

TOMORROW

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA



Jerry and Judy Davis have each survived bouts with cancer. Their latest gift bolsters teaching, research and programs to fight cancer at UF.
Photo by KOR Photography

"Anyone who has been touched by cancer knows that when it strikes, it affects not just the individual, but everyone around that person," Jerry Davis said. "We are blessed to have some of the best physicians in academic medicine today at the University of Florida, and we want to retain those outstanding physicians and attract more."

Jerry survived several bouts with cancer, and Judy is a breast cancer survivor. In 1998, they donated \$5 million to UF for cancer research. The gift was matched by the state, and the \$10 million endowment was used to recruit world-class scientists and expand research programs. The outpatient care component of the UFSCC was named the Jerry W. and Judith S. Davis Cancer Pavilion in recognition of their support.

"Jerry and Judy Davis understand that gifts that support university research can really improve people's lives," President Bernie Machen said. "Their gift has a real potential to lead to new treatments or cures for other cancer patients who today have limited options."

For Our Children and Grandchildren

Jerry and Judy Davis' \$21 million gift boosts UF's cancer initiative, hospital project

Eleven years ago Jerry and Judy Davis helped jumpstart UF's cancer program with a \$5 million donation. Now they've strengthened their commitment in the fight against cancer with an additional \$21 million for the UF Shands Cancer Center.

The Jacksonville couple gave \$20 million to the College of Medicine — the largest single gift ever to the college — to create the Jerry W. and Judith S. Davis Cancer Endowment to support teaching, research and programs, with special emphasis on research in lymphoma, breast cancer, bone marrow and gastrointestinal cancer. Shands HealthCare received \$1 million for its Raising Hope campaign to support construction of the \$388 million Shands at UF Cancer Hospital. The 500,000-square-foot hospital will house 192 private inpatient beds and include a critical care center for emergency- and trauma-related services.

Jerry, a private investor and 1968 graduate of UF's College of Journalism and Communications, has served on the Shands HealthCare board of directors since 2001. The Davises are co-chairs of the Shands cancer hospital fundraising effort.

"It may not be in my lifetime, but I think in my children's or grandchildren's lifetimes cancer will not be the disease it is today," Jerry Davis said. "In 10 years it should be much more controllable. The University of Florida will have a role in making that happen."

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OR GIVE A GIFT TO THE SHANDS AT UF CANCER HOSPITAL, VISIT WWW.SHANDS.ORG/ OR CALL 352-265-7373.

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OUR PARENTS' KEEPERS

UF's commitment to older adults

Imagine a home where beds monitor sleep patterns, bathroom mirrors display reminders, a refrigerator creates shopping lists, and sensors in the floor detect when someone falls and then calls for an ambulance. It's not science fiction. These are some of the features of the Gator-Tech Smart House, a UF project to help older adults remain independent in their own homes longer.

As America's baby boomers enter their later years, UF is looking for ways to help them remain healthy and active. Understanding exactly how people age and taming the problems associated with it are UF priorities. The cornerstone of those efforts is the Institute on Aging, which strives to, in the words of its mission statement, "improve the health, independence and quality of life of older adults." UF stepped closer to that when the National Institutes of Health established the Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center on campus. Researchers from seven UF colleges work there alongside personnel from Shands at UF medical center.

The scope of UF's work in that arena is broad. In 2008, scientists with UF's McKnight Brain Research Institute discovered a way to slow memory loss. Other researchers found that cutting calories in middle age could help muscles remain strong later. UF nutritionists developed a food pyramid for older adults. Genetics Institute researchers found that tinkering with a toxic protein in the brain might stop Parkinson's disease. UF's National Older Driver Research and Training Center, working with the America Automobile Association, came up with a list of features — such as thicker steering wheels and wide-angle mirrors — seniors should consider for their cars.

That's just a sample. Architecture students are learning design techniques that make it easier for older people to manage in their homes. Working with seniors is part of the curriculum in the College of Nursing and College of Medicine. UF economists keep an eye on the financial burdens weighing on retirees. UF even has a partnership with Oak Hammock, a retirement community near campus. And the list goes on.

With nearly one in five Floridians above 60, serving that population is a necessity for UF. UF's researchers are determined to make long, healthy, rewarding lives a more attainable goal for tomorrow's generations.

— Bernie Machen, president, University of Florida

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To Tame Cancer's Wrath

UF making strides to prevent, treat and cure disease

Scrub Atlanta. Scratch Albuquerque next year. Plan to dump Fresno or Kansas City or Tucson a couple years later. Each of those five cities — with populations hovering around 500,000 — is roughly equivalent to the number of Americans who'll die from cancer in 2009 alone.

In Florida, in a typical class of 25 kindergartners today, 10 will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lifetime. Between now and the time those same children finish first grade, 40,000 Floridians — about UF's entire undergraduate enrollment — will have lost their lives to the disease. The numbers are startling. But there is hope. UF doctors and researchers, along with philanthropists who support their work, have made preventing, treating and curing cancer their mission.

UF's investment in cancer research and care is huge, both in terms of funding and commitment. Scores of researchers and oncologists have been recruited. The university established the Cancer & Genetics Research Complex in Gainesville and the UF Proton Therapy Institute — one of only five in the nation — at its sister campus in Jacksonville. Projects and programs involving hundreds, sometimes thousands, of Gators are plentiful — from cutting-edge research and clinical trials to the "Gators White Out Cancer" campaign that encourages football fans to protect themselves from the sun and the Shands Arts in Medicine program that helps patients heal through music, drama, crafts and dance. To do even more, the 500,000-square-foot Shands at UF Cancer Hospital is scheduled to open soon.

The next step is to bridge UF's research in the lab with actual patient care. Dr. Carmen Allegra is UF's associate director for clinical and translational research.

Offering state-of-the-art therapy to patients through clinical trials that leverages the latest technologic and scientific advances will be a critical area of expansion and development at the University of Florida, he says.

UF's combined efforts are promising.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OR TO CONTRIBUTE TO UF'S CANCER INITIATIVES, VISIT WWW.UFSCC.UF.EDU OR CALL 352-273-7986.



See more Shands at UF Cancer Hospital photos at <http://shands.org/sufcancerhospital>. Photo by Ray Carson



Students and faculty at the College of Veterinary Medicine treat animals of all sizes. Photos by Sarah Kiewel

All Creatures Great and Small

A new small animal hospital is under construction on campus

If your cat has cancer, ferret has the flu or iguana is ill, UF's new small animal hospital might be what the veterinarian ordered. Faculty and student vets have been overwhelmed with patients in the existing cramped facility, which has been serving patients throughout the state since the UF College of Veterinary Medicine opened its first hospital in 1978. The number of companion animals receiving examinations and treatment has increased from about 3,000 a year to approximately 15,000.

Colin Burrows, chair of the College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences and chief of staff of the small animal hospital, says a roomier animal hospital has been on the radar for a decade.

The \$58 million, 100,000 square-foot small animal hospital, officially known as the Veterinary Education and Clinical Research Center, is expected to be completed in late 2010. The VECRC was made possible by \$4.4 million in private gifts, matched fully through the state's matching gift program and supplemented with additional



state facilities funding. The single largest private gift supporting the project was a \$1 million donation from the Robin Weeks Estate.

The new small animal hospital will have state-of-the-art equipment and include more examination rooms, larger treatment areas, an expanded intensive care suite and a cancer referral center with a linear accelerator to provide radiation therapy.

"We are excited that this long-awaited process is finally happening. It will enable us to do a far better job with all of our patients as well as create a wonderful teaching environment for UF students," Burrows says.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE OR TO MAKE A GIFT, VISIT WWW.VETMED.UFL.EDU/ OR CALL 352-392-2213.

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- 9** Percent of UF's budget that comes from tuition.
- 10** Percent of budget each college dean and university administrator has been asked to cut for next fiscal year.
- 12** Rank of UF's fundraising total in 2008 among all public universities. Philanthropists to UF donated more than \$200 million, the highest one-year total in UF history.
- 26.7** Percent of UF's \$2.4 billion budget that comes from the state.
- 1,100** Number of UF students receiving direct financial support this year through the Florida Opportunity Scholars program, which helps first-generation college students from low-income families.
- \$24,000** Average household income of those 1,100 students in the Florida Opportunity Scholars program.
- \$500,000** Endowment established by Ellen Bellet Gelberg for the Ellen Bellet Gelberg Tax Policy Lecture Series in the Fredric G. Levin College of Law.



Howard and Sylvia McNulty say a charitable remainder trust is a smart and safe option for philanthropists. Photo by Lars Stout

Whole World in Their Hands

Gift will enable business college to expand study abroad program

Howard and Sylvia McNulty, both UF alumni, believe that for any businessperson to be successful in today's market he or she must have a global perspective.

"It's clear that we're becoming more global all the time," says McNulty, who with his wife has placed \$6.5 million in a charitable remainder trust for the Warrington College of Business Administration's study abroad program.

"Business is much more international now, and it's important for students to expand their concept of the world," he says. "Living and interacting in a foreign country is often so different from what they know here. Students who return from studying abroad generally have a dramatically different perspective on their life and career. And that's good."

Joe Rojo, the business college's associate director of international programs, says many business schools require students to study abroad.

"What employers are telling us is that they want a workforce that is comfortable traveling, dealing with people who are not American and comfortable making deals with companies that are not like American companies," Rojo explains.

With the McNultys' trust, the scope of the study abroad program can expand to include group trips and scholarships for students who can't otherwise afford travel expenses. It also gives UF the ability to change current business courses to include international content.

McNulty says from his perspective, the gift will have a positive impact on the lives and careers of future students and give UF's international business programs more credibility and stature.

"Charitable remainder trusts are appealing from a personal standpoint," he says. "They diversify your holdings and instead of having to pay capital gains taxes on this money, you get a charitable deduction. Plus, you get a return on the value of the trust for life."

"The University of Florida had been good to us. It provided the foundation for our success in life, and we are pleased to support the Warrington College of Business Administration with this trust."

FOR INFORMATION ON THE WARRINGTON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OR TO SUPPORT ITS PROGRAMS AND STUDENTS, VISIT WWW.CBA.UFL.EDU OR CALL 352-392-0381.

CAMPAIGN Progress

AS OF MARCH 31, 2009



REGIONAL KICKOFF EVENT DATES

THE FLORIDA TOMORROW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS REACHING THROUGHOUT THE NATION WITH THESE REGIONAL KICKOFF EVENTS:

- Jacksonville April 23
- Washington, D.C. September 16
- Atlanta October
- Palm Beach February 2010
- St. Petersburg April 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE REGIONAL CAMPAIGNS, VISIT WWW.FLORIDATOMORROW.UFL.EDU/REGIONALS.



Antonio Dowels, a high school football standout before a car accident paralyzed him, is manager for the Gators women's basketball team. Photo by Chen Wang

Zest for Life

Wheelchair doesn't slow former star athlete from dreaming big

Antonio Dowels likes to make people smile. "I love to have a good time and it makes me happy to see others laugh and enjoy life," he says.

Never mind that he has his own problems. Such as, that his once promising football career ended with a car crash ... or that his family is too poor to help him with college ... or that he can't walk.

Dowels, a UF freshman, always figured he'd make it to college on his athletic prowess, not his brains. That changed his junior year at Riverview High in Sarasota. A star athlete in football and track, Dowels nodded off while driving and slammed into a semi-truck. The accident left him paralyzed, but he returned to school his senior year and worked to improve his grades. This fall, he entered UF and qualified for the university's Florida Opportunity Scholars program, which lends a hand to students from low-income homes and who are the first in their families to attend college.

"If I didn't have the Florida Opportunity scholarship, I wouldn't have the money that I need to get by," Dowels says. "I am thankful that I have been given the opportunity to further my education"



HOW WILL YOU CHANGE TOMORROW?

There are many ways to support the University of Florida's programs, research, faculty and students. To speak with a donations expert who could tailor a plan for you, contact Carter Boydston at 352-392-9826 or cboydstun@uff.ufl.edu. To explore some typical methods on your own, visit www.uff.ufl.edu/HowToGive.

Dowels is a double-major, studying biology and psychology. He hopes to one day be a pediatrician or child psychologist.

"I always enjoyed taking care of children," he says. "In the past it would only take seconds to win kids over. Now, because of the wheelchair, it just takes a little bit longer."

He's also a manager for the Gators women's basketball team and is working to start a campus organization to help children in Africa who are sick because of unclean water and poor sanitation.

"I don't know why people say that I am inspirational, I just enjoy life," he says. "I haven't let setbacks get me down. I still have the ability to make something of myself and that is what I plan to do."

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SUPPORT THE FLORIDA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM, VISIT WWW.UFF.UFL.EDU/FOS OR CALL 800-279-6796.