

Straight From the Heart

A new wall in Pediatric Cardiology recognizes those who donate to the Division.

Walk into the Division of Pediatric Cardiology on the third floor of Annenberg and you'll see the new Precious Heart Donor Wall, which was unveiled on September 10. The Precious Heart Wall, which is made of a frosty glass, prominently displays donations to the Division. Each donation is represented by a heart, engraved with the name of the donor or a current or past patient.

The Wall was created by The Estée Lauder Companies, Inc., and James and Alison Morrison, two volunteers at Mount Sinai's Children's Heart Fund. The Children's Heart Fund, founded by the parents of children with disorders of the heart, provides support to the Division.

About 30 people attended the unveiling of the Precious Heart Wall, including donors, volunteers, faculty, and staff. Ira Parness, MD, Chief of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology and Professor of Pediatrics, and Frederick Suchy, MD, Professor and Chair of Pediatrics, thanked the group for their work and for their help advancing the goals of the Division and the children and families it serves. Dr. Parness noted that one of the top priorities is to create a new digital echo lab, critical to the Division's ability to provide the highest level of care.

Also speaking was Gary Meltzer, President of The Children's Heart Fund, who expressed his gratitude to Mount Sinai's Division of



Standing in front of the new Precious Heart Wall (left to right): Stephen and Donna Skrenta, who accepted an award on behalf of their daughter Allison and her husband James; Gary Meltzer, President of The Children's Heart Fund; Ira Parness, MD; and Frederick Suchy, MD.

Pediatric Cardiology for the treatment his daughter Samantha received. Born in 1995 with a congenital heart defect, she is now a healthy and spirited 12-year-old who just started seventh grade.

Recognized at the event for their efforts were Alison and James Morrison and The Estée Lauder Companies, Inc. Carolyn Norden, an artist who painted the mural that is part of the Division's recent renovations, was also thanked for her contribution. Other founding donors of the Precious Heart Wall include Kevin and Maura Sheridan, Gary and Rina Meltzer, and Janice and Michael Worner. To learn more, visit The Children's Heart Fund at www.childrensheartfund.net.