Subject: Building Naming

Action Requested: Authorization to name the Pavilion at University of Michigan Health

Proposed Name: D. Dan and Betty Kahn Health Care Pavilion

Background:

The D. Dan and Betty Kahn Foundation has made a $50 million gift to Michigan Medicine to support the construction of University of Michigan Health’s new hospital pavilion.

The new 690,000-square-foot hospital is expected to open in fall 2025. The facility will include 264 private inpatient rooms capable of converting into intensive care, a top-notch neurosciences center, and specialty services for cardiovascular and thoracic care. It will also feature 20 surgical and three interventional radiology suites. The new hospital will improve the patient experience across the medical campus, allowing for the relocation of beds currently in semi-private rooms at University Hospital, improving patient safety and experience while offering more space for family members.

The D. Dan and Betty Kahn Foundation has a near-20-year history of transformational giving to the University of Michigan.

In 2011, Dan Kahn created the Kahn Symposium, a collaboration between U-M and the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. In 2018, the foundation established and expanded the Michigan-Israel Partnership for Research and Education, an alliance among U-M, Technion and the Weizmann Institute of Science that was envisioned by Dan Kahn and facilitates collaboration in medicine, science and engineering among these institutions.

The foundation also has supported cardiovascular research and care at Michigan Medicine, with gifts in 2009 and 2004, the latter made by Dan in memory of his beloved wife, Betty. The auditorium at U-M’s Biomedical Science Research Building and the Patient and Family Reception Area at the Frankel Cardiovascular Center are named in the Kahns’ honor.

In recognition of the Kahn Foundation’s exceptional generosity to U-M and this significant commitment, we recommend that the Board of Regents approve the naming of the D. Dan and Betty Kahn Health Care Pavilion, effective immediately.

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