

“**I’M NOT LEAVING** until they ask me to go,” says Lake Forest’s Daniel (Danny) Dolan Jr. of his many roles with Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, most currently as the Vice Chair of its Board of Directors. “ is hospital is so unbelievable. So inspirational. So mind blowing. I can’t imagine not being part of this organization.”

Danny first came to know Shirley Ryan AbilityLab in the early 1990s, when it was called the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC). Danny’s third child—a son named John—experienced a traumatic birth, resulting in his spinal cord being severed. e Dolan family had a connection with Dr. Henry Betts, RIC’s CEO at the time, and

Danny called Dr. Betts regarding John.

“From the beginning, I knew this hospital was extraordinary,” Danny recalls. “I was asked to join its Associate Board and have been involved with them ever since.”

In the early years of his involvement, Danny launched the John Dolan Golf Challenge, in mem-



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body connection and assists patients in exploring intense emotions accompanying the rehabilitation process. It encourages self-expression, reduces stress and anxiety, and promotes healing and self-awareness.

Individual and group art therapy sessions focus on building resiliency through the promotion of self-esteem and functional independence. Patients explore new possibilities to approach their lives and discover strengths through adaptation of art materials. They are able to engage in art with the highest level of independence and freedom in the artistic process.

At Art in Motion, emerging artists and hospital, civic, and business leaders enjoy a lively cocktail party with music, refreshments, and patient artwork on display. Artwork is created by patients of varying abilities and is for sale via silent auction; half of the sale proceeds go to the artists while half go to Shirley Ryan AbilityLab.

“When you purchase a piece of art at Art in Motion, there is a deeper meaning, something so special, to what you’re buying,” says Genevieve. “The artwork often speaks to a patient’s journey. It’s very sentimental, very emotional, and it beautifully showcases the magic of this hospital.”

Genevieve and Caroline have continued their family’s legacy of giving by chairing the annual Art in Motion event—family’s work with Shirley Ryan AbilityLab is hard to miss. Genevieve in 2021 and Caroline in 2024. Art in Motion “Genevieve and Caroline have so eloquently expressed raises funds for Shirley Ryan AbilityLab’s Art therapy and what makes this hospital so outstanding and I’m so proud of the work they’re doing with Art in Motion,” Danny says.

“Art in Motion is being held on Friday, February 16, at Wildman BT. It’s the third year that it’s being hosted there, Genevieve says. “Wildman BT is very artsy—a big, open, warehouse. It’s a super location and many of the artists come and hang out near their work. It’s an incredibly special night. And the money we raise is so important because programming is often not covered by insurance.” Genevieve says. “Every day, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab is disrupting how medicine is delivered. The outcomes are outstanding—transformative research being done, and the medicine being practiced is what is giving patients and their families hope. Our leadership team has created this culture, and they won’t settle for anything less. You can feel this passion come through in the art.”

The Art therapy program at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab is based on the belief that the creative process facilitates mind-body connection. To learn more about Shirley Ryan AbilityLab or to purchase tickets to Art in Motion, visit sralab.org/AIM.