

# The Charna Radbell Foundation Supports Siblings of Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital Patients

**O**n April 30, Dr. Herbert Pardes, CEO of NewYork-Presbyterian, hosted Arlene and Larry Radbell, trustees of the Charna Radbell Foundation, and 100 of their guests for the dedication of Charna's Kids Club, a therapeutic and recreational sibling program at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital.

The program, in operation since November 2007, helps the Children's

Hospital advance its mission of providing family-centered care. The Radbells, in partnership with the Hospital, recognize that pediatric illness affects the entire family, not just the patient. Through Charna's Kids Club we can now help care for the physical and mental well being of a patient's entire family, particularly the school-aged brothers and sisters of chronically ill patients.

The program's experienced staff works to design recreational activities for patients' siblings, aimed at reducing the stress associated with the hospitalization of a family member. The program leadership works to help siblings better understand their hospital surroundings, provide them with an outlet to express their feelings, and introduce them to peers with similar familial circumstances. Program activities are held in the Hospital's Child Life Centers and are open to all school-age siblings.

At the April 30th dedication guests toured the facility and heard about the special impact Charna's Kids Club has had and continues to have on our families, from Hospital administrators, the father of a patient, and Arlene and Larry Radbell.



Lori Armstrong, VP of Patient Care Services at MSCHONY, and Arlene and Larry Radbell, along with their family and friends, dedicate the Charna Kids Club