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In 2004, Penny Goodman received a living donor kidney transplant thanks to her donor and brother, Gregory Tetterer, and their care team at Jefferson. On December 14, Penny and her husband, Phil, cut the ribbon to their Exam Room named for Gregory in the Nicoletti Kidney Transplant Center located at the corner of 9th and Chestnut Streets in Center City.

December 14, 2017 was a landmark day at Jefferson: the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Nicoletti Kidney Transplant Center at Jefferson. This milestone venture – bringing together research, education and clinical care in one space – came to fruition thanks to a \$2.5 million lead gift from the Robert V. Nicoletti Family Trust. The Center emphasizes living donor transplantation, something that is very personal to the Nicoletti family.

In early 2006, Jefferson doctors determined that the patriarch of the family, businessman and philanthropist Robert (Bob) V. Nicoletti, needed a kidney transplant. Seven members of his family immediately volunteered to donate a kidney. Ultimately, only one was deemed compatible: Bob's youngest daughter, Lori Nicoletti Peruto, Esq. This life-saving kidney gave Bob – who passed away in February 2016 at 85 years-old – another 10 loving years with his children and grandchildren.

Inspired by the care they received at Jefferson, the Nicolettis became steadfast and generous supporters of the Jefferson Transplant Institute. In late 2015, Bob and his three children, Mark R. Nicoletti, Sr., Lori Nicoletti Peruto, Esq., and Donna Nicoletti Ferrier, along with their spouses, provided the leadership gift to name the new Center. This kicked off a campaign supported by other grateful patients, Jefferson leadership and community partners to build a more robust living donor kidney transplant program.

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Penny Goodman was also inspired to give back after receiving a life-saving kidney in 2004 from her brother, Gregory Tetterer. "Through the generosity of my brother, the skills of the Jefferson team and the grace of God, I have been blessed with many years of excellent

health. We are proud to support this new Center that will ease the burden of the transplant journey for patients and their families."

Living donor transplants generally work better and last almost twice as long as deceased donor transplants. With more than 600 patients on Jefferson's organ transplant wait list, this campaign and the resources provided to patients and families in the Nicoletti Kidney Transplant Center come at a critical time. The Center not only simplifies the patient journey, but it also expands our dedicated multidisciplinary team and supports clinical research.

To learn about supporting the Nicoletti Kidney Transplant Center at Jefferson, visit Jefferson.edu/GiveJTI or contact Kelly Austin in the Office of Institutional Advancement at **215-955-6383**.



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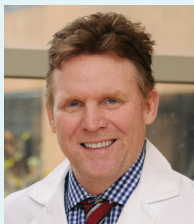
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News in Brief

Alec Beekley, MD, FACS (Division of Acute Care Surgery), and **John Entwistle, MD, FACS** (Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery), have each been promoted to Professor of Surgery.



Howard Todd Massey, MD, has joined the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery as the Surgical Director of Cardiac Transplant. Dr. Massey completed his general surgery residency at the University of Louisville and his thoracic and cardiovascular surgical residency at the University of Texas Southwestern. He then completed a fellowship in Heart and Lung Transplantation and Adult Cardiac Surgery at the Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Massey is dual-certified in Surgery and Thoracic Surgery. Under the leadership of Dr. Massey and **Andrew Boyle, MD**, Medical Director of Advanced Heart Failure, Jefferson has reactivated its Heart Transplant Program with the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).

On March 1, the Jefferson Center for Injury Research and Prevention (JCIRP) proudly hosted the 2017 Vision Zero for Philadelphia Conference presented by the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia and Uber. **Stanton B. Miller, MD, MPH**, Founding Director of JCIRP, welcomed an audience including urban designers, transportation planners, and representatives from AAA, AARP and several city and state agencies. Participants will collaborate and implement research-based initiatives to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030, through education, engineering and enforcement. JCIRP was established in 2013 within the Division of Acute Care Surgery, led by **Murray J. Cohen, MD, FACS**, Director of the Level I Regional Resource Trauma Center at Jefferson.

Charles J. Yeo, MD, FACS, Samuel D. Gross Professor and Chair of Surgery, has been named Senior Vice President and Chair—Enterprise Surgery for Jefferson Health, and Editor-in-Chief of the new *Journal of Pancreatic Cancer*.



On April 29, **Theresa Pluth Yeo, PhD, MPH, ACNP**, Adjunct Associate Professor in the Jefferson College of Nursing and Co-Director of the Jefferson Pancreas Tumor Registry received the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award from Cornell University—New York Hospital School of Nursing.

Save the Date: Jefferson will host the **12th Annual Pancreatic Cancer and Related Diseases Symposium** on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 9 am to 2 pm. The event gives patients and their loved ones an opportunity to connect with expert physicians, scientists and staff and learn about the latest developments in research and treatment. Seating is limited for this free event. Registration is required. Please contact, Kelly Austin at **215-955-6383** to request an invitation. For more information, visit Jefferson.edu/PancreasEvent.

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