**The Aperitif**

**9-25-19**

**Suggested Remarks Outline** *(approximately 25 minutes)*

Event begins at 6:30 p.m.

Scripted Program begins around 7:15 p.m.

**Clayton Lewis** – Welcome **(5 minutes)**

* Welcome. Thank you for being here tonight.
* I’m Clayton Lewis and I am a member of the Board of Trustees at Harborview Medical Center and Chair of the Harborview Development Committee.
* We’re all here tonight because of our shared connection as champions of Harborview Medical Center.
* Harborview is a vital institution for our community, our region and beyond.
* Harborview is important to ***me*** because…
* In November, we’ll be celebrating the work of Harborview at the Benefit; our biannual fundraising gala for Harborview.
* And tonight, we’re here for an aperitif to the Benefit – a preview of what you’ll hear at the Benefit in November.
* You’ll hear a few stories tonight. Stories of the impact of Harborview on individuals in our community.
* I’d like to thank John Bigelow, and Peggy, his wife, for opening JM Cellars to us tonight.
* John and Peggy are the owners here at JM Cellars and John has made all of this delectable wine. John also has his own personal connection to Harborview. *(invite John and Peggy to tell their story)*

**John Bigelow – What Harborview Means to Me (5 minutes)**

* *Please briefly tell the story of your experience with Harborview. What happened, how your care at Harborview impacted your recovery, etc.*

**Sam Arbabi, MD** – The Impact of Harborview **(10 minutes)**

* *As John and Peggy wrap up their story, please join them at the front of the room.*
* Thank you, John and Peggy.
* I'm Sam Arbabi, professor of Surgery in the division of Trauma, Burns and Critical Care at Harborview Medical Center.
* **Talk briefly about your role at Harborview and what you find most rewarding about your career at HMC.**
* **Provide a general overview of the work of Harborview:**
  + Few of us can bear to think about a family member or friend suffering a traumatic injury – they’re frightening, life-altering, dramatic interruptions to daily life. At Harborview, I spend each day caring for badly injured children and adults. Together, with my fellow surgeons, nurses and rehabilitation experts, we save people’s lives and restore their lives – returning our patients to the families, livelihoods and activities they loved best before experiencing trauma.
  + Last year, more than 58,000 people came through Harborview’s emergency department’s doors to receive life-saving and life-changing care.
* **What makes Harborview special:**
  + Harborview is one of the highest volume trauma programs in the nation and the only Level 1 trauma center or children and adults in the four-state region (Washington, Alaska, Montana, Idaho)
  + Harborview provides excellent patient care, and we do it all – from emergency trauma to recovery following a traumatic injury.
* **At this year’s Benefit we are raising funds to enhance long-term recovery.** 
  + At the Benefit in November, you’ll hear many stories about lives we’ve saved and restored. And we’ll be asking everyone at the Benefit to raise their paddles and generously donate to enhance our innovative long-term recovery care at Harborview. The three critical goals we’re focusing on are:
    - To help our trauma patients – throughout the four-state region – with their journey to recovery.
    - To bring healing movement and active recovery into the lives of children and adults with severe burn injuries.
    - To support patients with spinal cord injuries in living the fullest possible lives.
* One specific story you’ll hear the night of the Benefit is that of Carolyn Busch, a member of the Harborview Development Council. Tonight she’ll give you a sense of her patient story.

**Carolyn Busch** ­– What Harborview Means to Me **(5 minutes)**

* I’m Carolyn Busch. I serve as Chief of Staff for the King County Council. And I know the life-saving and life-restoring work of Harborview first hand.
* *Briefly tell story of what Harborview means to you.*
* You’ll hear even more about my personal story of Harborview at the Benefit in November and I hope you will join me there.

**Clayton Lewis**– Closing **(5 minutes)**

* Thank you, Carolyn for sharing your story and for being a champion of Harborview.
* I hope each of you here this evening will join me at the Benefit for Harborview on November 7th.
* You’ve received a mailed invitation, and we have more here this evening.
* I hope you’ll consider filling a table at the Benefit and inviting your friends and colleagues to join us to learn about the vital work Harborview does to save people’s lives and to restore people’s lives – returning us to our families, our livelihoods and the activities we love best.
* Thank you to John and Peggy for welcoming us to JM Cellars this evening.
* And thank you all for being here tonight.
* Please enjoy the rest of the evening – conversation, wine and dessert.
* If you have any questions about the Benefit or Harborview, don’t hesitate to ask Carolyn, Sam or me.