

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers (UMHHC)  
Depression Center and Ambulatory Psychiatry

Action Requested Authorization to Name New Building in Honor of Rachel Upjohn

Background:

The UM Depression Center has received a gift of \$10 million from Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Meader of Kalamazoo, Michigan, in support of the construction of a new building to house the Depression Center. The new building will be located on the East Ann Arbor Properties, adjacent to the current UM Health Center. The new facility will house outpatient clinics, research laboratories (also funded with support from the National Institutes of Health), an auditorium, an educational resource center and administrative offices.

The Meaders have been very generous donors to the University of Michigan Depression Center. In addition to this \$10 million gift, they have contributed \$2 million for the Rachel Upjohn Professorship of Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences, currently held by John F. Greden, M.D., and the Rachel Upjohn Clinical Scholars Award program that supports the research of young investigators focusing on depressive illnesses, their underlying genetics and linkages with pain. In addition, they have given another \$1 million to the Depression Center for Dr. Greden's research.

The Meaders have also been major donors to other areas of the Health System and the University. They have funded faculty and research endowments in the Department of Ophthalmology, and have made many significant contributions to the School of Music, the University Musical Society, LS&A for Education and the Kelsey Museum, and other areas over the past 20 years. The Meaders have also contributed generously to the Kellogg Eye Center building fund, and recently made a pledge of \$8 million for a new addition to the Kelsey Museum.

Both Ed and Mary Meader's families have long histories of association with UM which they feel is an important part of their lives. The Meaders would like to name the building housing the UM Depression Center to honor the Upjohn family's contributions to the University of Michigan Medical School. In the words of Ed Meader, "This name not only honors a principal donor (Mary Meader) whose maiden name is Rachel Mary Upjohn, but also her grandmother, the first wife of her grandfather Dr. William Erastus Upjohn, a graduate of the UM Medical School more than a hundred years ago." About Dr. Upjohn, who founded the Upjohn Company with two of his brothers, Mr. Meader states that "Dr. William ...had the caring for humanity, the imagination, persistence and genius for organization which created for his employees, his family, his community a flow of wealth still reaching out across this nation immeasurably. One could wish he knew about the Depression Center."

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The Meaders' philanthropy has extended beyond the University of Michigan. They have been major contributors to many charitable institutions in the Kalamazoo area, including Western Michigan University, where Mrs. Meader's son served as Provost.

In recognition of the generosity of the Meaders to the University of Michigan, and specifically their significant gift for the new Depression Center building, we recommend that the Regents formally designate the new facility the "Rachel Upjohn Building."

Respectfully submitted,



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