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# Lahey's Annual Fund 2010 Impact Report

*Superb care is priceless. Your support makes it possible.*

## What is Lahey's Annual Fund?



- The Annual Fund is money raised each year to support the Clinic's day-to-day activities.
- Donations to Lahey's Annual Fund benefit every patient by supporting extraordinary medical care here.
- The Clinic's Board of Trustees directs these funds where they have the greatest impact.
- Your gifts to Lahey's Annual Fund address top priorities and advance medical education, research, and patient care.

## Your gifts to Lahey's Annual Fund go to:



- Attract highly qualified staff
- Buy vital new equipment
- Expand and refurbish Lahey medical facilities
- Fund physician and nursing education
- Offer patient education and support groups
- Support essential hospital services

***You can trust Lahey  
with your medical  
care—And with your  
charitable donations.***

Dear Benefactor,

You are a vital part of our lifesaving team. Thank you for your support of Lahey's Annual Fund. This report highlights recent accomplishments of the Lahey team. We hope you enjoy learning about some of the many ways your gifts have made a difference in the very distinctive way our nationally ranked medical staff cares for patients. You make it possible.



## Lahey Ranks among Top Hospitals for Urology

Lahey Clinic Medical Center has been ranked the 27<sup>th</sup> best hospital in the United States for urology care in *U.S. News & World Report's 2010-11 Best Hospitals*,

online at [www.usnews.com/besthospitals](http://www.usnews.com/besthospitals) and featured in the August print issue of *U.S. News*.

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> time in the past 18 years that Lahey Clinic's exceptional urology care has been recognized as among the best in the country by this annual *U.S. News & World Report* survey.



## Lahey Receives Gold Award for Stroke Care

*Photo: Megan Mazza, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, (second from right) presents the award to members of Lahey's Stroke Team.*

Lahey Clinic again received the American Stroke Association's *Get With the Guidelines*—Stroke Gold Performance Achievement Award. The award recognizes Lahey's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of stroke care by ensuring that stroke patients receive treatment according to nationally accepted standards and recommendations. This is Lahey's third consecutive Gold Award.

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# Lahey's Annual Fund Report 2009-10 Highlights



## New MRI Imaging Technology Coming to Lahey

Lahey is acquiring a 3 Tesla MRI for the Burlington campus. The new unit has twice the magnetic field of the 1.5 Tesla magnets currently in use. Although it will be useful to virtually any of our medical services, it is particularly helpful in neurological, musculoskeletal, and abdominal imaging. The improvements in quality of images can be described as comparable to “going from color TV to HDTV.” The inherent benefit of MRI technology is that it does not expose patients to radiation. MRI is often able to characterize tissue pathologies and thus yield a more specific diagnosis than other modalities. It is possible that some patients will be able to have MRIs instead of CT scans. This may prove particularly helpful for patients who require long-term follow-up.



## Lahey Awarded Silver Medal

Richard Luskin (right), president and chief executive officer of the New England Organ Bank, visited Lahey Clinic to present an award for Lahey's success in increasing organ donation rates. Lahey received the Health Resources and Services Administration Silver I Medal of Honor for achieving a 75 percent conversion rate (the ratio of actual donations occurring as compared to the number of eligible donors) and a rate of 10 percent of donors following cardiac death. David Barrett, M.D., Lahey's president and chief executive officer (left), accepted the award on behalf of the Clinic.



## Lahey Introduces CarePages

Lahey now offers patients, their families, and friends access to CarePages, an online community of millions of people coming together to share the challenges, hopes, and triumphs of anyone facing a life-changing health event. Through personalized CarePages Web sites, patients and caregivers relate their stories, post photos, and update family, friends, and co-workers instantly. In turn, people can send messages of love, support, and encouragement. Lahey continues to improve the overall patient experience by recognizing and meeting their emotional needs.



## Breast Center Gains National Accreditation

Lahey's Breast Center, after completing a rigorous application process for the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a program administered by the American College of Surgeons, has been awarded a three-year full accreditation designation. Only one other hospital in Massachusetts holds this distinction. “We are delighted by this enormous recognition for our program,” said Stephen Karp, M.D., director of the Breast Center. “The NAPBC accreditation underscores the intense commitment and expertise of our staff in the Breast Center.”

***Donors are essential members of our lifesaving team. Thank you from our staff and patients.***