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PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION
at the University of Virginia Health System



Our Work Starts Here

We have reached a critical moment in the history of medicine. Advances in technology and molecular science will soon give us unprecedented power to save lives and reduce suffering. The UVa Health System stands ready to seize this opportunity.

Our scientists, physicians, and nurses are already pushing beyond the frontiers of medical knowledge, pioneering innovations in patient care, and finding more effective ways to train new generations of health care providers. In doing so, they have tapped the resources of a great University, distinguished by its Jeffersonian passion for collaboration, innovation, and integrity.

Extraordinary commitments from foundations like the Ivy Foundation, the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation (see story, page 3), and the Wallace H. Coulter Foundation (page 5), along with generous gifts from benefactors like Randy and Allison Shure (page 3), will speed our work as we strive to turn an innovative, vital program into a true national pacesetter.

The UVa Health System will transform the landscape of health care in the Commonwealth and further the global effort to realize the full, life-saving potential of 21st-century medicine.

To see what promises UVa plans to keep in the next decade, visit www.hsc.virginia.edu/development.

Ivy Foundation Gives \$45 Million to Medicine at UVa

The Ivy Foundation of Charlottesville has given \$45 million to the University of Virginia Health System to expand laboratory space for biomedical research and to speed the translation of new discoveries into effective treatments and cures. The gift will also support new facilities for clinical research and patient care in the areas of cancer and children's health.

One of the largest contributions in UVa's history, and the largest ever designated specifically for medical research and clinical applications, the gift comes at a time when the University is striving to build world-class programs in key areas of science. By addressing a critical need for research facilities, especially for research that can lead to new drugs and therapies, the gift helps clear one of the biggest obstacles facing this effort.

"The timing of the Ivy Foundation's gift could not be better," said University President John T. Casteen III. "As we embark on an ambitious plan to strengthen the research enterprise and to use our discoveries to address health care needs in our community and around the globe, this gift moves us dramatically closer to our goals. All who benefit from the work of our researchers and clinicians owe a debt of gratitude to the Ivy Foundation and its commitment to advancing biomedical science."

The \$45 million gift will support three high-priority building projects in the Health System and will provide the following:

- \$25 million for a new translational research facility that will encourage collaboration among investigators and clinicians and house programs that convert laboratory findings into new treatments, new medicines, and new methods of prevention and early detection of disease;
- \$15 million for a new outpatient facility for UVa Children's Hospital that will bring many of the clinical services for children and families together under one roof; and
- \$5 million for a new clinical cancer building that will support new, more personalized approaches to cancer care.

All three of the new buildings will benefit the University's efforts to improve basic and clinical research programs and give patients greater access to clinical trials of promising new therapies.

Gift Latest Show of Support by the Ivy Foundation

Chaired by William C. Battle (Col. '41, Law '47), former chairman and CEO of Fieldcrest Mills, the Ivy Foundation was created in 2000. Since then it has been a generous benefactor of the University's biomedical programs, providing funds for endowed professorships in pediatrics and fellowships for researchers in the basic medical sciences, among other areas.

With this new contribution, the largest capital gift in the history of the UVa Health System, the foundation sets the pace for a \$500 million fund-raising campaign just beginning for the Health System. This effort will be part of a \$3 billion campaign for the University scheduled for public launch in September.

"Our hope is that the University of Virginia will become a world leader in conducting research that leads directly to improved patient care," Battle says. "With first-rate laboratory and clinical space, the University can attract the talented researchers and clinicians who will make this possible. We also encourage other donors to follow our lead and to add their support to these projects. These facilities will be enormously beneficial to the people across the state and across the country."

The foundation's gift to UVa Children's Hospital pays tribute to Battle and his wife, Barry, who have been longtime supporters of children's health in this region. William Battle chaired the University's first comprehensive fund-raising campaign in 1981 and 1984, and Barry Battle has helped attract private support for UVa Children's Hospital for some two decades.



UVa benefactors Barry and Bill Battle.

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