



Skipper the Bear Collectible

Share the Floating Hospital's adorable mascot, "Skipper" the Bear, with friends and family by purchasing a collectible ornament to benefit Floating Hospital for Children. Ornaments can be purchased for \$20 at the Medical Center gift shops or directly through the Development Office by calling 617-636-7656.



(Neely, continued from cover)

integral part of the Tufts-NEMC Cancer Center's patient-focused program. The Neely House is a first-of-its-kind bed and breakfast style home away from home for both adult and pediatric patients undergoing cancer treatments. The 16 apartments within the Neely House have been home to hundreds of families receiving cancer care at Tufts-NEMC.

"We are enormously grateful to Cam and Scott for their unwavering support and inspiring vision," said President and CEO Ellen Zane. "All of us at Tufts-NEMC are so pleased and proud to partner with the Neely family and the Foundation."

McLaughlins Make \$1 Million Commitment to Breast Cancer Research



In the spring of 1998, Ed McLaughlin's wife, Barbara, and his mother, Carmel, were both diagnosed with breast cancer within a month of one another. Given the situation, the family felt it was imperative to find a leading-edge medical center with a comprehensive and sensitive professional support structure. They found what they were looking for in Tufts-NEMC and David E. Wazer, MD, Radiation-Oncologist-in-Chief.

In an effort to recognize the outstanding care they received and to help other women and their families battle the uncertainties of breast cancer, Ed McLaughlin, who serves on the Tufts-NEMC Board of Governors, created the David E. Wazer Breast Cancer Research Fund in 1999. Since that time the McLaughlins have energetically supported the fund by encouraging funders and making their own personal donations. Their most recent and largest commitment is a five-year, \$1 million gift.

As Chairman and CEO of United Systems Integrators Corporation, which was acquired in 2005 by Johnson Controls, McLaughlin not only encouraged the company to support the fund, but also directed many colleagues to seek Wazer's care.

"We appreciate all of Dave's efforts in supporting, advising, and guiding our family, friends, and associates in dealing with cancer and cancer-related concerns and issues," says Ed McLaughlin of his old Holy Cross roommate and good friend. Though his mother did not survive, Ed is grateful for the care she received. And he's especially grateful to be enjoying



BARBARA AND ED MCLAUGHLIN

life with his wife Barbara, who is now a seven-year survivor of breast cancer.

The McLaughlins' most recent contribution will continue to support ongoing breast cancer research at Tufts-NEMC's Department of Radiation Oncology. As one of the country's pre-eminent cancer treatment and research facilities, the department strives to advance understanding of the causes of breast and other cancers and to rapidly translate these findings into better diagnostic tools and effective treatments. Specific expenditures include the direct support of scientists, the purchase of essential research equipment and supplies, and the development of an endowment to allow for continued research program expansion.

As Wazer explains, "Having the support of Ed and Barbara has meant so much to our work over the last several years—and with their recent gift of \$1 million we can do so much more. Their generosity allows us to provide the most comprehensive and coordinated treatment possible, so we can save and improve lives. I don't know what we'd do without them."