

Highland Park Hospital

With clinics in Waukegan and Mundelein, HealthReach provides much-needed health services to uninsured and low-income individuals living in Lake County. Thanks to the efforts of volunteer physicians, including cardiologist William Cape, MD, Lake County's only free health clinics provide long-term and preventive care for people with chronic illnesses. Left untreated, these conditions can lead to health complications such as cardiovascular disease and cancer, and Highland Park Hospital assists HealthReach clients with specialty care and treatment.

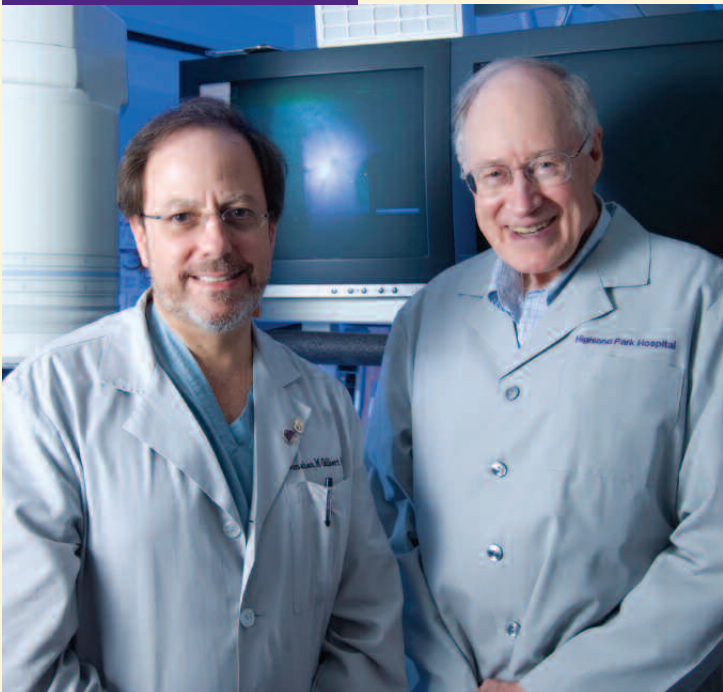
A 2006 grant from the Lance Armstrong Foundation Community Survivorship Program—the first such grant awarded to an area hospital—helped Highland Park Hospital implement the Living in the Future (LIFE) Cancer Survivorship Program. This unique cancer survivorship program is designed to create a bridge for continued care of post-treatment cancer survivors, and assist survivors as they transition from cancer treatment to living in the future. At its cornerstone is a customized survivorship care plan that facilitates a dynamic partnership between the patient, oncologist and primary care physician. “LIFE will fill the gap for the post-treatment cancer survivor, facilitating a smoother transition from the oncology specialty care environment back to the community, family and primary care setting,” says Carol Rosenberg, MD, Director, Living in the Future (LIFE).

For the past five years, the Center for Simulation Technology and Academic Research (CSTAR) at Highland Park Hospital has provided valuable hands-on emergency medicine training to medical students and residents in a controlled, state-of-the-art simulator laboratory. The center also utilizes high-fidelity simulators to provide area paramedics, firefighters, police and Department of Health employees with high-impact training in emergency preparedness and bioterrorism. “Since its inception, CSTAR has focused on patient safety and patient care,” said Jon Vozenilek, MD, Director, CSTAR. “CSTAR’s space is flexible and faculty are knowledgeable, providing school nurse and first aid programs one day, and advanced initiatives in patient safety the next.”

Other Contributions:

- Faith in Action
- Highland Park Chamber of Commerce Student Honors Dinner
- Jewish Children’s Bureau
- Lake County Health Department Kids 1st Fair
- Relay for Life

HealthReach Volunteer Physicians



LIFE Cancer Survivorship Program



Simulator Training