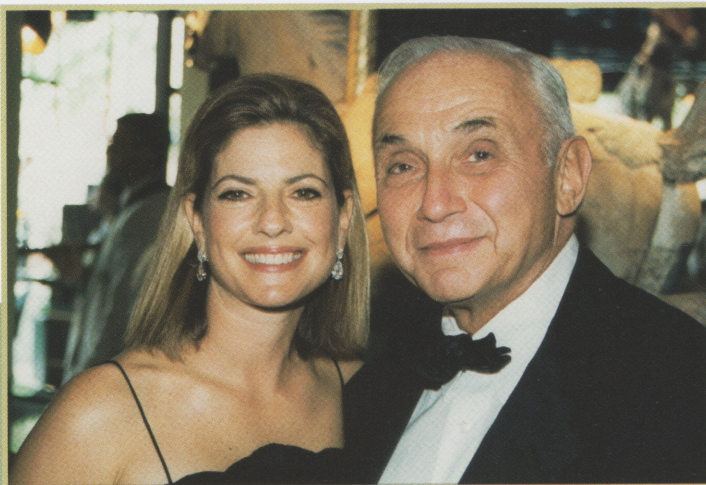


Wexners to Lead Annual Fund for The James

Noted philanthropists and business leaders Abigail and Leslie Wexner have announced the creation of The James Fund for Life, an annual campaign to support innovation in research and technology at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute.

"It is absolutely critical to ensure annual support for one of the premier cancer hospitals in the country. We are honored to be the first leaders of this drive," says Abigail Wexner.



Abigail and Leslie Wexner have announced the creation — and their support as the first leaders — of The James Fund for Life, an annual fundraising campaign designed to enable innovation in cancer research at Ohio State.



Dayton area real estate developer Jerry Colp made a second gift to the OSU Department of Ophthalmology earlier this year in honor of the physicians who successfully treated him for glaucoma 14 years ago.

The James, founded in 1990, is the only freestanding cancer hospital in the Midwest, a national leader in translational research and patient care, one of only 42 nationally designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers, and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. The hospital draws approximately 6,400 patients each year from all 88 counties in Ohio, virtually every state in the U.S. and dozens of foreign countries.

"The creation of The James was carried on the shoulders of some of central Ohio's most trusted and beloved leaders, including *Dispatch* publisher John W. Wolfe, former Governor James Rhodes, former Speaker of the Ohio House Vern Riffe, Wendy's founder Dave Thomas, Dr. Arthur James, and Columbus businessmen Richard Solove, Jack Havens, Len Immke, Jr., John G. McCoy and Dean Jeffers, among others," notes David Schuller, MD, director of The James. "But many of these leaders are gone, and we are now asking the community to follow their example and create a new era of commitment to this outstanding institution."

Schuller says The James Fund for Life will be the cornerstone of a drive to become a member of the small, elite corps of cancer centers that set the pace of research, technological

advancement and patient care for the entire world.

"The nation's premier cancer leaders like Memorial Sloan-Kettering or M.D. Anderson all have significant annual funds and large endowments. Clearly, The James has a long way to go to catch up. Yet I have no doubt that with the value our community places on The James, we will rise to the challenge," says Abigail Wexner.

Colp Gives Gift of Vision

A Dayton area real estate developer who credits OSU ophthalmologists with saving his vision after a diagnosis of glaucoma, has recently pledged \$47,000 to the Department of Ophthalmology to support the purchase of research equipment.

Fourteen years ago, Jerry Colp was referred to Ohio State for treatment of glaucoma, which had destroyed 80 percent of his vision in one eye and nearly 20 percent in the other. Paul Weber, MD, successfully treated Colp's condition through laser surgery and has served as his primary eye specialist ever since.

Colp views his contribution as a means of showing his appreciation for the gift of restored sight, as well as an opportunity to help others obtain the best in advanced medical eye care. "That's worth all the gold in the world," says Colp, "because the eyes are precious."

The gift will be used to purchase a confocal corneal microscope. This is the second gift Colp has made to the department. In 1997, his contribution of \$75,000 helped purchase an OCT scanner.