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Primary Children's and Families' Cancer Research Center Opens

Hundreds of donors, community members, and Utah dignitaries gathered on June 21, to celebrate the dedication of the Primary Children's and Families' Cancer Research Center, the new research facility of Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) at the University of Utah. The new building doubles HCI's research capacity, giving scientists more space to study childhood cancers and cancers that run in families.

"Fifty years ago, parents of children with cancer had no hope," said Mary Beckerle, CEO and director of HCI. "They were told to go home and enjoy their last days with their children. Today 80 percent of children diagnosed with cancer can expect to survive their disease. Research truly saves lives. Today we celebrate many advances in cancer research, and we look toward an even brighter future."

More than 800 people attended the building dedication, including 200 members of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The choir sang several musical numbers and also offered a surprise 80th birthday song to Jon Huntsman, Sr., who founded HCI along with his wife Karen. The speakers, from Jon Huntsman, Jr. to Utah Governor Gary Herbert, continuously thanked Huntsman for his unwavering vision to create a cancer institute that seeks to be among the best in the world.

Huntsman himself kept the focus on the Institute's donors and supporters. At one point, he brought up to the stage 11-year-old Andrew Van Wagoner, who was donating

\$119 that he raised going door to door for cancer research. Huntsman said the building was a tribute to the one million people who have contributed to funding HCI over the years.

"I want to thank the donors," Huntsman told the crowd of supporters, "those of you who have reached deep in your pockets, the Andrew Van Wagoners, the young men and women—some of you have gone way beyond your ability to contribute to us. But you've done it anyway. And I am so grateful for the LDS Church and Intermountain Healthcare and the state of Utah for paying for part of this building. I want to thank you deeply."

The new building includes 276 new research lab benches. It will also house many unique resources that offer scientists extra tools to fight cancer, including a new million-dollar machine that can sequence the human genome in less than a day. Enhancements also include a biotechnology center with the latest advanced imaging equipment.

Within the first several years of operation, the Primary Children's and Families' Cancer Research Center will employ an additional 300 faculty, staff, and students—with the capacity to add a total of 800 new employees. Those researchers will be working to defeat childhood and inherited cancers by testing new targeted therapies. They will also work to expand clinical trials and eliminate cancer health disparities with their research.



Jon Huntsman, Sr. celebrates the dedication of the Primary Children's and Families' Research Center with his son Paul Huntsman, daughter-in-law Cheryl, and his grandchildren.

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Guinney Gift of a Steinway Honors Friend

Tom Guinney, a remarkably successful Utah businessman and philanthropist, has been extremely generous to the University of Utah for many years, including donations of delicious food for campus events from his exceptional Gastronomy restaurants. His latest gift, however, is unique—a century-old and exquisitely restored vintage 1913 Steinway grand piano. Deliberately housed in the recently-renovated Thomas S. Monson Center, previously known as the Enos A. Wall Mansion, on South Temple, the gift was celebrated at an event on June 13, and honors the longtime friendship of the two men—Tom Guinney and Thomas S. Monson, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The pair first met in 1980. Guinney and his two business partners had just opened the first Market Street Grill in a renovated building in downtown Salt Lake City. A mutual friend introduced the two men when Monson was a counselor in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They became friends, and Guinney would often stop by for a visit and to drop off gift certificates so Monson could treat his staff to their favorite lunch of spaghetti and meatballs at Gastronomy’s Bacci Restaurant. Over the years, the Guinney-Monson friendship grew stronger, and Guinney was a frequent guest at LDS General Conference. “The gift [of the piano] has a very personal meaning to me because of the president. Obviously it truly does,” says Guinney.

A generous and longtime advocate of the arts, Guinney made just two requests regarding the gift—that the piano be tuned every four months, and that each year, the piano be available for 10 days to the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition. The two conditions are sure to be honored.

Coincidentally, the construction date of the distinctive piano dates back to the first renovation of the building where it now resides. When mining magnate Enos A. Wall bought the then-25-year-old home in 1909, he began a renovation that was completed in 1914. At about that same time, in 1908, the first layers of wood used to construct the Steinway were curved into shape and it was completed and ready to ship in 1913. Today, the piano has found a new home in a building its same age.

Guinney’s longtime friend, Natalie Gochnour, director of the U’s Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, reflects on lessons she has learned from him: Share your luck and be generous... Respect the local culture—you should know and understand the community you live in...learn about it. Small things matter, you must sweat the small stuff. “He gives, to get, to give again,” she says.

And then there’s the Gastronomy food—as consistent as it is delicious. “Have fun along the way,” says Guinney. “Life is short, let it happen, be you, love others, share your gifts, and live with confidence.”

The University of Utah is grateful to Tom Guinney for his remarkably generous and thoughtful gift of the new Steinway and his enduring excellence, selflessness, and friendship.



Tom Guinney



Restored Steinway piano, a gift to the U from Tom Guinney, is housed at the Thomas S. Monson Center.

To Keep the Desert Blooming

Red Butte Garden opens new water conservation garden

The future of the West will be written with water. Communities that use it wisely will be able to grow and prosper; those who waste it will suffer. Red Butte's Water Conservation Garden will help Utahns learn to use water wisely in their gardens and landscapes so that the Wasatch Front can continue to thrive—while we keep the desert blooming.

Greg Lee
Director, Red Butte Garden



'Heber Red' and 'Mountain Valley Sunrise' stones used throughout the landscape come from Heber, Utah. The garden's incline ascends 70 feet from base to top, with a total trail length of about one-quarter mile.

Red Butte Garden opened its new Water Conservation Garden on May 20. As the second driest state in the nation, receiving just 13 inches of precipitation per year, Utah consumes more water per capita than any other state in the country, making it imperative that our communities transition to water-wise landscaping and gardening. The goal of the new garden is to assist the community in making that transition in their own yards.

The three-acre garden, designed by Tres Fromme, at 3.Fromme Design, is located on the hillside north of the Children's Garden. Its rise of 70 vertical feet from the base of the garden to its highest point is accessed by a gradually winding pedestrian pathway, defined by red sandstone. A series of different "rooms" or areas along the way show how exotic and native plants with differing soil and water needs can grow into beautifully layered and vibrant landscapes without overusing water—options people can use in their own yards. Water-wise plant selections, irrigation techniques, and landscape designs are employed. With 29,000 plants and more than

530 species, one of the garden's goals is to bring an end to the myth that a water-wise garden can only consist of rocks and cacti.

Major funding for the \$5 million project was provided by lead gifts from the Alternative Visions Fund* and the Dumke Family with additional contributions from 150 additional donors. "The



new garden was funded almost entirely (99 percent) through private donations," says Lee. "We thank this generous group of people whose vision encompasses community well-being, sustainability, and a passion for plants and gardens."

The project team was led by Kevin Jensen, landscape architect and Marita Tyrolt, horticulture director with major support from horticulturists Fritz Kollman and Guy Banner, Jim Bach, landscape architect, and Brett Petersen, facilities manager.

"The University of Utah embraces sustainable growth as a critical part of its mission in the 21st century," said U president, David Pershing, at the garden's opening event. "The addition of a water conservation garden demonstrates the commitment of the University and Red Butte Garden to the practices of sustainable landscaping for our growing campus and our rapidly expanding community."

**The Alternative Visions fund does not invite applications nor have a website. They choose the projects they fund.*

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The Michls Planned Gift: A Presidential Endowed Chair for Chemistry

Former Utah chemistry professor Josef Michl and his wife, Sara Allensworth Michl, have pledged a planned legacy gift to name a future Presidential Endowed Chair in Chemistry.

Josef Michl began his career at the University of Utah in 1970 after obtaining his doctorate at the Czech Academy of Science in Prague and postdoctoral studies at the University of Houston, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Utah. In 1986, he moved back to the University of Texas at Austin and then returned to the Rockies a few years later to his present position as a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Michl's research is characterized as far-reaching and groundbreaking. Trained as a theoretical physical chemist, his greatest impact has been in experimental and theoretical physical organic and materials chemistry—helping to explain how chemical reactions occur and to predict new properties of reactive molecules and materials. His work has impacted the design of molecular electronics and solar energy conversion processes. The recipient of many awards, Michl is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and holder of the Heyrovsky Gold Medal from the Czech Academy of Sciences.

When not in the lab, he and his wife Sara are frequently found on mountain trails in the Rockies, the Wasatch, or the hills outside of Prague. Michl has played a lead role in establishing and fostering workshops in Telluride, Colorado, such as “Radicals in the Rockies,” a forum for

scientific exchange among those doing research in the chemistry of free radical species. Discussions on research ideas take place there both in conference rooms and on the hiking trails.

Presidential endowed chairs are imperative to further advance the chemistry department for the future. These key appointments are at the center of leading academic programs and their impacts are felt not only in the department, but have a ripple effect across the campus. They are the most prominent honor bestowed upon a faculty member. The funds supplied by the endowment allow for distinguished faculty members the financial flexibility to explore and advance scientific research and education.

The Josef and Sara Allensworth Michl Presidential Endowed Chair in the Department of Chemistry will allow the department to recruit and/or retain a world-renowned chemistry faculty member. Professors like these are then able to attract top students, thus having transformational impacts in our research and education missions. The chair will continue to honor their legacy with the University of Utah and the Chemistry Department.

“Josef Michl's contributions to science will long be remembered because of the hundreds of seminal works he has published,” says Cynthia Burrows, chair of the Department of Chemistry. “The Michl Chair will ensure that his scientific legacy is indelibly linked to the University of Utah, benefiting generations of students and faculty in the future.”



Josef Michl and his wife, Sara Allensworth Michl, on a recent visit to Prague.

A New Home for the Ski Team

Dedication of the Spence Eccles Ski Team Building took place on a cool morning on April 26, with an enthusiastic crowd of donors, U administrators, ski fans, and the NCAA Championship Utah Ski Team. “This new home for our Ute ski program will be great not only for the team’s growing national and international reputation, but also for our ability to continue to recruit and compete at the highest levels,” said Eccles. “My family and I are thrilled that we could play a part in this fantastic new facility, and I’m humbled to have it bear this Ogden boy’s name.”

Ski team and Ute alumni make up a significant portion of the donors, many of whom have named areas in the facility, including the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation Mezzanine, the Jim Gaddis Board Room (Jim and Barbara Gaddis); Jon Quitiquit Film Room, the Gordon Family Women’s Locker Room (Bill and Shannon Gordon), Thor Kallerud Men’s Locker Room (Thor E. and Barbie Kallerud), Trygve Mikkelsen Nordic Team Room, Scott Hutcheson Alpine Team Room, and the Pete and Jeanine Karns Lobby.

The two-story, 5,931 square-foot facility is located north of the McCarthy Family Track and Field and south of the Dumke Family Softball Stadium. Construction began in June 2016 and the team moved in the first of May.

The ground floor holds the Alf Engen Sportsmanship Award bowl and plaques commemorating Ute Olympians and All-Americans. Custom locker rooms for dry gear storage open into Nordic and alpine team rooms with tuning tables and ski and boot storage for each team.

Upstairs, the board room also serves as a trophy room, holding Utah’s 11 NCAA first place trophies and a plaque commemorating Utah’s individual NCAA national champions. A balcony with views of the city and the mountains—and especially of the Block U—provides outdoor space for gatherings.

“It is hard to find the right words to express my sincere appreciation for all the hard work and donor commitments that have made our new home possible,” said Kevin Sweeney, director of skiing for the U. “It is an honor to have the building named after Spence Eccles, ski team alum and NCAA All-American, who, as lead donor, has been intimately involved with the project since its inception. No doubt it will aid in our preparation, performance, and recruiting.”



Lisa, Spence, and Spencer P. Eccles celebrate the opening of the new Spence Eccles Ski Team Building.

Skiing for Scholarships—Humanities Style



Swoop and Humanities Dean Dianne Harris hit the slopes at Brighton to raise funds for scholarships.

On a beautiful March 1, at Brighton Ski Resort, with fresh powder calling, the College of Humanities held its first annual Skiing for Scholarships Day. It was a smashing success! Skiers gathered to schuss down the mountain with Swoop and Dianne Harris, dean of the college; members of the 2016 national championship-winning U Ski Team; and humanities faculty and staff, who came together to ski for a great cause. The nearly \$10,000 raised from the event will fund scholarships for underrepresented humanities students. The first award winner is Jose Soto, a first-generation college student and a Venezuelan immigrant who is studying communication. Thrilled to experience skiing for the first time, he received a \$2,500 scholarship, and a one-year ski pass and season of ski lessons at Brighton.

In addition to the exceptional generosity of Brighton Resort, host of the event, additional sponsors included University of Utah Athletics, Millcreek Gardens, Stuff n’ Junk, Twin Peaks Wealth Management, Knead a Massage, and Goal Zero.

The College of Humanities will host its next Skiing for Scholarships fundraising event in early 2018 and looks forward to the support and participation by all interested fellow Utes.

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Completing that Degree Daniel's Fund aids the Women's Resource Center in doing its part

After serving in the Army National Guard for approximately eight years, Idamae Wallace, a recipient of the Daniel's Fund Boundless Opportunities Scholarship, returned to the U in 2014. She received financial support through the Post-911 GI Bill, which paid 40 percent of her school tuition. However, due to a shortage of active duty time, the Veterans Administration reduced those funds, causing Wallace's financial situation to become dire. "My husband and I work hard to support our young family and what income we receive goes to that," she says. "We are unable to afford my school tuition on our own. The Boundless Opportunity Scholarship has and will continue to help me to afford my school tuition and eventually to fulfill my dream of becoming a teacher." She adds if it weren't for "the wonderful women that work in the [U's] Women's Resource Center" she would not have been able to continue at the U.

In another case, after a 29-year absence from school and multiple careers, Tres Hatch returned to the U to get the credentials necessary to grow her company. Her dream is to expand her health-coaching practice to a full family mental health clinic. While in school, her household income decreased by more than half. "The tug-of-war between time and money means I can go to school, but cannot earn enough money to pay for it," she says. Receiving the Boundless Opportunity Scholarship from the Daniels Fund has played a significant part in paying her tuition. "I cannot express how grateful I am for this support and

for the future opportunities this generous award will provide not only to me, but also to the team of women professionals I plan to hire."

These examples typify the way U students are being impacted by the generosity of the Daniels Fund's Boundless Opportunity Scholarship. The fund is open to select schools in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and New Mexico and recently renewed \$25,000 of support for the Women's Resource Center. The scholarship supports highly motivated, non-traditional students who recognize the power of education in creating a better life for themselves and their families. To date, 44 students (both men and women) have received the scholarship through the center, with award amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per semester, depending on full or part-time status. "That has brought many men into the Women's Resource Center who now see our office as supportive of their education through resources, advocacy, and counseling services," says Kim Hall, the center's associate director.

The Women's Resource Center awards on average a total of \$220,000 in scholarships each year to between 80 and 110 students. In an effort to ensure that students make it to graduation, they may give a Boundless Opportunity Scholarship recipient additional monies from other scholarships (for example the Osher Scholarship, which has similar criteria). And as Hall says, "Leveraging the Boundless Opportunity Scholarship with other scholarships and financial support allows us to retain and graduate more students at the U."



Idamae Wallace



Tres Hatch

How the Kahlert Foundation is Making a Difference on Campus



Heather Kahlert, Vice President of the Kahlert Foundation

The Kahlert Foundation's recent gifts to support student scholarships and to help fund new facilities in the health sciences reflect their generosity of spirit, respect for education, and growing support of the University of Utah.

In 2015 the foundation created an endowed scholarship for students participating in the Lassonde Institute at the David Eccles School of Business. "The foundation's support is incredibly generous and helps our Lassonde students gain invaluable, real world experience when they are able to launch businesses while getting a business education," says Katie Amundson, director of development for the business school. Heather Kahlert, vice president of the foundation—and a U alum—recently agreed to serve on the school's Eccles Advisory Board.

The foundation also provided generous support for the new Primary Children's and Families' Cancer Research Center at Huntsman Cancer Institute. Thanks to the Kahlert Foundation and other donors, the new 225,000 square-foot expansion allows HCI's scientists and researchers to study the leading disease that kills children, to trace familial cancers, to accelerate the development of new treatments and cancer prevention strategies, and to enhance training programs for the next generation of cancer researchers. "From the very beginning, our goal has been to build an unrivaled cancer treatment and research campus that is at the forefront of scientific discovery," says Jon M. Huntsman, Sr. "With this expansion, we're one step closer to realizing our vision to eradicate cancer from the face of the earth."

Additionally, the Kahlert Foundation is supporting construction of the new Medical Education and Discovery Building (shown below). "This facility will act as the hub that brings together people and ideas," says Christopher Nelson, former executive director of the University Hospital Foundation. "Reimagined learning and work spaces will bring the energy and innovation of students, faculty, and the community to improve the health of our population through health systems innovations, precision medicine, and global partnerships."

Established in 1991 by Bill Kahlert, the foundation originally supported programs located in the Mid-Atlantic area. In 2015, with the third generation of Kahlerts reaching adulthood, Heather, who lives in Utah, expressed an interest in becoming more involved and suggested the foundation consider expanding its philanthropy to include The Beehive State. The board agreed and voted her in as vice president.

"When I realized the scope of the foundation's work and its capacity to do good in the community, I also realized how much need there is and how much more we could do," she says. And of her grandfather, who established the foundation and whose thoughtfulness and generosity in the community has inspired her in her philanthropic work, she says, "Everything he did in his life was an example of a good person and a good man—someone with honor. I always try to be like him."



A gift from the Kahlert Foundation will go toward construction of the new Medical Education and Discovery Building (pictured in center) on the Health Sciences Campus.

ASUU Child Care Endowment Fund Gets a Boost

Known as “the gift that keeps on giving,” a \$25,000 donation to the Associated Students at the University of Utah (ASUU) Child Care Endowment Fund, made possible by current ASUU administration, will provide an influx of scholarship money to aid students in need of child care.

Until now, scholarships to offset daycare costs for the ASUU Childcare Center have been funded from the interest on what has been an underfunded endowment. While typically around 25 people apply each year, the endowment is able to provide scholarship money to just eight or nine students. This gift will increase the endowment, generating additional scholarship dollars and aiding more students for years to come.

The gift—a first—was a joint effort by a number of ASUU officials, including Matt Miller, vice president of University Student Relations; Jessica Patterson, vice president of Student Relations; Rob Phillips, former financial advisor; and Jack Bender, student body president. The bill was drafted and passed through the ASUU Senate and Assembly with strong support. This investment in current and future Utah students is also an investment in families.



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