

# Martha Jefferson Hospital Foundation

## *TODAY'S PROMISE; TOMORROW'S VISION Reproductive Medicine and In Vitro Fertilization at Martha Jefferson*

*Scholarship Fund - \$60,000 / year*

### *Overview*

*Helping couples have children* – a natural role that Martha Jefferson plays in our community everyday. In fact, Martha Jefferson is the hospital of choice in obstetrical care and more of our community's babies are delivered here than anywhere else.

Sometimes that assistance takes on greater definition than what our board-certified obstetricians, nurse mid-wives and talented team of nurses can “deliver.” When couples need assistance in conception, they soon can turn to a trusted friend – their community healthcare provider.

### *A New Service for Patients at Martha Jefferson*

In 2005, Martha Jefferson Hospital opened the **Reproductive Medicine and Surgery Center of Virginia**. Two experienced specialists in Reproductive Medicine will staff the Center: Bruce Bateman, M.D. and Christopher Williams, M.D. Drs. Bateman and Williams are the only sub-specialty trained and certified Reproductive Endocrinologists in the region. With 27 years of experience in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, they have worked with physicians in Charlottesville and throughout the region to care for patients with a wide-range of reproductive challenges.

The Center offers the most advanced diagnostic and treatment options available for infertility, including a state-of-the-art Reproductive Technology Lab administered by Ted Thomas, PhD, HCLD. Dr. Thomas has worked alongside Drs. Bateman and Williams for 17 years as Director of the Embryology Lab at UVA. He brought his expertise to Martha Jefferson, and personally supervised the design, construction and operation of our Lab, which was completed in January 2006.

Located on the third floor of the Martha Jefferson Outpatient Care Center, the **Reproductive Medicine and Surgery Center of Virginia** includes physician offices, exam and procedure rooms, and the 1,800 square foot lab. An ambulatory surgery center also is located within the Outpatient Care Center, making it possible for the majority of patients to receive care at one location.

### *Services Provided*

The **Reproductive Medicine and Surgery Center of Virginia** at Martha Jefferson provides comprehensive and state-of-the-art medical and surgical care for female and male infertility, endometriosis, fibroids, polycystic ovary syndrome, recurrent pregnancy loss and specialty surgery for many uterine, tubal and ovarian problems. An important part of this service will be the In Vitro Fertilization Program, a highly successful program assisting couples to conceive.  
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### *In Vitro Fertilization*

In Vitro Fertilization, or IVF, is one of several types of Assisted Reproductive Technology that are in wide use today to assist in the creation of a family for couples who are experiencing difficulty in conceiving a child, or in carrying a child through a full-term pregnancy.

The team of doctors, which developed the program at Martha Jefferson, enjoys tremendous success in the sub-specialty of In Vitro Fertilization. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) tracks nationwide the success rate of programs like this one. Currently, there are 358 programs and this team has achieved a success ranking that rates them in the top 10 programs in the country!

***The Need and Urgency for Philanthropy***

The development of the new and highly specialized lab at the Martha Jefferson Outpatient Care Center – providing the absolutely sterile and stable environment necessary to support embryonic growth – required a capital commitment of **\$1.6 million**.

In addition, Martha Jefferson developed a special “scholarship” fund of \$60,000-\$100,000 a year to help make the promise of Reproductive Medicine available to those in our community unable to afford this special assistance. Because much of the care provided is not covered by insurance, many who wish to pursue conception with the support of the practice would not otherwise be able to do so.