Medical Center leaders gathered on September 17 to unveil a donor recognition exhibit on Level 4 at DHMC and to mark the naming of the Faulkner Building, formerly the Doctors Office Building (see the facing page for more on that change). The donor exhibit, which will be updated annually, features names and stories of benefactors who have supported Dartmouth-Hitchcock’s vision of achieving the healthiest population possible.

Later that day, DHMC’s annual donor appreciation reception drew many of the generous supporters whose names appear in the exhibit. Keynote speaker Dr. Ann-Christine Duhaime, director of pediatric neurosurgery at the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth, spoke about the intersection of research and patient care and the role of philanthropy in advancing her work.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2009 Outstanding Community Ambassador Award to Marc and Patty Milowsky, long-time, dedicated supporters of the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center. This annual award honors those who exemplify Dartmouth-Hitchcock’s core values and its commitment to the communities it serves.

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1 Keynote speaker Ann-Christine Duhaime (left) with Katherine Mann (center) and Ruth Reeve (right).

2 Susan Williamson (center) and her son, Dr. Douglas Williamson (left), with Dartmouth College's president, Dr. Jim Yong Kim.

3 MHMH President Nancy Formella (left) with Marc and Patty Milowsky.

4 The new donor recognition exhibit at DHMC.

5 Joan “Posey” Fowler (left) and Carolyn “Kayo” Sands examining the new exhibit.

6 Laurie Tostenson (left), chair of this year’s DHMC Employee Giving Campaign, at the donor reception with her husband, John.
New name honors Faulkner legacy

By Kate Villars

When Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital opened Faulkner House in 1952, it was a visionary expansion—one that launched the transformation of “The Hitch” from a community hospital into a leading academic medical center offering patients from across northern New England the best possible care and providing a rich environment for medical training.

While the original Faulkner Building no longer stands, the Faulkner legacy continues at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. This fall, DHMC renamed the structure formerly known as the Doctors Office Building on its Lebanon campus as the Faulkner Building, in honor of one of Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital’s most important benefactors.

In 1947, Marianne Gaillard Faulkner donated $1 million to support a major expansion of the hospital, then located on Maynard Street in Hanover. The new building was named Faulkner House in memory of her late husband, Edward Daniels Faulkner. The 113,000-square-foot facility included doctors’ offices, 120 additional beds (almost doubling the hospital’s inpatient capacity), a surgical suite with seven major operating rooms, new spaces for radiology and laboratories, and a state-of-the-art post-anesthesia unit—only the second in the U.S. It was an ambitious and forward-looking step, which ushered in a period of profound growth and change in the hospital’s scale, capabilities, and management, setting the stage for the Medical Center’s subsequent development.

A long-time resident of Woodstock, Vt., Mrs. Faulkner supported many community causes in the Woodstock area. When she died in 1958, the hospital was again the beneficiary of her philanthropy: she left a generous bequest to establish the Edward Daniels Faulkner and Marianne Gaillard Faulkner Fund as a permanent endowment at MHMH. Today, it continues to benefit DHMC and its patients in countless significant ways.

The newly named Faulkner Building at DHMC honors the vision that Mrs. Faulkner’s gifts represented and is a tribute to the enduring power of her philanthropy.

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Raising the bar

The financial goal of the Transforming Medicine Campaign for Dartmouth Medical School and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is to raise $250 million by 2009. Even more far-reaching is its goal of “raising the bar” in medicine: Of questioning assumptions—respecting tradition but not following it blindly. Of erasing boundaries—translating science from the lab bench to the bedside by connecting researchers with clinicians. Of creating solutions to the nation’s most critical health-care issues. Of transforming medicine.

Campaign update

The excitement and activity of the Transforming Medicine Campaign’s final weeks suggest it will meet, and even surpass, its $250-million goal by December 31, 2009. This is a defining moment in an extraordinary time. DHMC and DMS are forging solutions for many of the nation’s most critical health-care issues: developing better ways to care for an aging population; improving the lives of those with chronic illnesses; creating new, smart models of care; and translating research results into new treatments for patients. Our solutions are needed now more than ever. Our donors are making this possible.

The Transforming Medicine Campaign has attracted widespread support, from Peter and Susan Williamson’s extraordinary $20-million gift commitment to tens of thousands of smaller gifts. It’s not too late to join in.

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