WHILE DEMOLITION WAS UNDERWAY ON CASE’s WEST QUAD ON THE FORMER MT. SINAI CAMPUS ON 105TH STREET, the crew discovered a time capsule, planted there on June 6, 1915, by the founders of Mt. Sinai. The university’s director of architectural services had alerted the demolition crew to be on the lookout for a time capsule, as many times cornerstones have a cavity for one. Once they uncovered it, they immediately turned the dented but secured copper box over to the University.

“Finding this time capsule was a wonderful surprise,” said Case President Edward M. Hundert, MD. “The documents contained in it will undoubtedly be of great value to researchers studying the beginnings of the hospital and Cleveland’s Jewish community in the early years of the 20th century.” Dr. Hundert came to the Foundation and presented the time capsule and its contents to Foundation Chair Bennett Yanowitz on February 21, 2006. “This time capsule represents a good deal more than a treasure trove of papers and history,” noted Mr. Yanowitz. “It represents the hopes and determination of a generation of our Jewish community who were committed to provide a facility where Jews felt comfortable and well-cared for. At Mt. Sinai Hospital, Jewish doctors had full privileges—something that was denied them at many of the other Cleveland hospitals at that time.”

The contents of the time capsule included copies of newspapers of the day such as The Jewish Independent, The Plain Dealer, Cleveland News, and The Cleveland Press. There are minutes from hospital planning meetings, extensive donor lists, finance committee reports, pledge cards, and documents explaining how the hospital came into existence. A small booklet lists the 1914 donors to the Federation of the Jewish Charities of Cleveland, forerunner of the Jewish Community Federation. The Finance Report from The Cleveland Jewish Hospital Association, dated January 1, 1915, contains interesting historic data regarding the funding efforts for the hospital. According to the report, the estimated cost of building the new hospital was $600,000. The hospital was to have 258 beds.

The success of Mt. Sinai Hospital during its years of operation at E. 105th and Wade Park Oval was due to the exceptionally gifted, often brilliant medical staff, explained Mr. Yanowitz. “The Mt. Sinai medical team was recognized nationally and internationally as practitioners, clinicians and researchers. A number of these distinguished doctors made invaluable contributions in numerous areas of medical science,” he noted with pride.

“The future home of the time capsule and its contents will likely be the Jewish Archives at the Western Reserve Historical Society where the other Mt. Sinai archives are now housed,” said Foundation President Mitchell Balk. Finding the time capsule reminds us of the legacy of Mt. Sinai. Mr. Balk noted that the venerable institution still lives on. “The Foundation has been the bridge between what we owe to the past and how we have chosen to perpetuate the Mt. Sinai mission. Through our health grant making we hope to always be worthy to bear the name Mt. Sinai.”

1915 TIME CAPSULE DISCOVERED ON CASE’s WEST QUAD, FORMER HOSPITAL SITE

Case President Edward M. Hundert, MD presents the 1915 Mt. Sinai time capsule to Foundation Chair Bennett Yanowitz on February 21, 2006.

Trustees and other dignitaries at the laying of the cornerstone on June 6, 1915 (left).

The new hospital opens on September 16, 1916 (above).
DR. KATHLEEN R. ROSEN BECAME THE FACULTY DIRECTOR of the new Mt. Sinai Skills and Simulation Center in December 2005. She was recruited through a national search chaired by Daniel B. Ornt, MD, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Professor of Medicine at Case. Dr. Rosen formerly headed The Simulation Center for the Department of Anesthesiology at West Virginia University School of Medicine at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia. Dr. Rosen also serves as a professor of anesthesiology at Case, practicing at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Dr. Rosen is a pediatric anesthesiologist by training and specialty and an experienced leader in the use of simulation technology in education. She created her own “simulation technology” during her medical school days when she wrote her own software program to practice resuscitation techniques. She has a passion for teaching and has combined that with her interest in simulation and commitment to patient care. When a new faculty member from the University of Pittsburgh came to West Virginia University with an interest in medical simulation, he looked for others to join him. A colleague of Dr. Rosen’s simply said, “Oh, Kathy can do that,” and the rest is history. She directed the Simulation Center at West Virginia University from 1998 to 2005. In addition, she has published several papers and book chapters in the field of medical simulation and is a charter member of the American Medical Simulation Society.

The Mt. Sinai Skills & Simulation Center will open on May 4, 2006, in its temporary location on the campus of the Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center at 1551 East 105th Street. This new facility will house the Simulation Center during its start-up phase and until its permanent home is ready at Case’s West Quad, the former location of The Mt. Sinai Medical Center. The first home of the Simulation Center will include offices, conference rooms, eight exam rooms, and student and faculty lounges.

Vendors of the newest simulation equipment were invited to the Simulation Center on March 15 to demonstrate what’s on the market. Working with a committee comprised of representatives from Case, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation and The MetroHealth System, Dr. Rosen and her team have already ordered some equipment (see photos). BabySim®, ECS®, and CentraLine Man®, a partial mannequin for practicing the placement of lines into the heart, will be ready for the first classes of medical students, residents and practicing physicians. Still to come are virtual reality surgical simulators and other equipment enabling physicians to gain hands-on expertise in a variety of surgical techniques.

“This is a very exciting, cutting-edge Center that will address the issue of patient safety and will spotlight Cleveland as a center of excellence for medical education,” said Ralph I. Horwitz, MD, dean of the Case School of Medicine and vice president for medical affairs at University. In an interview for The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation 2004 Annual Report, Dr. Jeffrey Ponsky, chairman, Department of Surgery, Case School of Medicine and University Hospitals of Cleveland, responded to a question about his best hope for the Center over the long run. “I envision the Simulation Center would be seamlessly involved in education and training throughout the area and the country and that it would be known as the engine which leads to economic development in Cleveland.”

Meanwhile, Dr. Rosen and her family are getting settled in Cleveland and are enjoying the many cultural and recreational advantages of their new city.

Dr. Rosen holds METI’s® BabySim®. This infant mannequin is designed to create a realistic learning environment to prepare students for interaction with the most vulnerable of patients. Its realistic touch and feel help learners master the necessary clinical skills to provide patient care to critically ill infants including infant CPR, airway management, drug administration and defibrillation.

Various members of the Cleveland educational community watch Dr. Rosen adjust the leg of METI’s® ECS® (Emergency Care Simulator). This adult mannequin is designed to create emergency care scenarios to train students in the life-saving skills necessary to be sharp-minded first responders under complicated, high-risk, real-life situations. The level of realism this mannequin provides will give EMT’s, paramedics, and ER clinicians the ability to take quick, confident, decisive action, which will help save more lives.
HEALTH OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
$1,400,000 for the 2006 Campaign for Jewish Needs for health-related services.

Siegal College of Judaic Studies

ACADEMIC MEDICINE & BIOSCIENCE

BioEnterprise Corporation
$300,000 over two years to accelerate the growth of Northeast Ohio’s bioscience industry.

The Center for Health Affairs
$25,000 for the Online Student Nurse Clinical Placement Project.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
$75,000 to support the activities of the Mathile and Morton J. Stone Professorship.

Notre Dame College
$24,285 to establish a baccalaureate nursing program.

HEALTH POLICY

The Center for Community Solutions
$75,000 over eighteen months in support of the Ohio Early Care and Education Campaign.

Fairhill Center for Aging
$45,000 to the Greater Cleveland Access to Benefits Coalition to enroll qualified residents in the low income subsidy program of Medicare Part D.

UHCAN Ohio
$14,230 to train groups in health care resources for the uninsured/underinsured.

THE FOUNDATION’S NEW GRANTMAKING AREAS OF INTEREST became effective January 1, 2005. The new categories include Health of the Jewish Community, Health of the Urban Community, Academic Medicine & Bioscience, and Health Policy. The following grants were approved for the Fall 2005/Winter 2006 grant cycles:

HEALTH OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY

The Center for Community Solutions
$25,000 to implement the Cleveland Municipal School District’s Comprehensive Health Plan.

Central School of Practical Nursing
$13,023 for its initiative to increase practical nursing student retention rates.

City Year Cleveland
$25,000 for tobacco use prevention education in Cleveland middle schools.

Goodrich-Gannett Neighborhood Center
$30,000 to operate LifeLearn Connections, teleconferencing for homebound seniors.

HealthSpace Cleveland
$25,000 to provide health education in the Cleveland and East Cleveland schools.

Kaiser Permanente of Ohio
$15,480 for its health education theatre project in the Cleveland schools.

Milestones Organization
$22,100 for the dissemination of autism treatment modalities.

Neighborhood Family Practice
$50,000 in support of the chronic care self-management project.

St. Vincent Charity Hospital
$131,418 over two years to establish the Deaf Access Program to provide culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate care to the hearing impaired.

United Way Services
$50,000 to the Community Health Vision Council to create a Comprehensive Clinical Data-Sharing Network among Cleveland’s safety net providers.

University Hospitals of Cleveland
$95,737 over two years to add case management services for the Medical House Call Program for low-income seniors.

The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation is pleased to acknowledge that the following bequests and distributions were recently received:

Lewis Miller Memorial Fund of The Jewish Community Federation
Dr. Hans J. and Betty Rubin Trust
Morton J. and Mathile W. Stone Philanthropic Fund of The Jewish Community Federation
THE FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO SEEK TRANSFORMATIVE GRANTMAKING OPPORTUNITIES—to make a difference in the health and lives of individuals and families in Greater Cleveland. Sometimes these opportunities come in smaller packages where limited dollars can help an organization truly make a difference. Here are a few examples:

**BIKUR CHOLIM**

Started as a volunteer organization in 1988 to provide support services to members of the Jewish community experiencing health and medical problems, Bikur Cholim has grown in size and scope yet continues to serve Jewish patients and their families. Bikur Cholim’s services include visiting the sick at home, in nursing homes and hospitals and providing kosher meals to family members when a loved one is sick. Volunteers provide the primary services offered, but an annual grant of $25,000 from the Foundation enables a staff coordinator to work closely with the volunteers in meal preparation, distribution of Shabbat boxes (Kosher food), visiting the sick and fund raising. The Foundation grant has also enabled Bikur Cholim to hire paid cooks to prepare kosher meals when the demand for meals is greater than volunteers are able to handle.

In recent years, Bikur Cholim has expanded its kosher food program and served 12,600 kosher meals in 2005. The organization added educational programs for seniors on health related topics. Developing and maintaining kosher food pantries at major hospitals is also a project of Bikur Cholim. A close working relationship is maintained with area hospitals so the services available through Bikur Cholim can be accessed easily by patients and their families, including those from as far away as Israel receiving medical care at Cleveland’s renowned medical institutions.

**CLEVELAND EYE BANK**

As the population ages, the prevalence of eye disease generally increases. For many elderly people a cornea transplant can make the difference between living independently and becoming dependent on others which can translate into significant economic impact for the individual, the family, and the community. It can impact the person’s quality of life. The Cleveland Eye Bank has been a source for donated eyes for transplant and research since 1958. However, the Cleveland Eye Bank has faced several challenges:

• A growing shortage of corneas

• Confusion about the roles of the Cleveland Eye Bank; the National Eye Bank, which retrieves eyes from people with retinal disease to provide tissue for research; LifeBanc, the local organ procurement agency; Cleveland Sight Center, which offers social, rehabilitative and support services for people who are blind or have low vision; and MOTTEP, the Minority Organ Transplant Education Program, which empowers minorities through public education to increase awareness and participation in organ/tissue transplant programs.

• A change in the law relating to eye donation.

A public awareness campaign that addresses these challenges was initiated by the Cleveland Eye Bank in 2003 and has been successful. However, the missing piece was a web site that would provide information to interested donors and complement the effort to increase public awareness about eye donation. The Cleveland Eye Bank requested a grant to develop a web site that would be integrated into all aspects of the public awareness campaign.

The Cleveland Eye Bank designed, developed and launched a web site with a grant of $13,070. In addition to providing information for potential cornea donors, the web site also serves recipients and donor families by making it easier for them to communicate with the Cleveland Eye Bank. All in all, the project has met all expected goals, and the Foundation received a refund for over $2,000 because the cost of creating the web site was less than originally anticipated.

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY COALITION**

With the recognition that government is the largest provider of funding for health care at all levels and that it is public policy that makes the difference between adequate and inadequate services, the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation has chosen Health Policy as one of its designated grantmaking areas. Through strategic initiatives and collaborative efforts, the Foundation has provided support in this arena through both large grants (Health Policy Institute of Ohio) and smaller awards. Since 2003, the Foundation has provided grant support at the $45,000 level to the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition—small grants that have made a difference.

In 2002, a diverse set of stakeholders in Cuyahoga County came together to address the needs of people with mental illnesses. By 2003, the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition (MHAC) was formally launched through the efforts of more than 50 organizations representing mental health providers, philanthropy, and nonprofit, business, educational, religious and governmental organizations. With its mission of education and advocacy in place, the Coalition has helped raise the level of awareness, knowledge, and understanding of public and community leaders about mental health issues. This is especially important since term limits are a significant factor at the state level.

In the past two years, the work of the MHAC has impacted funding for services and helped address the needs of thousands of children and adults with mental illness and their families throughout Cuyahoga County. Through its advocacy efforts, the Coalition has helped educate state, county and community representatives with notable achievements. In a time of tough budget constraints, with many areas of the budget cut, the Ohio Department of Mental Health saw an increase in certain areas, most notably for children and families. The Disability Medical Assistance Program, slated for termination, was kept in place at a reduced level. A second key outcome was the increase in funding for mental health in the Cuyahoga County budget, with $8.1 million added to the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board’s base subsidy for years 2005 and 2006.

These small grants have helped leverage much greater support for the efforts of MHAC, which provides a unified voice to address the continuous challenges to behavioral health policy and government funding.
DONOR PROFILE – MOLLIE SEIDENFELD

EVERY MONDAY FOR AS LONG AS HER DAUGHTER JOANIE ADLER CAN REMEMBER, Mollie Seidenfeld put on her uniform and drove to her volunteer job at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Through her work as a volunteer in the admitting office and gift shop and as a patient representative, Mrs. Seidenfeld helped patients through their hospitalizations and listened to their needs, with one result being the creation of the Bedside Beauty service. Soon the Monday commitment turned into Mondays and Thursdays.

In support of the Mt. Sinai mission in which she so firmly believed, Mrs. Seidenfeld established the Mollie and Leo B. Seidenfeld Fund at The Mt. Sinai Medical Center. Mrs. Seidenfeld asked that the fund earnings be used to further medical education and research. Nearly twenty years later, Mrs. Seidenfeld has once again honored both the memory of her husband and her ongoing commitment to addressing the health needs of the community through a significant contribution to her fund, which is now part of The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation. This additional gift is in recognition of the work of the Foundation in continuing the Mt. Sinai legacy – that of improving the health and well-being of the Greater Cleveland community.

Mollie is clearly someone who believes that the Foundation is an important and effective investor in building a healthier future for Cleveland. The Seidenfeld Fund assures Mollie’s legacy of caring well into the future.

JOIN MT. SINAI’S LEGACY OF CARING – HERE’S HOW

MT. SINAI’S LIFESAVING LEGACY CONTINUES INTO THE FUTURE THROUGH THE GRANTMAKING ACTIVITY OF THE MT. SINAI HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION. The Foundation’s mission is to assist Greater Cleveland’s organizations and leaders to improve the health and well-being of the Jewish and general communities now and for generations to come. You can become part of Mt. Sinai’s living legacy by establishing a named fund, thereby creating a permanent source of income to carry out the Mt. Sinai mission. There are many ways to create your own legacy of caring through a gift that will perpetuate your generosity for years to come. Here are some of the ways:

• Make an outright gift now to The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation to establish a fund in your name, in memory of loved ones or in honor of special occasions, payable in one lump sum or over several years.

• Establish a life income plan such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust that will pay you an income for life now and flow to your Mt. Sinai named fund after your death.

• Put a bequest in your will to benefit Mt. Sinai.

• Make the Foundation the owner and beneficiary of an existing or new life insurance policy.

• Make The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation a beneficiary of your qualified retirement plan.

Join the more than 400 donors and families who have expressed their concern for the health and well-being of our community by establishing a named fund at Mt. Sinai. Make The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation part of your philanthropic planning. Your commitment will be recognized each year in the Foundation’s annual report.

For more information, please contact Mitchell Balk, president of the Foundation at 216.421.5500.
AIDS FUNDING COLLABORATIVE (AFC) TAKES ON AN EXPANDED ROLE. The old adage of “the total being greater than the sum of its parts” is a time-honored principle in the world of philanthropy. Often through the vision and cooperation of the public and private sectors in addressing a compelling issue, more can be achieved than if each party worked on its own. Such is the case with the AIDS Funding Collaborative.

The Collaborative was established in 1994 as a response to the recommendation of the Citizens’ Committee on HIV/AIDS to develop a means for the allocation and distribution of community-based funding from local government, health departments, and the private sector. Historically, the overall objective of AFC has been to help fill the gaps where governmental funding is not available to local HIV/AIDS service organizations.

As times change, so do the needs of the community. In response to this changing environment, the AFC began a strategic planning process in 2005 that as completed will define its future direction, structure, governance, management, and its support of the community. The results of this process are a new mission statement, newly identified priority areas for grantmaking, and an expanded focus that includes not only funding but also a more active role in public policy and advocacy.

With a directive to take a greater leadership role in the HIV/AIDS community, AFC has hired its first full-time program director. Laureen Tews, MPH, brings to this position the passion, strength and experience gained from her previous position as program director for a medical association focused on reproductive health. Through her participation in meetings of community advisory groups and her outreach to key players in public policy, advocacy, medical research, and service delivery, Ms. Tews has increased the organization’s visibility in the community and jump-started the new direction of the AFC.

Coinciding with the implementation of the strategic plan was the new partnership announced in September 2005 between the AFC and The Center for Community Solutions. Although the association is new, both organizations have had a long history of involvement in addressing HIV/AIDS-related needs in the community, once again illustrating that the sum can be greater than the parts.

Since 2000, The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation has awarded a grant each year for $50,000 to the AFC, which in combination with other funders has provided $2,766,413 during these five years to support HIV/AIDS-related services, activities, and prevention efforts in the Greater Cleveland region. Over its more than ten year history, AFC has awarded $4.4 million in grants. This is a prime example of how collaboration between the public and private sectors can leverage greater community support in response to the needs Greater Cleveland.

THE HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE OF OHIO (HPIO), which opened its doors in January 2004, issued its first Annual Report and is up and running with a full range of programs. HPIO is an independent, nonpartisan organization that analyzes key health issues, examines health trends, and communicates current research to Ohio policymakers, legislators, and other decision makers. As a founding funder of HPIO, The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation felt the urgency to ensure that health decisions at the state level were research-based and data-driven. This could be accomplished by bringing a neutral, independent voice to the health policymaking landscape of Ohio. Mitchell Balk, president of the Foundation, served as the first board chair of HPIO.

After only two years of operation, HPIO has been responsive to the information needs of policymakers, establishing itself as the premier resource in Ohio for non-partisan, evidence-based health policy information. This has been accomplished through Institute-sponsored events and distributed publications on a wide array of health related topics. In 2005, HPIO publications focused on the topics of health disparities, key oral health issues in Ohio, understanding the Ohio Medicaid program, policy challenges resulting from rising rates of obesity, the status of health information technology (HIT) in Ohio, and results from the Ohio Family Health Survey related to poverty and health insurance.

In addition to its publications, the Institute hosted numerous events that brought lawmakers, policymakers, employers, providers, and consumers together to discuss health issues and engage in candid dialogue. Events included a policy forum featuring national and Ohio experts who focused on the prevailing research on obesity, weight, and health; a statewide kick-off conference for a strategic effort to coordinate and integrate information technology throughout Ohio’s health care system, and a roundtable of key stakeholders in the field of oral health to assess the impact of dental care workforce policies in Ohio.

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio works with sister health policy institutes around the country to learn from one another and benefit from the experiences and successes of other states. HPIO operates through funding support from The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation, the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, Saint Luke’s Foundation of Cleveland, the George Gund Foundation, the Cleveland Foundation, the Anthem Foundation of Ohio, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, and the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton. Support is also provided through the United Ways of Central Ohio, Greater Cincinnati and Greater Cleveland and SC Ministry Foundation, among others.
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Almost 300 people attended MediScope, the Foundation sponsored program to help seniors, their spouses and children sort out the complicated new prescription drug benefit plan that became effective on January 1, 2006. Many are still trying to deal with this new plan.

For further information, call the Foundation office or visit the Foundation’s web site.
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