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## CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF CHANGING MOMENTS THROUGH GIVING

Named for the founders of Roper St. Francis Healthcare, the Roper Xavier Society recognizes the Foundation's leadership donors. In honor of our 15th anniversary next year, we are excited to offer new giving benefits and opportunities. We simply cannot thank our donors enough for helping us achieve our mission and continuing our tradition of saving and changing lives through compassionate care.

Increased leadership gifts will help Roper St. Francis Healthcare expand access to compassionate, high quality care in our community. To become a member of the Roper Xavier Society in 2019, we will be increasing our minimum from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Together, we can accelerate our ability to provide the latest technology and services, which will enhance our patient experience. We would like to extend our gratitude to the 103 society members who have already taken the lead and are giving at this level.

We are also excited to announce in 2019 a new annual giving society, the Friends of the Foundation. This society will honor and recognize individuals and organizations who contribute \$500 to \$1,499 each year to support the mission of Roper St. Francis. An annual event will be held in the spring to celebrate and thank the donors who generously give at this level, featuring local food, music and a special thank you from leaders of Roper St. Francis Healthcare.

Leadership donors like you play a crucial role in deepening annual support for Roper St. Francis' highest priorities, from creating a comprehensive cancer care program to expanding our ability to care for stroke patients.

*If you have any questions about our new giving benefits and opportunities, Maureen Tokarczyk, Director of Annual Giving, will be glad to help. She can be reached at (843) 789-1622 or by emailing [maureen.tokarczyk@rsfh.com](mailto:maureen.tokarczyk@rsfh.com).*

## LONG TIME NURSE & ROPER HOSPITAL TEAMMATE GIVES BACK IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

Arlene Watrobski has been a registered nurse for 48 years—to say she's passionate about nursing is an understatement. Arlene has been with Roper St. Francis for the past 16 years working the nightshift in the emergency room at Roper Hospital. She has two daughters who are both physician assistants for Roper St. Francis as well.

There are multiple ways to give back to Roper St. Francis Healthcare, and Arlene has gone above and beyond to cover them all. From her daily bedside patient care to her weekly paycheck deductions to the foundation, Arlene is passionate about giving back to a program that has done so much for her – the nursing scholarship program. “It's easy for me to be able to think about giving to the foundation because I know the money stays here for nursing scholarships and I am passionate about nursing,” says Arlene.



And now, Arlene has made an incredible pledge to the foundation to carry on the programs she has made such an impact on even after she is gone. “I've made a decision to give a planned gift with my will that will go to providing more scholarships in the future. I know from working at the bedside today that we need nurses badly and this gift will maybe allow some additional people to be able to get started in a nursing program and help Roper St. Francis and our community with more nurses at the bedside.”

We are so incredibly grateful for Arlene's hard work, dedication and commitment to Roper St. Francis Healthcare. Because of Arlene's generosity, we are able to provide compassionate, quality care to all of our patients when they need us most.

**To learn more about how you can leave your legacy through a planned gift, please visit [www.rsfhfoundation.org/plannedgiving.org](http://www.rsfhfoundation.org/plannedgiving.org) or give us a call at (843) 720-1205.**

## PATIENT LIFE SAVED THROUGH COMPASSIONATE GIVING

They say there is no greater gift than the gift of giving, but what's even better? Witnessing the impact on a life changed through one's gift is incredibly rewarding.

Recently a 52 year old woman with aggressive breast cancer moved back to Charleston after fleeing a physically abusive relationship. Her mother gave her money for a one-way bus ticket, frightened that the next “beating” might kill her daughter. She arrived in Charleston, homeless, and stayed at One80 Place until they helped her find an apartment. Getting to doctors' appointments was a challenge, as she couldn't afford Carta bus tickets.

The woman's Roper St. Francis nurse navigator was notified she had cancelled four appointments recently. When contacted, the patient was tearful and stated, “I want to fight and try, I just have no way of getting there.” Share Our Suzy purchased an unlimited monthly bus pass for 31 days to help her get to all of her necessary tests, treatments and appointments.

Thanks to the support of a local nonprofit organization that generously supports and partners with the Roper St. Francis Breast Cancer Program, we can better serve and support our neighbors battling breast cancer. To help more patients receive the care they need, visit [www.rsfhfoundation.org/donate](http://www.rsfhfoundation.org/donate) and select the cancer patient assistance fund.

# 14TH ANNUAL DONOR APPRECIATION GALA

## Welcoming Dr. Sanjay Gupta, February 2

The Roper St. Francis Foundation is excited to announce that Dr. Sanjay Gupta will be the featured speaker at the 14th Annual Roper Xavier Donor Appreciation Gala in February.



Dr. Sanjay Gupta is a multiple Emmy® award winning chief medical correspondent for CNN. A practicing neurosurgeon, Dr. Gupta plays an integral role in reporting on health and medical news for all of CNN's shows domestically and internationally, and contributes to CNN.com. Additionally, Dr. Gupta is the host of Vital Signs for CNN International and Accent Health for Turner Private Networks.

Dr. Gupta is a member of the staff and faculty at the Emory University School of Medicine. He is associate chief of neurosurgery at Grady Memorial Hospital and regularly performs surgery at both Emory and Grady hospitals.

We are looking forward to having Dr. Gupta with us this year as we honor our Rx Society members and celebrate the many accomplishments they help us achieve. Thanks to the millions of dollars given by generous donors, we are able to bring high quality, compassionate care to our community and enhance our ability to make every moment matter for our patients.

“We are thrilled to be co-chairing one of the most celebrated events in Charleston,” say Mary Barrineau and Ellen Lucas, this year’s co-chairs. “It is truly a privilege to be a part of such a dedicated committee that truly works to advance the Roper St. Francis Healthcare mission and goals. For over 150 years Roper St. Francis has been an integral part of the Charleston community. Dr. Sanjay Gupta, a part time resident of Charleston, will help us celebrate our “We Are Local” theme. Four hospitals, three counties, one choice for healthcare.



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**HEAR DR. GUPTA'S CAPTIVATING STORY** in-person at our annual Roper Xavier Society Donor Appreciation Gala on Saturday, February 2, 2019. For more information on becoming a member, please call (843) 720-1205 or visit [www.rsfhfoundation.org/rxsociety](http://www.rsfhfoundation.org/rxsociety). Every dollar of every donation goes directly to support Roper St. Francis' patients, teammates and facilities.



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## FOUNDATION STAFF HIGHLIGHT: CHARLIE ROWEN

**Job Title:** Special Events Planner

**How long I have been with the Roper St. Francis Foundation:** Since July of 2018

**What I like most about my job:** Working on exciting events like the Rx Society Donor Appreciation Gala and Legacy Circle Reception, with a group of people passionate about Charleston and the work Roper St. Francis Healthcare does in the community. I am thrilled to be part of the Roper St. Francis family and see what new challenges this role brings.

**I'm originally from:** Cheshire, England (the North, near Manchester)

**My hobbies include:** My friends say I have too many! I love surfing, acro-yoga, swing dancing, Yorkshire tea and attempting to build my own furniture... with varying degrees of success!

**Best thing about living in Charleston:** Being able to go surfing without having to wear a wetsuit!



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