

Honorees from left to right: Saul Rivkin, M.D., John L. Petersen, M.D., Christine Smith, Martin S. Siegel, M.D., Anne and Wayne Gittinger, and Shari Sewell, executive director of Northwest Hope and Healing.

A night of giving thanks


Once a year, the Seattle Tennis Club fills with Summit Club, Founders Circle, and Legacy Partner members who gather to celebrate the impact their gifts have made and honor those in the community who work and give tirelessly to

make sustainable change in patients' lives.

This year's event began with a cocktail hour before guests assembled for the awards ceremony. President & CEO Rod Hochman, M.D. opened with a sincere thanks to those who have and continue

to support the work Swedish does in the community and introduced Todd Rauch, a grateful patient who attributes his life to the success of the multiple sclerosis trials at Swedish Medical Center. As Todd began to share his personal story of living with MS, the clinking of silverware quietly slowed as guests listened to Todd's depiction of love, loss, and determination to live. He moved the room as he spoke about the quiet struggles that accompany such a disease.

Thank you to our loyal Summit Club, Founders Circle, and Legacy Partner members for playing an essential and vital role in supporting Swedish and its commitment to improving the health of our community. It is our sincere privilege to honor you.

If you would like to take part in future gift club celebrations, become a member today. To learn more about membership and benefits please contact Mary Hackett at (206) 386-6796 or visit www.swedishfoundation.org/giftclubs. 

Swedish Medical Center Foundation 2011 Donor Recognition Awards

Each year, Swedish Medical Center has the privilege of honoring individuals and organizations for their contributions to Swedish Medical Center through the Foundation. We are proud to showcase our honorees here.

Northwest Hope & Healing: The Swedish Community Impact Award

Founded by Christine Smith in 2000, Northwest Hope & Healing is a nonprofit organization that raises funds to support women battling cancer at Swedish. Since its inception, Northwest Hope & Healing has donated close to \$800,000 to the Swedish Cancer Patient Assistance Fund (aiding patients with non-medical financial needs like child care, groceries, transportation, and emergency rent) and provided 5,200 Healing Baskets to all newly diagnosed breast and gynecological cancer patients at Swedish.

John L. Petersen, M.D. and Saul Rivkin, M.D.: The Physician Leadership Award *(This year we are pleased to recognize two physicians)*

Throughout his 30+ year career at Swedish, John L. Petersen, M.D. has inspired us through his leadership as a physician, mentor and philanthropist. Dr. Petersen's unique, holistic approach as a cardiologist is appreciated by his patients. He takes the time to know his patients well, educate them about their conditions and the treatment options, and inform each person about how to be an active partner in improving his/her health. During the last 14 months, Dr. Petersen has partnered with the Foundation to help raise over \$5 million for the future of cardiovascular care at Swedish.

Saul Rivkin, M.D. has built an incredible legacy of compassion and care for patients facing cancer. In 1989, his wife Marsha was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Dr. Rivkin was determined to turn his grief into something positive and began an effort to change the national inertia in ovarian cancer research. In 1996, he founded the Marsha Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Research as a joint effort between Swedish and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. It continues to be an important and effective effort to help bridge the gap between clinical and basic research. Through Dr. Rivkin's unrelenting determination, his remarkable talent for fundraising, and the ever-growing popularity of the *Swedish SummeRun*, the Rivkin Center has become a highly influential program and a national (and international) leader in research.

Martin Siegel, M.D.: The Elmer J. Nordstrom Distinguished Service Award

Martin Siegel, M.D. has been on the Swedish medical staff since 1981, and is one of the top infectious disease specialists in the region. Dr. Siegel and his wife, Mimi, have been longtime supporters of the Foundation, and he has been instrumental in creating the "Culture of Philanthropy" that you see at Swedish today. A current member (and past Chair) of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Siegel not only advocated for his physician colleagues to become more involved in Foundation activities, but was also involved in educating board members on the importance of philanthropy to Swedish.

Anne and Wayne Gittinger: The John A. Soderberg Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award

Anne and Wayne are two of Seattle's great philanthropists, often referred to as "quiet leaders" because they often shy away from the recognition that often accompanies philanthropy. Because Anne and Wayne give so privately, you wouldn't know that they have made several large gifts to support the Swedish Heart & Vascular Institute. Their support has helped create a new comprehensive diagnostic center, supported our clinical research program, and helped provide seed funding for a new hybrid operating room. Their support will have a lasting impact on thousands who will benefit from better cardiovascular care. Anne also has a long and rich family history with Swedish, as our founder, Dr. Nils Johanson, was Anne's great uncle.