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**"Unique in its approach,
the Amyloidosis Center
provides exceptional
care for patients with all
forms of systemic and
localized amyloidosis
through the support of
laboratory and clinical
research."**



Sponsorship Tiers

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to speak at event + 8 tickets to event.

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promo, t-shirts + 2 tickets to event.

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t-shirts + 2 tickets to event.

Vendor Opportunities:

\$50 per table

\$75 per table w/ power

Limited Spots Available

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JOIN US AT FARMFEST



Help us support the BU Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine Amyloidosis Center!

Join us for the 4th annual FarmFest on Saturday, August 9th at Highland Homestead! FarmFest 2025 is dedicating proceeds from this year's music festival to the BU Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine Amyloidosis Center. With your contribution, we can help support Amyloidosis research to learn more about how to best treat this extremely rare condition.

Enjoy a day of community on the farm with all-day local music & vendors to support the BU Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine Amyloidosis Center



Check out last year's show!

JILL'S STORY

Jill's journey began with ambiguous symptoms that doctors were unable to pinpoint for many years. She was treated for carpal tunnel, flush, heartburn, and other ailments. By 2021, Jill says everything she ate began to taste like poison. In 2022, an endoscopy revealed a diagnosis that would change her life forever. She was diagnosed with amyloidosis, and her doctor sent her to the BU Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine Amyloidosis Center

The Center confirmed her diagnosis of AL Amyloidosis, which affects her GI system, nervous system, kidneys, and heart. Her nurse worried she would not make it through the treatment journey. Treatment included weekly chemotherapy for 6 months, followed by monthly chemotherapy for 2 years. She finished her treatment in August 2024.

Jill took her treatment in stride, dressing brightly in rainbows, tutus, inflatable unicorn costumes, and more! You name it, she wore it to treatment appointments to keep spirits high. In her mind, there was only one conclusion – remission. Other patients told Jill they were encouraged by her colorful outfits, saying she gave them hope for remission or a cure.

Jill is at the heart of Highland Homestead. She has supported FarmFest since the very beginning. Currently there is no cure for amyloidosis, but Jill is in remission. She is grateful for the Amyloidosis Center's dedication to their research. If amyloidosis rears its ugly head again, Jill will be supported by even more treatment options than she started with 3 years ago and hopefully, one day, a cure.

"I own this disease.
It does not own me."



WHAT IS AMYLOIDOSIS?

- **Amyloidosis** - a group of diseases that share common feature of amyloid fibril deposition in various organs & tissues
- Some types share clinical features of the disease with respect to organ involvement and dysfunction

Primary (AL)

- Organs most often involved: heart, kidneys, nervous system, and gastrointestinal tract
- Amyloid deposits in organs can cause shortness of breath, fatigue, edema, dizziness, diarrhea, weight loss, enlarged tongue, numbness of the legs & arms, & protein in urine
- Treatment: Chemotherapy, Intravenous melphalan followed by stem cell transplant

Secondary (AA)

- Symptoms usually are those of the underlying chronic infection or inflammatory disease
- Amyloid deposits often occur first in the kidney and may cause protein in the urine, edema, & fatigue
- Treatment: Control chronic infection/inflammatory disease

Hereditary (ATTR)

- Nervous system is often involved
- Causes numbness/tingling in the arms and legs, dizziness, & diarrhea. Some mutations/families develop heart disease
- Mode of transmission is passed directly from parent to child
 - 50% chance of inheriting the abnormal gene
- Treatment: Liver transplant