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Cancer didn't stop for COVID. Together with Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, the state's only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Steeplechase Cancer Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset offers the most advanced approaches to cancer treatment with dynamic teams of cancer care specialists and researchers. The Steeplechase Cancer Center provides comprehensive cancer treatment within a calm, compassionate, patient-focused cancer care center and is accredited by the Commission on Cancer, a quality program of the American College of Surgeons.

The Steeplechase Cancer Center is able to provide the highest level of care thanks in part to donors like you.



## **MISSION MOMENTS**



We are proud to announce that, after four decades of providing the most compassionate care, Kathleen Toomey, MD, a medical oncologist and Medical Director of the Steeplechase Cancer Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset, recently joined the RWJBarnabas Health Medical Group. Dr. Toomey was the first woman president of the medical/dental staff and has been a member of the hospital and Foundation boards. RWJUHS is honored to continue to partner with her to provide the highest level of care.



Inspired by her grandmother, Mary Kay's 27 yearlong battle with breast cancer and her grandmother, Sally's continuous battle with Leukemia, Maddie Csontos founded Granddaughter's Gift Foundation to motivate other cancer patients battling the disease. Since its inception, Maddie, now a freshman at Florida State University, has been able to raise funds to design a special Feel the Love sweatshirt that she was able to distribute to over 150 patients at the Steeplechase Cancer Center. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Maddie expanded her Foundation's mission to support the Cancer Center's Healthcare Heroes, gifting them with self-care boxes as they continued to support the community through a challenging year.



At the Steeplechase Cancer Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset, patients have access to the Paxman scalp cooling treatment, which prevents permanent hair loss during chemotherapy. Thanks to two generous donations, patients who qualify can receive the treatment, which involves wearing a special cap during chemotherapy sessions, free of charge. To increase access to the scalp cooling treatment, Kathleen Toomey, MD, Medical Director at Steeplechase, made a gift in honor of fellow board member Lou Piancone, who had supported the hospital and the Steeplechase Cancer Center before he passed away in 2019. Lou's wife Teri matched the gift with a generous donation of her own to support even more patients in need.



When Aimee Roehler, US National Racquetball Team Member, was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2021, she began her treatment at the Steeplechase Cancer Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset. She was so inspired by the services offered that she felt compelled to give back to other patients. Aimee partnered with Ruben Pagan and onewallball.com to launch Roehler Racquetball apparel and started selling t-shirts to raise funds to support the Oncology Patient Assistance Fund. The sale raised over \$2,800 to directly support patients with expenses like transportation, medications, groceries, wigs, and prostheses.

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