows begins for donors whose cumulative giving reaches $25,000. The Laird Fellows honors Melvin R. Laird, Marshfield native and former Wisconsin State senator, United States congressman and Secretary of Defense.

The Doege Founders Club recognizes benefactors who have generously committed to Marshfield Clinic through deferred gifts, such as bequests, trusts, estates, and annuities. The Doege Founders Club honors Dr. Karl W. Doege, one of the Clinic’s six founders.

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* Deseased
I am writing with regard to my husband Robert, who passed away from gastric cancer. Bob received the best possible care from his doctor and the oncology nurses, for which our children and I are very grateful.

Our friends and family members made gifts to cancer research in memory of Bob. On behalf of my husband, I would also like to make a donation to aid in some small way to help others who suffer from cancer.

Mary White
Marshfield
Please accept this small token of appreciation. Without you my life would be very challenging. At times it still is, but I also have some pain-free times which are greatly enjoyed. Dr. Bob Phillips and Tracey are so compassionate and responsive. They are truly angels from Heaven.

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My father was always very appreciative of the care he received and also said he was so lucky to have the treatment he received at Marshfield Clinic.
I believe his quality of life was very good despite his cancer. What more could you ask for?
Thank you again.

Peggy Vick
Marshfield

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Before he completed his medical training, Tom Gabert, M.D., an internal medicine physician at Marshfield Clinic Minocqua Center, had a goal statement uncannily like the mission of Marshfield Clinic: “Within a balanced life, serve others in a career of medicine, which in thirds, is: clinical care, research and education.”

He completed his residency at Marshfield Clinic/Saint Joseph’s Hospital and worked at Wausau Medical Center for three years before moving to the Northwoods. “I love what I do,” he said. “I never have trouble getting up in the morning and coming to work.”

Dr. Gabert could have lived in a larger city, like Madison, where he completed medical school. “I wanted to live where my life has relevance,” he said. “Up here, there aren’t other people doing what we’re doing at Marshfield Clinic. The Clinic is living its mission by serving patients through accessible health care.”

“No other health care system has made this level of investment in rural health,” Dr. Gabert said. “And then we deliver it, sending out the mobile mammography unit, conducting hearing testing, researching adolescent noise exposure on farms. It’s not flashy; that’s solid work.”

He supports that mission outside of his medical practice by donating to Marshfield Clinic. “Specifically, I support rural health and medicine, the National Farm Medicine Center, and the Dean Stueland Endowment Fund.” Dr. Stueland, who died in 2000, was an emergency medicine physician and clinic leader. They met during Dr. Gabert’s residency.

Marshfield Clinic’s support of research improves the care Dr. Gabert provides his patients. “If you think that the only successful organizations are those that continue learning, you realize we need research and education to provide the nucleus of ideas to move forward.”

Dr. Gabert also serves on the local school board and United Way board. “I believe physicians have an obligation to give back to their communities,” he said.
Marshfield Clinic physicians, emeritus physicians and staff, through generous giving, have demonstrated a commitment to advancing public health, safety and medical knowledge throughout the world. The internal giving campaign for the new Laird Center for Medical Research has reached the $1 million mark, the goal set for physician and staff giving.

The Laird Center for Medical Research, a new world-class diagnostic laboratory and research facility which will open in 2008, is being built as a 112,300-square-foot addition to the Melvin R. Laird Center at Marshfield Clinic.

The Laird Center for Medical Research will cost approximately $40 million, according to Steve Yorde, chief development officer for Marshfield Clinic. The federal government awarded Marshfield Clinic grants of $11 million. Combined with $12 million from Marshfield Clinic, a $1 million investment from Security Health Plan of Wisconsin, Inc., $1 million raised in the internal giving campaign and support of private donors, the total raised is now at 76 percent of the goal.

“We are grateful to all who have committed to this effort. This is a superb demonstration to those outside Marshfield Clinic that those of us working here are fully supportive,” said Yorde. “This is also an important signal to our patients who will ultimately benefit.”

“I thank each and every one of our physicians, emeritus physicians and staff members who have so generously contributed to this world-class laboratory and research facility,” said Karl Ulrich, M.D., M.M.M., Marshfield Clinic president and chief executive officer.

“The meeting of our $1 million goal from physicians and staff is a sign of the faith we place in each other and in the future of Marshfield Clinic. The Laird Center for Medical Research at Marshfield Clinic...
Clinic Research Foundation will enable our medical researchers, scientists and pathologists to work collaboratively to develop new applications for clinical medicine, as well as for public health and safety."

“...I would like to do more than verbally support research efforts here. It is also my small 'thanks' to Mr. Laird for the profound positive influence he has had on Marshfield Clinic.”

“Reaching the $1 million milestone demonstrates that physicians and staff understand the importance of this collaborative effort to reduce the time it takes to get new treatments from the research lab to patient care,” said Reed E. Hall, Marshfield Clinic executive director.

All donors to the Laird Center for Medical Research campaign will receive permanent recognition on the Laird Legacy display planned for the main lobby of Marshfield Clinic. Everyone, regardless of the size of their gift, will be permanently recognized.

Special recognition will be given to those able to commit at the higher levels ($1,000 or more). Those at the $10,000 level will be designated as members of the Lawton Society. Those at the $25,000 level will be prominently listed as Laird Fellows. Those who commit $50,000 or more will have their photo, profile of their family or business, plus a description of their relationship with Marshfield Clinic and its efforts in patient care, medical research and education. Those living outside of Marshfield will be recognized on the Laird Legacy display in Marshfield and in the clinic center closest to their home or business.

To learn more about the campaign, or to speak with a Development representative, call 715-387-9249 or 1-800-858-5220. ■
Building relationships with clients and creating “everybody wins” solutions have been a focus of Karen Piel’s career. Piel, an attorney and certified public accountant, joined Marshfield Clinic’s Development Department as a planned giving officer.

A native of Stevens Point, Piel earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School. She worked for four years for Ruder Ware Law Firm, Wausau, specializing in estate planning, then worked in solo practice for eight years before joining Marshfield Clinic.

For Piel, joining Marshfield Clinic is a great way to put her experience to work for a larger purpose and have the support and camaraderie of a professional team. “It’s nice to be part of something larger, something that makes a difference,” she said.

Leaving a bequest to Marshfield Clinic is a wonderful way to support medical research and education long after your death. People who want to leave part of their estate to Marshfield Clinic may work with Piel. “My job is not to write the will but to work with individuals and their professional advisers to help donors reach their charitable giving goals.”

Sometimes donors make a gift during the year and at tax time, their adviser recommends an alternative that would have saved money. “By working together to plan the donations, we can make sure that donors are achieving the best tax result possible,” Piel said. “This benefits the donor and the charity.”

Giving back to the community is important to Piel, who serves on the Marathon County Board of Supervisors and Wausau West High School Site Council and has volunteered at the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State program for 20 years. Charitable donations are a continuation of that involvement, she said. In making an estate plan, a person is spelling out what is important to him or her. “I was always surprised by how few people thought of their church or other charities when preparing their estate plans. To me, if it’s important to you in life, it is probably a place you want to leave a legacy.”

Piel loves hearing stories about why people choose to give to Marshfield Clinic and has her own personal story as well. “I have a relative who was diagnosed here and receives ongoing care,” she said. “My family owes a debt of gratitude to Marshfield Clinic. In the short time that I have worked here, I have talked with many other individuals who donate funds to Marshfield Clinic because of the care received by them, their family members or friends. Marshfield Clinic really holds a special place in many people’s hearts.”

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What is probate and can I avoid it?

*Ron Skrenes:* Many people don’t know what probate is, but they have been told to avoid it. Probate is a state-court supervised process to handle the transfer of property to heirs or beneficiaries. The deceased is no longer around to sign a deed or stock certificate, so a court-appointed personal representative is empowered to do so. Since the court grants this authority to the representative, it needs to supervise every step in the process. The personal representative must file an inventory, a final account and provide other documents.

Simply having a will does not avoid probate. The will is used and followed in the probate process to ensure the property passes as instructed.

You can avoid probate by transferring your property to a revocable (living) trust that you control. You can also avoid probate in the first estate by titling assets as “survivorship marital property” between spouses or as “joint tenants with right of survivorship” so that the assets pass upon death to the surviving owner. Other options are to use a martial property agreement or, for some assets, a beneficiary designation or a payable on death (POD) form.

If you wish to make bequests to your favorite charities and want to avoid probate, bequests can be made in a revocable trust, by designating the charity as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, retirement account or bank account.

For additional information on making a planned gift to Marshfield Clinic, please contact Karen Piel, planned giving officer, at 1-800-858-5220 or e-mail piel.karen@marshfieldclinic.org.
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