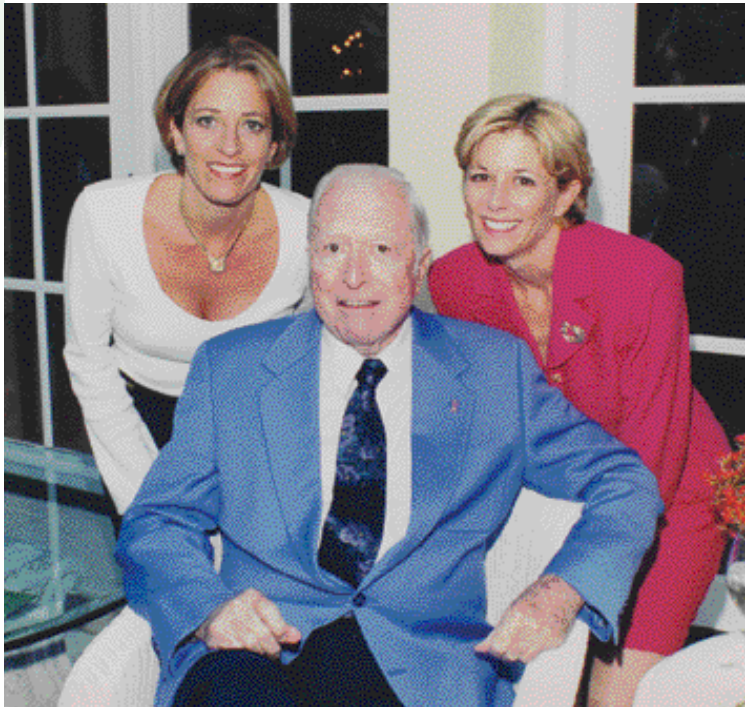


THE SYLVESTER FAMILY: CHANGING THE FACE OF CANCER CARE

When Harcourt Sylvester, Jr., first pledged \$27.5 million to the University of Miami in 1986, in honor of his parents, he probably never imagined the way his family's gift would change the face of cancer care in South Florida.



Harcourt Sylvester, Jr. and his daughters, Laura Cameron and Jayne Malfitano

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“I think he dreamed the cancer center would be wonderful,” says daughter Jayne Malfitano, “but I don’t think any of us could have imagined what it would become.”

Malfitano was in her early 30s when Sylvester made the donation through the family foundation. The foundation was funded from the sale—to the British firm Hawker-Siddely—of the family business, Fasco, Inc., a manufacturer of a variety of fractional horsepower motors and a wide range of electrical products for the building industry. While she and her sister, Laura Cameron, and their now deceased brother were interested in the cause, their father was passionate. His greatest excitement came, Malfitano says, when the architects turned their attention to the building’s exterior design. The welcoming, uplifting environment that resulted from Sylvester’s keen input, including the courtyard and beautiful archway, continues to provide a tremendous benefit for the patients, visitors, and staff of the cancer center.

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The initial multimillion dollar donation made through the Harcourt and Virginia Sylvester Foundation of Palm Beach was like none other in the University of Miami’s history. But the family’s commitment to cancer care didn’t end there. In 1988, the family added another \$5 million to their original pledge to help fund the construction and maintenance of what would become the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Having seen his grandchild survive cancer, Sylvester was later moved to do something more. He pledged an additional \$5 million to create a cancer research floor in the Batchelor Institute for Children’s Research at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Recently, the Sylvester family contributed an additional \$11.5 million

to UM/Sylvester’s capital campaign, which means that the Sylvester Foundation has contributed or pledged more than \$50 million to fund programs in the University of Miami School of Medicine. The Sylvester Foundation was recently inducted into the University’s new Millennium Society.

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Along with the Sylvester family’s generous financial support, their input and guidance over the years have been important factors in the continued growth and success of the cancer center.

Today, Malfitano participates actively on the UM/Sylvester Board of Governors and is a member of the

Marketing Committee of the Board. Last March, Sylvester and his daughters were on stage for the ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of UM/Sylvester at Deerfield Beach, a 10,000-square-foot satellite facility located on the corner of I-95 and S.W. 10th Street, on the county line. It was an important day for the family, who all live nearby in Palm Beach County. Jayne and Laura are honored to have the torch passed to them and to further help the cancer center’s ability to positively impact the South Florida community, and indeed the entire cancer initiative.

“My father feels a great connection with all the people he comes in contact with at UM/Sylvester, and that inspires him to do more,” says Malfitano.

“He has always been so understated; he just wants to make a difference.”