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Burnham Institute / Sanford Health Collaboration

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What are the details of this contribution?

A: Mr. Denny Sanford of Sioux Falls, South Dakota is donating \$20 million to create the Sanford Children's Health Research Center at the Burnham Institute for Medical Research in La Jolla, California. In Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Sanford Health will also develop a Sanford Children's Health Research Center facility. The two locations will share resources, findings and technology in order to conquer childhood diseases.

Q: What are the goals of this contribution?

A: The gift funds will establish the Sanford Children's Health Research Center and establish research collaboration between Burnham Institute and Sanford Health. Mr. Sanford's goal for this collaboration is that world-class scientific talent at both locations will work together to find answers to health issues affecting children.

Q: How will those two locations work together and be connected?

A: Burnham and Sanford Health will form an oversight committee made up of members of both organizations in order to guide research and set priorities. This committee will meet at least biannually, at least once in La Jolla and once in Sioux Falls. In addition, senior scientists (faculty) from both locations will hold annual meetings in order to foster collaboration, set goals and coordinate research activities to achieve complementary efforts.

Q: What research will be done in La Jolla, CA and in Sioux Falls, SD?

A: The Sanford Children's Health Research Center oversight committee will outline research emphases and research themes designed to maximize collaboration between Sanford and Burnham scientists. Burnham will also recruit a world-class research scientist to serve as Scientific Director for the La Jolla center site, as well as help Sanford recruit a Scientific Director for the Sanford facility in Sioux Falls. The Scientific Directors, along with the oversight committee, will identify a research emphasis for the La Jolla site by the end of 2008.

Q: Where will these new buildings be located?

A: Burnham intends to dedicate 25,000 square feet of research and support space in La Jolla, most likely the floor of a research building, to this effort. Sanford Health will have an interim research location for this collaboration on its main hospital campus in Sioux Falls. In two to three years, these research activities will be located in Sanford Health's new research park in southwestern Sioux Falls.

Q: Why and how is Sanford Health involved in this contribution?

A: Mr. Sanford's contribution will be given to Sanford Health to be distributed to the Burnham Institute for Medical Research over the next five years. Mr. Sanford has an established relationship with Sanford Health and knows the organization will help make sure the gift can be used to support research and initiatives that make a difference in children's lives. On February 3, 2007, Mr. Sanford made a transformational \$400 million gift to Sioux Valley Health System, which then changed its name to Sanford Health to honor Mr. Sanford's. The \$400 million gift is the largest, single donation ever to a hospital or health system.

Q: How will this contribution benefit the people of this community?

A: By working together, Burnham and Sanford Health will find answers to illnesses and diseases that affect children. These answers will undoubtedly improve the healthcare of children.

Q: Why did Mr. Sanford want to create this collaboration between Sanford Health and the Burnham Institute for Medical Research?

A: Mr. Sanford has long held the belief that outstanding organizations need to collaborate and work together. Mr. Sanford has a strong and lengthy relationship with Sanford Health and trusts the organization's vision and expertise. The Burnham Institute for Medical Research is world renowned for its research activities. This collaboration will combine world-class scientific talent with state-of-the art technology to conquer childhood diseases.

Q: Why is the emphasis on children and pediatric care?

A. Mr. Sanford is a visionary philanthropist who recognizes the importance of children's health to South Dakota, this nation and the world. He has long supported children's charities and has a very strong interest in using his money to improve children's lives.

Q: What is the Burnham Institute?

A: Burnham Institute for Medical Research conducts world-class collaborative research dedicated to finding cures for human disease, improving quality of life, and thus creating a legacy for its employees, donors, and community. The La Jolla, California campus was established as a nonprofit, public benefit corporation in 1976 and is now home to three major centers: a National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center; the Del E. Webb Center for Neurosciences, Aging and Stem Cell Research; and the Infectious and Inflammatory Disease Center. Today, Burnham employs more than 750 people and ranks consistently among the world's top 20 research institutes. In 2006, Burnham established a presence at the University of California, Santa Barbara, led by Dr. Erkki Ruoslahti, Distinguished Professor. Burnham is also establishing a campus at Lake Nona in Orlando, Florida that will focus on diabetes and obesity research and will expand the Institute's drug discovery capabilities. For additional information about Burnham and to learn about ways to support its research, visit www.burnham.org.

Q: Who is Sanford Health?

A: Sanford Health is a comprehensive, integrated health system based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Sanford Health's system includes more than 360 physicians in 115 clinics, 23 hospitals, 13 nursing homes, 17 assisted living facilities and congregate living locations, 27 home health services and 19 pharmacies. With approximately 12,000 employees, Sanford Health is the largest employer in the region. Its primary 500-bed nonprofit tertiary care hospital in Sioux Falls, SD, serves an average of more than 30,000 inpatients annually. With more than a million outpatient visits each year, Sanford Health has served the 80,000 square mile, four-state region of South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska for over 110 years. For more information on Sanford Health, visit www.sanfordhealth.org.

Q: Who is Denny Sanford?

A: Mr. Sanford was born in St. Paul, Minnesota and now calls Sioux Falls, South Dakota home. He is chairman of United National Corporation, First PREMIER Bank and Premier BANKCARD, Inc. headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has a longtime, special interest in supporting organizations and groups that focus on the health care needs of children.