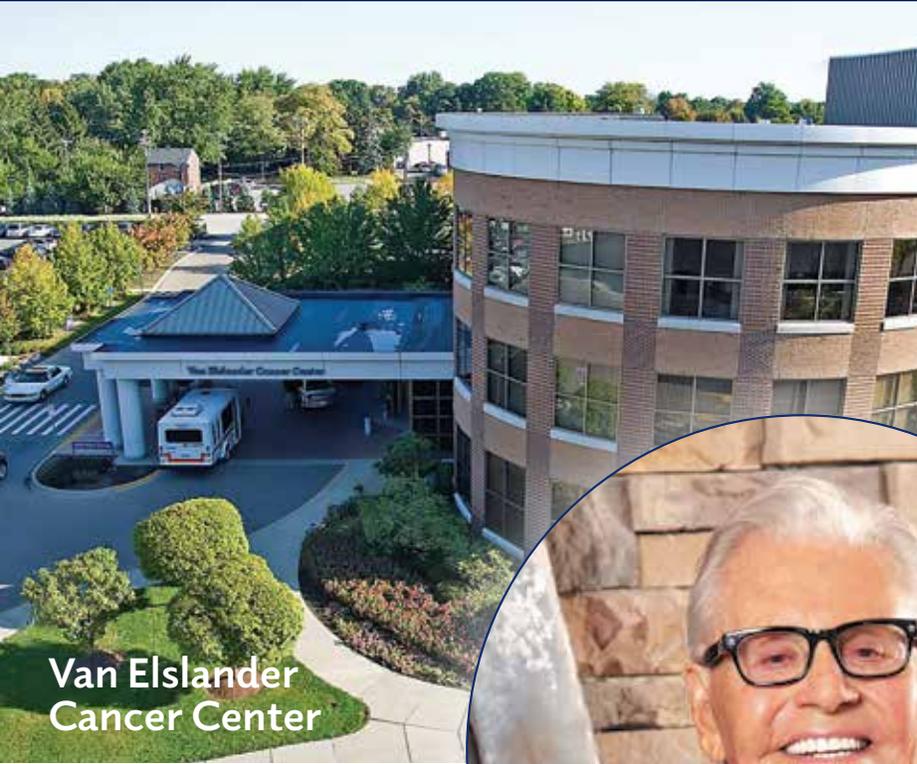


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birth of their son, Jesus. They found comfort in the help of strangers during a difficult time in their lives. Like Joseph and Mary, my wife and I found similar relief in the help of strangers. The Patient Family Housing Program at St. John Hospital provided my wife and me more than shelter; it provided comfort and security while receiving my cancer

treatment at the hospital. It was my home away from home and tremendously helped me in my healing process. I am grateful this program exists.”

If you are interested in making a gift to support the Patient Family Housing Program, please call 313-343-7480 or visit: www.stjohnprovidence.org/foundation/donate.

Home Improvement: Retired physician supports SJMOH facility enhancements

It's no wonder Hisham Dado, MD, describes St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital (SJMOH) as his “home away from home.” He's spent countless hours there over a 43-year medical career. Dr. Dado retired as Chief of Nephrology in 2015 but continues working there in an administrative role as a physician advisor.

“I've formed great ties with many physicians and nurses over the years,” Dr. Dado says. “I started dialysis care here when I joined the hospital in 1975. Now we have an inpatient dialysis center and lots of nephrologists on staff.”

As a physician devoted to meeting the needs of the community, Dr. Dado also supports facility improvements at SJMOH that impact the patient care experience.

“Every enhancement is very important to me, because I want the hospital to continue to thrive and serve the community,” Dr. Dado said. “It's a very busy hospital and I'm proud to have been part of its growth.”

Dr. Dado has made a number of charitable gifts to support SJMOH. Among them are funds supporting the creation of the Acute Care of the Elderly Unit. The 27-bed unit addresses the unique needs of patients 65 and

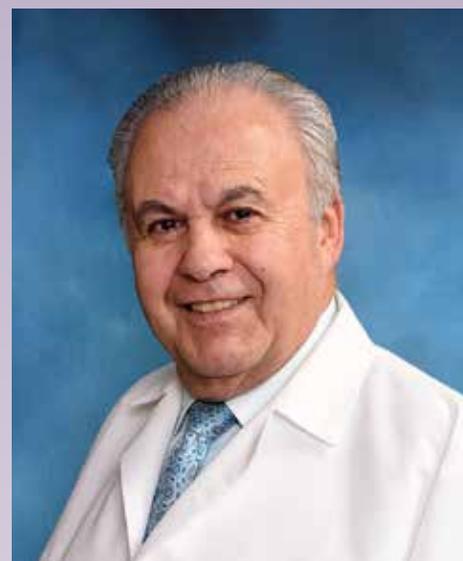
older, focusing on safety, mobility and independence. Dr. Dado has also supported fundraising events like the SJMOH Taste Fest and annual Golf Outing.

Most recently, Dr. Dado made a generous gift supporting the \$48.1 million East Tower expansion project at SJMOH, which will add three floors. The new space will feature 75 new private medical/surgical rooms, resulting in reduced wait times in the Emergency Center, increased patient privacy, and more space for equipment and staff.

In recognition of Dr. Dado's significant gift, the hospital will name a private patient room in the tower in memory of his late daughter, Antoinette Dado. She passed away in 2006 at age 32 after a long battle with diabetes.

“I made the gift to honor Antoinette because she's still alive in my heart,” Dr. Dado said. “Every time I support a charitable effort at the hospital, I do so on her behalf. My other three children also encourage me to honor her in this way.”

Dr. Dado, who was born and raised in Syria, left the country in 1970 to escape political upheaval and pursue a medical career in the United States. Although he missed his family and home country, he quickly established roots at SJMOH by bonding with his patients.



Dr. Hisham Dado

“Everyone has a rough day once in a while, including physicians,” Dr. Dado said. “On those occasions, I would make rounds in the Intensive Care Unit and talk with patients and their families. It was therapeutic for me and kept me going. By helping others, you help yourself.”

Even though he's no longer a practicing physician, Dr. Dado still takes time to talk with patients and families at the hospital. Maintaining those connections is important to him.

“It feels great to comfort them,” he said. “This hospital is a wonderful place. It's given so much to me, and giving back makes me very happy.”

Medical education director leads by example to build culture of philanthropy



Dr. Basim Dubaybo

While Basim Dubaybo, MD, grew up in his native Lebanon, philanthropy was beyond his family's means.

"The concept of giving back was impractical," said Dr. Dubaybo, Medical Education Director at Providence-Providence Park Hospital (PPPH), Southfield. "We simply didn't have the resources."

As he developed a distinguished career as a physician and educator, Dr. Dubaybo acquired a deep sense of the impact of philanthropy, both personally and professionally. Now, "giving back" is his mantra.

"It takes a group effort to make any program successful," Dr. Dubaybo said. "When we contribute to something that's enduring and helpful to others, we develop a sense of satisfaction. What could be more gratifying?"

After coming to the United States in the early 1980s, Dr. Dubaybo had appointments at several medical

centers before joining PPPH as a staff physician in 2010. He became Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program before departing in 2011. He returned in 2016 in his current role.

Dr. Dubaybo oversees a robust medical education program involving more than 200 residents and fellows in 16 training programs, including eight sub-specialties. The program serves nearly 100 medical students from three partner schools, including its most recent addition — the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

One of Dr. Dubaybo's first acts as Medical Education Director was making a substantial personal gift to create an endowment for the hospital's Simulation and Education (SIM) Center. The state-of-the-art facility allows physicians and nurses to train and practice cutting-edge procedures in a highly technical and realistic setting.

"The SIM Center is one of our most valuable resources at Providence, because medical education today requires a great deal of simulation training," Dr. Dubaybo said. "We're very fortunate to have such a well-equipped center with a tremendous capacity for growth. That growth should be fostered."

Dr. Dubaybo made the gift in honor of the National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA), an organization he was president of at the time.

"The association gave so much to me over my career," he said. "No one gets to where they are alone, no matter how gifted they are personally. I also wanted

to set an example for my peers by making NAAMA more relevant in American communities."

Last year, Dr. Dubaybo established a new Medical Education Endowment Fund with the Providence Health Foundation. The funds support faculty, resident and student activities that maintain an educational environment and promote the development of future leaders in medical education and research.

"Outside funding for medical education has declined steadily," Dr. Dubaybo said. "We wanted to create our own source of revenue by investing the funds. We must ensure medical education has the resources for future growth."

Ever mindful of leading by example, Dr. Dubaybo often encourages his peers and colleagues to support philanthropic endeavors at Providence and elsewhere.

"I truly believe there is more satisfaction in giving than receiving," he said. "Fortunately, my wife shares the same principle. Together, we donate our time and resources to multiple causes, such as relief for displaced refugees in places like Syria."

"Whenever I deliver a presentation, 'giving back' is the theme. That's what we want to achieve at Providence through the endowments we created. We've developed a vision and planned ahead so we can provide the best educational opportunities for future generations of medical professionals."