

# The Silberstein-Harryman Endowment

*Established by the Phelps Center for Cerebral Palsy  
and Neurodevelopmental Medicine to support  
research and training in cerebral palsy and other  
childhood motor disorders*



Kennedy Krieger Institute



An important goal of Kennedy Krieger Institute is to promote advances in the knowledge of, and patient care and training related to, neurodevelopmental disabilities. The Phelps Center for Cerebral Palsy and Neurodevelopmental Medicine established the Silberstein-Harryman Endowment at Kennedy Krieger in 2007 to further this goal. Through this endowment, we honor both Dr. Charles Silberstein and Ms. Susan Harryman, whose patient care and teaching were loved, appreciated and respected by patients, families and staff members alike.

### **About the Silberstein–Harryman Endowment**

The endowment supports:

- Fellowship training for physicians who treat cerebral palsy
- New research that advances diagnostic tools and treatment
- Interdisciplinary clinical approaches

All gifts are held in perpetuity and invested. The annual investment return is used to help accomplish the goals of the endowment, as determined by the director of the Phelps Center.

## Phelps Center for Cerebral Palsy and Neurodevelopmental Medicine

The Phelps Center for Cerebral Palsy and Neurodevelopmental Medicine houses a collection of interdisciplinary care clinics that focus on the diagnosis and management of motor disorders throughout the lifespan. The center's overall goal is to establish and integrate appropriate medical and rehabilitative care for each individual patient to optimize functioning and participation, while minimizing the health consequences of these conditions. Research and training play crucial roles in carrying out the center's mission.

The center is named for Dr. Winthrop Phelps, founder and medical director of the Children's Rehabilitation Institute in Reisterstown, Maryland, which evolved into Kennedy Krieger Institute. Dr. Phelps was one of the first medical clinicians to recognize that individuals with cerebral palsy could "fit into the mainstream of humanity." The Phelps Center team is committed to advancing this belief.



## SUPPORT OUR WORK

For more information on the Silberstein-Harryman Endowment or to get involved with the Phelps Center for Cerebral Palsy and Neurodevelopmental Medicine, please visit our website at [KennedyKrieger.org/PhelpsCenter](https://www.KennedyKrieger.org/PhelpsCenter) or contact Theresa Macheski in the Office of Philanthropy at [Macheski@KennedyKrieger.org](mailto:Macheski@KennedyKrieger.org) or 443-923-7301.

## About Charles E. Silberstein, MD, MSc

After completing an orthopedic surgical residency at the Jefferson Medical College Hospital (now Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals) in Philadelphia, Dr. Silberstein worked in pediatric rehabilitation as an orthopedic surgeon for his entire career, devoting much of his professional life to caring for individuals with cerebral palsy. During his training, he spent a year working with Dr. Phelps at his monthly cerebral palsy clinic in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, before moving to Baltimore. In addition to maintaining an active private practice, he was a member of the Kennedy Krieger medical staff for 42 years and a faculty member at the Johns Hopkins Department of Orthopedic Surgery for 45 years. In all of these capacities, Dr. Silberstein was instrumental in helping people with cerebral palsy find personal and professional success at home, at school, in the workplace and in their communities.



## About Susan Harryman, PT, MS

Ms. Harryman is a physical therapist who trained with Dr. Phelps and then served as the first director of physical therapy at Kennedy Krieger for 30 years until her retirement in 1997. In addition to developing and providing high quality interventions for children with cerebral palsy, Ms. Harryman provided wonderful mentorship and direction for the many therapists who worked in her department. She was visionary in promoting therapy for children with cerebral palsy in the broader context of overall functioning and participation in life. In recognition of her clinical excellence and leadership, the annual Susan Harryman Cerebral Palsy Lectureship was established in 1999.

