

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Building naming

Action Requested: Authorization to name a new behavioral health building

Proposed name: The Janice M. Granger Behavioral Health Building

Background:

Building on a local history of support for health care in Mid-Michigan, the Granger family has pledged the largest gift in University of Michigan Health-Sparrow's history for the new behavioral health hospital that will be built in Lansing.

The gift from the Alton L. and Janice M. Granger Charitable Gift Fund will help finance the construction, renovation and operation of what will be known as The Janice M. Granger Behavioral Health Building. Groundbreaking for the project is planned for August, with the opening projected for 2028.

The hospital, to be located behind University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing near Pennsylvania Avenue and Jerome Street, will address the scarcity of mental health resources in Mid-Michigan. The 64-bed facility will serve adult, geriatric and – in a first for the area – child and adolescent patients.

Alton and Janice Granger, past winners of the Founders' Award, University of Michigan Health-Sparrow's highest honor, and the entire Granger family have a legacy of service in the region, uplifting countless lives through their generosity.

Their past gifts have helped fund the Granger Pediatric Emergency Department at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing, the neurosciences center and much more. Alton Granger is a past member of the Sparrow Foundation Board of Directors. The couple's son, Glenn, followed in his father's footsteps and earned Emeritus status with the Sparrow Foundation Board.

In recognition of the Granger's exceptional generosity to University of Michigan Health-Sparrow, we recommend that the Board of Regents approve the naming of the Janice M. Granger Behavioral Health Building, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

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Domenico Grasso
President

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David C. Miller, M.D., M.P.H.
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Thomas A. Baird
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