

Shelley and Steven Einhorn Establish Clinical Research Center

The search for better treatments for glaucoma is being significantly advanced with the establishment of The Shelley and Steven Einhorn Clinical Research Center at The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. This vital new center is being made possible by a generous contribution of \$1 million from visionary donors Shelley and Steven Einhorn.

“New York Eye and Ear has proven itself a worldwide leader in developing innovative treatments for glaucoma and other eye diseases, and the Einhorns’ generosity will help us continue this important work,” said D. McWilliams Kessler, President and CEO of NYEEI.

The Einhorns’ gift acknowledges the remarkable career of world-renowned glaucoma specialist Robert Ritch, MD, FACS, FRCOphth, Professor and Chief of Glaucoma Services, Surgeon Director and Director of International Training, and Recipient of The 2007 American Academy of Ophthalmology Life Achievement Honor Award.

“I have devoted my career to broadening our understanding of the nature of glaucoma and bringing to the field key innovations in its medical, laser, and surgical treatment,” Dr. Ritch said. “There is still much left to do, however, and I am grateful to the Einhorns for their ongoing generosity and their steadfast support of our work.”

This is the Einhorns’ second major gift to the hospital. In 2007, they gave a \$2 million gift to NYEEI to establish



Shelley and Steven Einhorn preparing to cut the ribbon with their grandchildren, Talia and Noah Helfstein

The Shelley and Steven Einhorn Distinguished Chair of Ophthalmology in honor of the work of Dr. Ritch and his many contributions to the field of ophthalmology.

The Shelley and Steven Einhorn Clinical Research Center opened with an official ribbon cutting celebration on March 18,

“The research we perform at the Center will build our knowledge about glaucoma treatment and lead to significant improvements in patient care,” Dr. Ritch said. “The field of glaucoma treatment is constantly changing, and we at NYEEI are proud to be leading the way with the latest treatment options and discoveries.”

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2010. The Center will be devoted to clinical research into the causes and treatment of glaucoma, called the *sneak thief of sight* because it is a progressive disease that can strike without warning and cause irreversible eye damage.

Dr. Ritch is a pioneer in the brave new scientific world of nanotechnology and investigations on the molecular and genetic level, which may ultimately enable us to unravel the causes of glaucoma.



Robert Ritch, MD, Shelley Einhorn, and D. McWilliams Kessler

Thanks for Giving Ball at 583 Park

On November 19, 2009, more than 450 friends and supporters gathered to celebrate 189 years of community service by The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. Held at 583 Park, the "Thanks for Giving" Ball raised more than \$450,000 to benefit patient care services.

Chaired by James and Cynthia Kempner, Sorrell and Barbara Mathes, and Peter and Gretchen Crowley, the event honored New York Eye and Ear Vice Chairman Morton P. Hyman with The Margaret Loeb Kempner Humanitarian Award for his visionary contributions to global health care. In addition, Louis Angioletti, Sr. and the Angioletti family of physicians received the hospital's John

Kearney Rodgers Physician of the Year Award for their generosity and exemplary multi-generational service to the hospital.

Guests enjoyed a festive evening of dinner and music by world renowned jazz trumpeter Chris Botti. Judith Ripka Jewelry provided jewelry and sports memorabilia for the Silent Auction and donated a pair of gold and diamond earrings as the Grand Raffle Prize. New York Eye and Ear trustee Edward Nowak and Jay Wisnicki, MD, entertained guests with their traditional *dueling pianos* during the dessert buffet.

PHOTOS

- 1 D. McWilliams and Judith Kessler, PJ Jewell, Peter Frelinghuysen, and Steven Hochman
- 2 Barrett and Peter Frelinghuysen with Susan and Sorrell Mathes
- 3 Josephine and Stan Brezenoff
- 4 Jamie Kempner presenting Morton P. Hyman with The Margaret Loeb Kempner Humanitarian Award
- 5 Joseph B. Walsh, MD, presenting The John Kearney Rodgers Physician of the Year Award to the Angioletti family: Lee Angioletti, MD, Louis S. Angioletti, Louis V. Angioletti Sr., and Lauren Angioletti Kallina
- 6 Michael Pitman, MD, making a special award presentation to jazz trumpeter Chris Botti



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