

Healthnetwork Partners with Stamps Family To Give \$500,000 To Dana-Farber & Baptist Health

Philanthropists Penny and E. Roe Stamps, IV, are regarded as among the biggest supporters of higher education in the U.S. Through the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation, they formed in 1986, Penny and Roe have funded countless educational projects and have given significant scholarships to thousands of worthy students at more than 40 universities in the U.S. In 2017, their charitable interests broadened to healthcare after a brave and personal battle with cancer. **Together with Bill Rowley and Healthnetwork Foundation, the Stamps recognized the physicians who cared for Penny with a \$500K donation to support their research.**

When faced with the diagnosis of cancer, Roe and Penny turned to Healthnetwork Foundation for guidance and networking with the best physicians in the country. Over nearly two years of Penny's cancer journey, she was cared for by the top specialists in the country at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston MA and Baptist Health South Florida in Miami FL. When Penny finished treatment and regained her health, she wanted to give back.



Photo: Penny Stamps hugs Dr. Citron during announcement of major gift. Bill Rowley of Healthnetwork and Jamie Thomas of Baptist Health look on.

"We really appreciate the good work that Healthnetwork does for all its partners. That, coupled with the incredible skill and care exhibited by our doctors and nurses, made this an easy decision" Roe Stamps affirmed.

Through his long relationship with the Stamps, and his first-hand knowledge of the important research being done at the top hospitals in the country, Bill Rowley worked with Penny and Roe to jointly craft - and personally contribute to - a gift that would be impactful in advancing medical care for all.

"For years, we at Healthnetwork Foundation have helped families find the best medical care and treatments. I never took their trust for these intimate medical issues for granted. Now to be in the position where these same families, who want to donate wisely, are coming to me for guidance on where they can make the most impact – I am honored. Hospitals need funding and we are often in the unique position of directing these gifts so that both the donor and the hospital feel that a significant difference is about to be made," Bill Rowley said.

Peter Citron, MD, one of Penny's doctors at Baptist Health South Florida, and a recipient of a Stamps/Healthnetwork donation echoed the importance of philanthropy to support new research. *"What we do is tremendously rewarding when people recover their health from potentially devastating hematologic malignancies. Even more rewarding when I have the honor of caring for such an extraordinary fine individual. Their [the Stamps] generosity to the Miami Cancer Institute (MCI) at Baptist Health helps us to better care for many people with similar problems, pushing us forward to hopefully finding a cure."*

Healthnetwork is focused on working with more grateful families who want to make impactful donations to our hospital partners - - and will also match gifts in many cases. *For more information on donor advisement, call Bill Rowley at +1 440-632-9139.*

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Pictured: **Corey Cutler, MD, MPH**, Hematologist, DFCI; **Nancy Downer**, Assistant VP Principal & Major Gifts, DFCI; **Chris Collins**, Executive Director, Patient Services, BWH; **Bill Rowley**, CEO & Founder Healthnetwork Foundation; **Susan Roux**, Associate VP Development and Campaign Planning, BWH; **Richard Stone, MD**, Director, Adult Acute Leukemia Program, DFCI; **Megan Frankel**, President, Healthnetwork; and **Steve Thompson**, Senior VP Chief Business Development Office, BWH

MIAMI CANCER INSTITUTE AT BAPTIST HEALTH SOUTH FLORIDA



Pictured: **Michael Zinner, MD**, Founding CEO & Executive Medical Director, MCI; **Bill Rowley**, CEO & Founder, Healthnetwork; **Penny Stamps**; **Peter Citron, MD**, Hematologist, BHSFL; **Jamie Thomas**, Assistant VP, BHSFL