

Momentum: University Announces Nearly \$9 Million in Gifts

Case Western Reserve University recently received \$8.75 million from prominent local and national philanthropists. During a reception for Case Western Reserve's leadership donors at the Iris S. and Bert L. Wolstein Research Building on May 4 (see page 6), President Barbara R. Snyder announced major commitments to the School of Medicine. She also acknowledged other donors with a heartfelt thank you for their continued support of the university.

These gifts build on the fundraising momentum established in 2007–2008, President Snyder's inaugural year. During that time, supporters donated and pledged \$103 million to the university, the third-highest fundraising total in its history.

President Snyder was particularly pleased to announce the creation of four endowed chairs at the School of Medicine. "It shows that our donors have confidence in our ability to bring together talented researchers to tackle some of the world's most complex questions," she told the crowd of nearly 300 donors, faculty, students, administrators and friends. "Research and education are human enterprises, and I am grateful that the university attracted this investment to our region's knowledge and talent base."

In addition to the chairs, the announcement included a \$1.5 million grant from the Cleveland Foundation to support second-phase funding for the Center for Proteomics and Bioinformatics, and a nearly \$1 million grant to the School of Medicine from the John Templeton Foundation to support the work of Assistant Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Maria E. Pagano, Ph.D., which focuses on the recovery process of youth and adults afflicted with the disease of addiction.



Four Professorships Announced at the School of Medicine

A \$1.5 million gift from the Figgie Foundation will endow the Harry E. Figgie III, M.D., Professorship in Orthopaedics at the School of Medicine. The chair memorializes Harry E. Figgie III, M.D. (MED '79), an orthopaedic surgeon at University Hospitals who specialized in joint replacement and died in 1999.

A \$1.75 million combined commitment to the Jack H. Medalie Chair in Home-Centered Health Care, which was initiated with a challenge grant from an anonymous donor, has been completed with gifts from additional donors committed to celebrating the legacy of Jack H. Medalie, M.D., M.P.H. (far left). The founder of the Department of Family Medicine at the School of Medicine, Medalie was a renowned leader in the care of patients at home.

A \$2 million gift from Forest City Enterprises Charitable Foundation Inc. will endow a new Center for Surgical Skills Training. It will be combined with a 2006 commitment from the Goldberg, Ponsky and Frankel families to endow the Jeffrey L. Ponsky, M.D., Professorship in Surgical Education in honor of Oliver H. Payne Professor and chair of the School of Medicine's Department of Surgery, Jeffrey L. Ponsky, M.D. (above right).

A \$1.5 million commitment from the Robert S. and Sylvia K. Reitman Family Foundation, a supporting foundation of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, will establish the Robert S. and Sylvia K. Reitman Family Foundation Distinguished Chair in Cardiovascular Innovation at the university's Cardiovascular Center and University Hospitals' Harrington-McLaughlin Heart & Vascular Institute. The gift, which is designated equally to Case Western Reserve and University Hospitals, honors Daniel I. Simon, M.D. (bottom right with the Reitmans), the Herman K. Hellerstein Professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve and chief of cardiovascular medicine at University Hospitals Case Medical Center.