

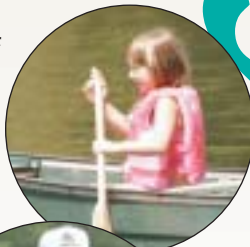


Message from the Friends Board

To the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center, thank you for making 2006 the most successful year ever. As a result of your generous support, we raised more than \$1.3 million for cutting-edge research and important patient services at Dartmouth's Norris Cotton Cancer Center. As the Chair of the Friends Board, I have received many words of thanks and appreciation for our success this year, but our accomplishments are really the result of all the wonderful people who so kindly donated their time and resources. On behalf of the Board and our staff, we say an enormous Thank You!

We embark upon 2007 with a determination to improve on our 2006 success. Not resting on our laurels, we have set a goal of raising \$1.7 million, with The Prouty Bike Ride & Challenge Walk, our signature event, raising \$1.5 million of the total. We plan on achieving our goal with the help of "Friends" just like you—the many generous people who support the Cancer Center by participating in one of our events, by donating to our organization, or by volunteering at events or with patients at Norris Cotton Cancer Center. Only a few years ago, The Prouty raised \$270,000 with 1,000 participants. In 2006, more than 2,800 participants, 400 volunteers, 68 corporate sponsors and 13,000 donors helped the Prouty raise \$1,248,405. In 2007, we hope to have even more Friends! I cannot express strongly enough the importance of the funds we raise for this nationally recognized Cancer Center. First of all, our funds are unrestricted, which means they can be used wherever there is the most promising need for research or patient services dollars. Secondly, our funds are often used to provide investigators with critical start-up funding, giving them a way to collect initial data that can then be used to support larger grant requests. Lastly, our fundraising has become even more important as the federal government has reduced its

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level of funding for the National Institute of Health – the largest source of research dollars in the country – for the first time in 30 years.

We hope that you will continue your “Friendship” in 2007, by participating, donating or volunteering at one of our many events. We invite you to celebrate your participation with the Friends and to help us increase the visibility of Norris Cotton Cancer Center by proudly displaying a Friends decal on your car or ski box. Please contact Mary Keeler at mary.keeler@dartmouth.edu or 800-226-8874 for a free Friends decal.



Introducing the Friends Decal

If you have in any way participated in one of our events, we hope that you will return in 2007 and bring a friend or two along with you. Thank you again for your support in helping to find a cure.

John Souther, Chair
Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center

The Friends Board as pictured on the front page from left to right: John Souther, *Chair*, Michelle Schembri, *Program Manager*, Marc Milowsky, Rick Hall, Tracy Lombardi, Mary Keeler, *Program Coordinator*, David Blackwell, Sandra Hoeh, Mike Satzow, Sarah Roberts, Jim Bonney, Bob Gilmore, Mary Kennedy, Jack Lee, Joe Hensel, and Jean Brown, *Executive Director*. Missing from the photo are: Brady Cole, Shelley Gilbert and Barbara Rosenfield.

Corporate Friends Program Takes Off

The Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center wants to say a special thanks to our high-level business sponsors by naming them Corporate Friends. This inaugural program gives these exceptional Friends year-long visibility at all Friends events and was announced at the Friends Annual Reception in October 2006.

The ability of the Friends to support cancer research and patient services depends on the generosity of individuals and businesses both big and small, but it is very special when regional and local businesses donate at the significant \$5,000 level and above.

We're proud to say that this year's Corporate Friends are:

The Byrne Foundation
Imperial Company
The BaySon Company
Blue Sky Restaurant Group

Crown Point Cabinetry
Hypertherm
JMH Wealth Management
Nassau Broadcasting
Northeast Delta Dental

Northeast Waste
One Communications
Vital & Ryze
Wilson Tire
WMUR-TV



Debbye Tardiff from Northeast Delta Dental accepts a Corporate Friends recognition certificate from Friends Chair John Souther.



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SPOTLIGHT
ON
VOLUNTEERS

Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center Introduces “Volunteer Spotlight” Program

In January 2007, the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center inaugurated a program designed to honor our Cancer Center volunteers. Three times a year, two volunteers will be chosen for a profile in *Focus on Care* and their photos and an article about them will appear in the Friends display case at DHMC. They also will receive a gift certificate to Blue Sky Restaurants. Barbara Stowe and Margaret Stephens are our first two volunteers to be spotlighted!

Barbara Stowe became a volunteer at Norris Cotton

Cancer Center in May 2004, after retiring from her position as director of catering at the Hanover Inn. Currently Barbara volunteers her time at the Information Desk in the North Tower on Tuesday mornings and then moves to the Check-In Desk in Radiation Oncology on Tuesday afternoons. Her caring demeanor provides a reassuring presence to patients, families and friends who come in contact with her.

As a lifelong resident of the Upper Valley, Barbara loves sharing her knowledge of Senator Norris Cotton, who was instrumental in starting the Cancer Center that carries his name, and having people recognize her from the many weddings and other functions she managed for them while at the Hanover Inn. We thank Barbara for guiding and assisting our patients, their families and their friends around the Cancer Center.



Barbara Stowe

Margaret Stephens has volunteered her time to Norris Cotton Cancer Center on Thursday mornings since July 2005.

She is a harp therapist and brings with her a beautiful, small, 23-string Celtic harp. Margaret plays to patients while they are waiting or receiving treatment and brings smiles to the people for whom she plays.

After losing a dear friend to cancer nine years ago, Margaret felt inspired to honor her by doing what she loves best – music. Margaret has been a music teacher in public schools, mostly in the Upper Valley, for many years. She holds a bachelor's in music, and received certification from the International Harp Therapy Program. Today there are many grateful patients at Norris Cotton Cancer Center who have had their hearts and minds comforted by the melody and vibration of her harp strings.

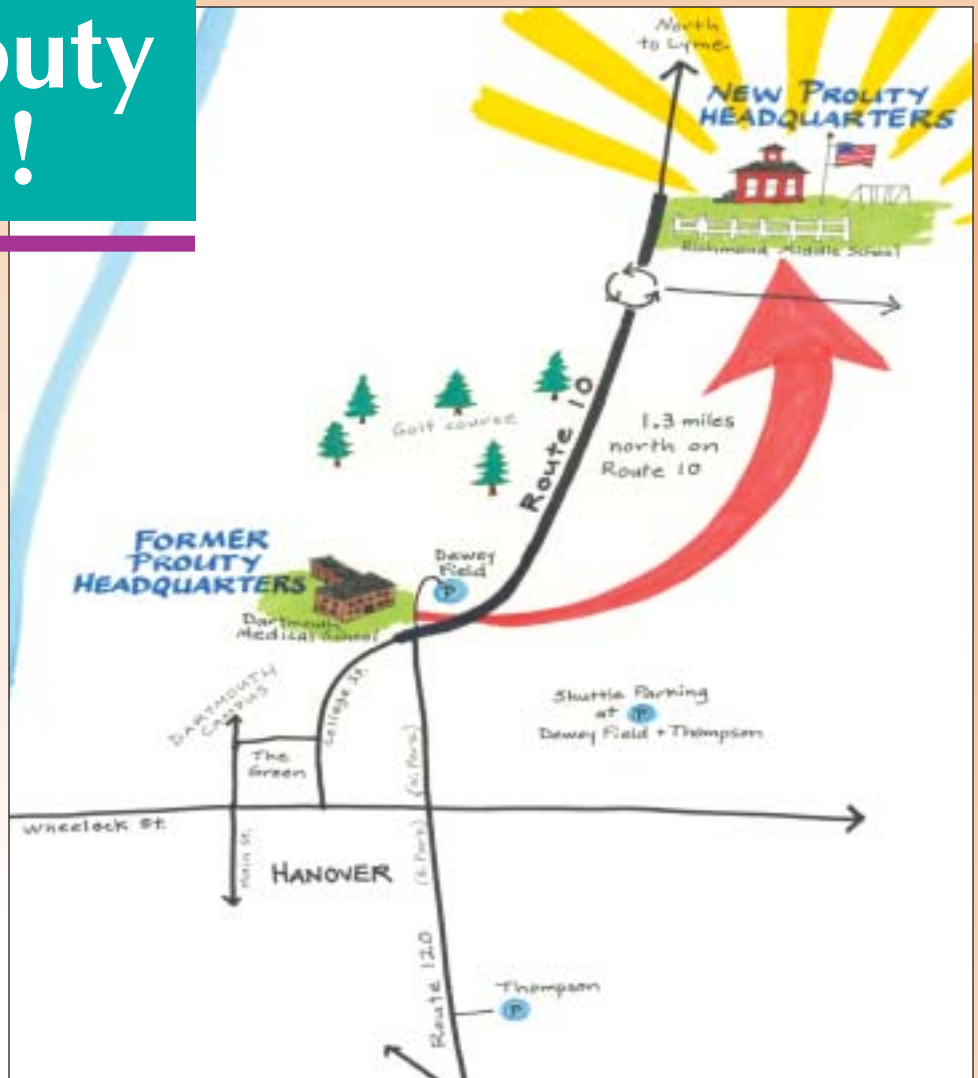


Margaret Stephens



New Prouty Location!

With 2007 comes a new start/finish location for the Prouty Bike Ride & Challenge Walk. This year the event that captures the excitement, enthusiasm and commitment to find a cure for cancer will move just 1.3 miles north on New Hampshire's Route 10 to the Richmond Middle School in Hanover. Come join us on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at our new location. We hope you'll continue your tradition of generous participation as together we move The Prouty forward! For more information, and to register go to www.theprouty.org



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Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center Events 2007

Proceeds from all events support cancer research and patient services at Dartmouth's Norris Cotton Cancer Center.

- 23rd Annual Latchkey Cup Ice Race, Moultonboro, NH **February 10**
- City Center Ballet Presents The Sleeping Beauty, Lebanon, NH **April 13-15**
- Friends Team, Covered Bridges Half Marathon, Pomfret, VT **June 3**
- Skip Matthews Father's Day Race, Lebanon, NH **June 17**
- Eastman Golf Tournament, Eastman, NH **June 21**
- 26th Annual Prouty Bike Ride & Challenge Walk, Hanover, NH **July 14**
- Quechee Polo Club Benefit Match, Quechee, VT **August 18**
- Green Mountain Motorcycle Ride, White River Junction, VT **August 26**
- Pediatric Oncology Picnic, Hanover, NH **August**
- The Friends Raffle **February and November**

