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### **KARMANOS VISION**

A world free of cancer.

### **KARMANOS MISSION**

To lead in transformative cancer care, research and education through courage, commitment and compassion.

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## **MAY AT KARMANOS**



May is Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month. There are three main types of skin cancer: basal cell, squamous cell and melanoma. Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer, which can appear anywhere on the body — even in places that are not exposed to the sun.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer.

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## PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT AND RESOURCES



Michael Cher, M.D.

### **Detroit Medical Orchestra performance features Dr. Michael Cher playing rare clarinet in Mozart concerto**

The May 19 spring performance of the Detroit Medical Orchestra will offer listeners a rare treat: the opportunity to hear a Mozart piece performed with a rare instrument for which it was originally written.

The concert will feature principal clarinetist Michael Cher, M.D., Chief of Urology, Karmanos Cancer Center; Dr. Donald J. and Dorothy Jaffar Endowed Professor of Urology Professor and Chair, Department of Urology, Wayne State University School of Medicine (WSU SOM), and will include Mozart's "Clarinet Concerto in A

Major," and Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" and "Enigma Variations." [READ MORE.](#)

### **Support groups, education classes and community events**

Through a variety of support groups, education classes and community events Karmanos offers patients, families and friends the resources you need to improve your quality of life and be an integral partner in the fight against cancer. For a full listing, click the link below.

[\*\*CLASSES AND SUPPORT GROUPS\*\*](#)

## CANCER AWARENESS AND EDUCATION



(L-R) Voncile Brown-Miller, Sara Kim, Hayley Thompson Ph.D., Knoll Larkin, Carie Francis and Lezina Topciu.

### Taking steps toward ending disparities

*New outreach program engages communities across Michigan*

There is no population group in America that cancer doesn't touch. But the disease hits some harder than others.

Numerous cancer health disparities affect groups defined by race, ethnicity, gender/sexual identity, geographic location, income and other factors.

For example, Hispanic women have higher rates of cervical cancer than women of other ethnic groups, according to the American Cancer Society. African American women have the highest death rate from this disease. People with lower education levels are more likely to die before age 65 from colorectal cancer than people with more education. [LEARN MORE.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Graceful Gears

Karmanos has teamed up with the Graceful Gears, a nonprofit with a mission of bringing joy and happiness to individuals with a serious medical condition or special needs by riding in a car of their choice: Exotic, Super, Sports, Luxury or Classic Cars. With their help, we are able to

offer patients and their caregivers the opportunity for a ride around the M1

Concourse race track. There will be slow rides and thrill rides depending on the participant's need for speed. This experience is limited to the first 100 registrants so claim your spot today! To register [CLICK HERE](#).

M1 Concourse - 1 Concourse Drive, Pontiac, MI 48341

Saturday, June 8, 2019

1- 3 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Chelsea Pulice at: [pulicec@karmanos.org](mailto:pulicec@karmanos.org) or 313-576-8112.

## WAYS TO SUPPORT



Dr. Jeff Forman and wife Miriam surrounded by their five grandchildren.

### **Dr. Jeff Forman's Third Transplantiversary Fundraiser**

Did you know you can give back to Karmanos by creating your own fundraiser with us?

Dr. Jeff Forman is celebrating the third anniversary of his stem cell transplant by supporting Karmanos! Dr. Forman is raising funds for preventing and treating graft versus host disease (GVHD).

The first \$30,000 of your contributions will be matched by the Brown Family Research Fund in memory of Marcia Brown, who died of complications of GVHD after a stem cell transplant. [LEARN MORE](#).

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## Wall of Hope Program

Our Wall of Hope program is a heartfelt way to honor and remember a loved one, friend, colleague or a special caregiver. With a gift of \$3,000 for a three-inch plaque, \$5,000 for a five-inch plaque or \$10,000 for a seven inch plaque, you can inscribe a meaningful message of hope, gratitude or inspiration to an honoree on our Wall of Hope. The Wall of Hope is located on the main level at the Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit. This lasting tribute provides a visible connection to the donor and the honoree, while providing the Institute with vital funds to continue scientific research and provide the latest cancer fighting treatments. For more information, please contact the Development Office at 313-576-8115, [wallofhope@karmanos.org](mailto:wallofhope@karmanos.org) or visit [www.karmanos.org/wallofhope](http://www.karmanos.org/wallofhope).



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