

## **GREEHEY FAMILY DONATES \$25 MILLION TO HSC**

*A message from President Francisco G. Cigarroa, M.D.*

Fellow members of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio community,

Today it gives me great pleasure to announce the largest private gift in the history of the Health Science Center. This donation is one of the largest outright cash gifts from a private donor in the history of The University of Texas System, and one of the most significant gifts in the history of San Antonio philanthropy.

Mr. Bill Greehey, Chairman of the Board of Valero and a 40-year-leader in the energy industry; his wife, Louree, a committed community volunteer and philanthropist; and their wonderful family have provided a gift of \$25 million to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. They have long supported our University, and especially causes that affect the lives of children. This gift reflects their deep commitment to the future of health for children, and especially children with cancer.

This landmark gift will impact the Health Science Center in a number of ways.

The Greehey Academic and Research Campus (previously known as the North Campus) and the Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute will be permanently identified with The Greehey Family, one of the most respected names in business, humanitarianism and philanthropy in the United States.

This gift will establish the Greehey President's Endowment for Excellence in Children's Health Sciences and will support construction of our new South Texas Research building. Each of these endowments will enable us to build upon, in a very substantial way, the founding endowment approved by the Legislature to create the Children's Cancer Research Institute.

The Greehey Endowment will provide scholarships in perpetuity for deserving students and fellows whose research will emphasize children's cancer and health. This transformational gift will supply Texas, the nation and the world with new leaders in oncology and related health disciplines who will provide care and make discoveries to enhance the lives of children across the globe.

The gift will directly benefit students across our University, and will enable us to award at least 13 scholarships and fellowships each year to students interested in the care of children suffering from cancer and other complex problems.

The Greehey President's Endowment will establish five Greehey Distinguished Chairs to help the University continue to recruit and retain the best academic clinician-scientists in the world. The holders of the Greehey Distinguished

Chairs will be leaders in fields such as pediatric oncology, hematologic malignancies, molecular therapeutics, cancer genetics and related health issues.

The Greehey President's Endowment will also allow us to expand community initiatives focused on cancer survivorship and palliative care, and create a Family Support Fund for children with complex chronic conditions.

Finally, this exceptional gift will also support construction of state-of-the-art laboratories carrying the Greehey name within our new South Texas Research Facility (STRF). These laboratories will link the STRF to the Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute, and will focus on targeted molecular and immune therapies for improved treatment of children and young adults with cancer. The faculty who will occupy these laboratories will enhance the full spectrum of cancer research being conducted through the San Antonio Cancer Institute and its clinical and research partners, including the military.

The generous donation made by the Greehey Family will also serve as a transformational gift toward our *Campaign for the Future of Health*. A gift of this magnitude affirms the excellence of our University, will be a catalyst for further giving, and will promote successful recruitment of talented faculty in addition to enhancing the success of the excellent faculty we have today. Strong philanthropy is required to enhance a great university.

The Greehey Family has placed remarkable trust in our Health Science Center and in each and every faculty member, staff member and student. We are committed to making the Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute our nation's premier children's cancer research facility, one that will benefit the world and create a future in which the words "children" and "cancer" are never used in the same sentence.