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AT UCLA

A CENTER FOR HEALING AND HOPE

NANCY REAGAN ATTENDS HISTORIC DEDICATION OF THE RONALD REAGAN UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

By Aaron Zarrow

"Think of all the children who will be born here. Think of the diseases that will be fought here. Think of the young doctors and nurses who will learn their life's calling. Think of the medical research breakthroughs that will be uncovered here and will echo across the globe." These stirring words by Dr. Gerald Levey, vice chancellor of UCLA Medical Sciences and dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, set the tone at the June 4, 2007 dedication of the new Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

Supporters, university and community leaders, and a Who's Who of California government officials joined former First Lady Nancy Reagan for the historic first look at the facility. After more than a decade of planning, tremendous challenges and ultimate triumph, the new center – the largest construction project in UC history – will set the global standard for hospital design and health care.

Millions of people will benefit from the technological and architectural masterpiece, made possible by an unprecedented alliance between the community and UCLA. The breakthrough design seamlessly blends the most advanced clinical systems in the world with thoughtful and decidedly human considerations. Pediatric patients have their own kid-friendly entrance, outdoor play areas and an interactive, multimedia welcome wall. The entire facility is surrounded by green spaces, fountains and open terraces to inspire and welcome patients, guests and staff. And all patient rooms include a daybed to accommodate family members, wireless Internet access, room service with customized meals, and large windows to filter in healing, natural light.



Former First Lady Nancy Reagan is honored by UCLA Chancellor Norman Abrams (right) and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger at the dedication of Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

"Inside this marvelous new facility," UCLA Chancellor Norman Abrams extolled, "researchers will strive tirelessly to find cures and better treatments. Lives will be saved and quality of life improved."

"This wonderful facility will be a lasting tribute to my husband's legacy, and I'm grateful to everyone who helped make it possible. It is my hope that Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center will heal the sick and also, by discovering new cures, offer hope to people everywhere."

Nancy Reagan

"Together we've constructed a new foundation to build upon UCLA's traditions of medical education, groundbreaking research and unparalleled patient care," Dr. Levey concluded. "The story of this building, of our building, has just begun."

The Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center is scheduled to open in nine to 12 months, after installation and testing of its clinical systems and training of more than 10,000 hospital employees.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bea Mandel '61

Agents of change at UCLA have a truly transformative effect on their peers, their areas of study and the larger society. Women & Philanthropy is among the stalwart supporters of many of the campus' agents of change and, with the dedication of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center on June 4th fresh in my mind, I would like to salute one of the university's greatest: Dr. Gerald Levey, dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and vice chancellor of UCLA Medical Sciences.

Based largely on the strength of Dr. Levey's stature in the medical community and his forward-thinking vision for medicine at UCLA, the university gained the academic, political and philanthropic support to take on the task of building the new hospital. It was a monumental endeavor, as the new facility would have to meet all of the restrictions and requirements mandated to a public university hospital, and support world-class medical training and patient care for future generations.

Dr. Levey's steadfast leadership has been crucial to the establishment of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. As a result, tens of thousands of UCLA patients will receive meaningful comfort, transformative interventions and lasting benefits over the years to come. Students and faculty will pursue unprecedented teaching and learning opportunities. And promising new research and discoveries will enrich the study and practice of medicine.

I am heartened by the many members of Women & Philanthropy who have supported the work of Dr. Levey and his colleagues in the past, and look forward to numerous opportunities to collaborate in the future.

Bea Mandel, President

BOARD MEMBER HONORED

The UCLA School of Public Health awarded Women & Philanthropy board member Carolbeth Korn '59 the Dean's Award at the school's commencement ceremonies in June. Dean Linda Rosenstock presented the award, praising Carolbeth as "a friend of the students, faculty and staff of the UCLA School of Public Health for many years." It is the school's highest non-academic honor, recognizing Carolbeth's long-standing support and leadership. "She was one of the founding members of the Dean's Advisory Board," the dean extolled, "and has been a dedicated, tireless ally in fulfilling our school's mission to improve the public's health through teaching, research and service."

A committed benefactor across campus and the community, Carolbeth has helped create numerous resources and opportunities for generations of scholars.
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Carolbeth Korn (right) receives the Dean's Award from Linda Rosenstock, dean of the UCLA School of Public Health.

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MADDIE'S ROOM



Madelyn Katz

Walking through the UCLA Medical Center as its Auxiliary president, Madelyn Katz was inspired as she observed families waiting for word about loved ones in surgery. Her heart went out to them, so she shared her vision with her husband Ron, and the couple made a generous gift to support the surgical intervention waiting room at the new Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. “It’s private, peaceful and welcoming – just what people need when they’re in that stressful situation,” says Maddie of her namesake room.

“Ron surprised me by stipulating that it be called ‘Maddie’s Room,’” she continues, “and I’m proud that it bears my name.”

There’s a lot that Maddie can be proud of at UCLA. She has been active in the Medical Center Auxiliary for some 20 years, three

of them as its president. She served on the planning committee for the new hospital, which she pronounces as “a superb home for UCLA’s life-saving doctors and nursing staff.” And she has been a member of Women & Philanthropy at UCLA for more than a decade. “I’ve been privileged to work with dedicated, hard-working groups of volunteers at UCLA, which has been very satisfying for me,” she says.

Maddie and Ron are long-standing donors to the arts, athletics and other areas of campus in addition to health care. “We are both alumni and feel strongly that it’s good to give back in ways that are meaningful to us. Maddie’s Room is one of them.”

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A HOSPITAL OF THEIR OWN

“Play is the work of a child,” says Amy Bullock, the new director of the internationally renowned Child Life/Child Development Services program at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA. “I try to help our multi-disciplinary staff see the world through a child’s eyes.” Amy and her team emphasize play therapy for the hospital’s patients, helping children cope with issues related to their medical care and promoting optimal development and recovery.

The upcoming move into the new Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center promises to enrich pediatric patient care and the overall family experience during treatment. Mattel Children’s Hospital Physician-in-Chief Dr. Edward R. B. McCabe explains, “Great care has been taken in designing a reassuring, home-like atmosphere for children at the new Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA. This magnificent new structure not only gives young patients a place to physically heal but also an environment where they can enjoy being children.”

Enhanced spaces will allow Child Life/Child Development Services therapists and other caregivers to engage children with creative arts, music and movement. Each activity develops a child’s strength and enhances

mood, adaptive functioning, and long- and short-term treatment goals. “We look forward to exciting new opportunities to expand our resources,” Amy says, “and to the new environment that will provide the children with private rooms, more natural light, and large interactive playrooms.”

The new Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA will boldly accelerate the work of innovative pediatric care specialists such as Amy and innovative programs such as Child Life/Child Development Services.

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This dramatic rotunda and cylindrical aquarium will be a central hub of activity on the 5th floor of the new Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA. Radiating from it will be three large playrooms, where experts can interact with children and their families.