



*The Margaret H. Page Fund*  
for TRANSPLANTATION & GASTROENTEROLOGY



*Margaret Helen Page*  
(1956 – 2004)



## *Honoring a Cherished Friend*

Meg Page lived life to its fullest—nurturing her friends, supporting the community she loved, and inspiring everyone around her with kindness and generosity. She loved life and shared her wit and warmth with everyone she met. Meg didn't just get involved with projects—she transformed them. We felt very lucky that Meg devoted so much of her boundless energy to advancing the causes of the California Pacific Medical Center.

We lost Meg too soon, at the age of 47, when she succumbed to cancer in 2004. But throughout her illness, Meg never stopped working for the causes she believed in, both as a California Pacific Medical Center Foundation Board member and Chair and as a CPMC Board member. Meg's legacy includes cofounding the Medical Center's Institute for Health & Healing in 1994.

Famous for her fund-raising efforts, Meg combined tenacity and charm in equal measures. Prospective supporters became friends, responding with enthusiastic generosity to Meg's obvious commitment and putting new resources behind critical programs and projects.

## Our Mission

When considering how to honor Meg, we knew a fitting tribute should involve the causes she believed in. Few people were aware that Meg struggled with Crohn's disease for over two decades before her death and that she was well acquainted with CPMC's Department of Transplantation, which she credited with keeping her healthy enough so that she never had to undergo transplant. Since Meg was a familiar presence in Transplant, frequently traveling the halls to ask physicians what they needed, it seems only right to continue her memory by supporting the work of the Department most important to her.

Meg always saw things from a patient's perspective, enabling her to understand what was really needed. We plan to keep her transformative spirit alive in the Margaret H. Page Fund for Transplantation & Gastroenterology to seed creative new ideas and programs that would not otherwise find support.

## Our Plan

**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT** Creating, developing, and maintaining new treatments and protocols for transplant and complex digestive disease patients.

**EDUCATION** Expanding the number of languages used in patient materials, establishing a comprehensive library for the most recent journals and online references, and providing Continuing Medical Education (CME) for professional staff.

**RESEARCH** Funding an additional researcher trained to collect serum tissue samples vital to the Hepatitis C research lab to further expand Transplant's research capability.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** Upgrading and maintaining the Department's Organ Transplant Tracking Record (OTTR), the electronic database that coordinates critical diagnostic data and medical records among CPMC physicians, referring physicians, and clinical staff.

**CAPITAL** Financing for upgraded surgical equipment and computers in the Department's Outreach clinic offices.

## A Promising Future

Medical care and research for transplant and complex digestive disease patients are at exciting junctures, with better treatments and even cures for some conditions very close at hand.

California Pacific Medical Center is fortunate to have internationally known researchers and clinicians in its Transplant Department who are leading the way in the management and treatment of these conditions, and Meg's Fund will support and encourage this groundbreaking work.

California Pacific Medical Center's Department of Transplantation has a long and successful history, as reported by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), with outcomes consistently ranked at the top among U.S. transplant centers. For current transplant statistics, see the [www.ustransplant.org](http://www.ustransplant.org) site, which maintains data on all transplant programs.

## How You Can Help

California Pacific Medical Center Foundation is launching this Fund with a \$1 million bequest from Meg's estate. We plan to do additional fundraising to create a \$2.5 million endowment, which will generate an annual income of \$125,000 for the Department of Transplantation.

FUNDRAISING NEED: \$2,500,000

*Because life is precious,  
we encourage giving to life  
and a lifetime of giving.*