

UCSD Shiley Eye Center Expansion

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Groundbreaking ceremonies for an expansion of the Donald P. and Darlene V. Shiley Eye Center and the Anne F. and Abraham Ratner Children's Eye Center will be held at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center-La Jolla campus Friday, October 27 at 4 p.m.

The Shiley Eye Center and the Ratner Children's Eye Center, part of the Shiley Eye Center complex, house the Department of Ophthalmology faculty, staff and programs, including broad based clinical care, world-class research, teaching and community outreach programs.

"The Shiley Eye Center has produced significant contributions in the areas of diagnosis, prevention and treatment of all eye diseases as well as community outreach and education, such as the first macular degeneration outreach program and the mobile children's eye unit," said UCSD Chancellor Marye Anne Fox.

Because of patient demand and numerous research activities on the present clinical space, UCSD has secured commitments of \$9 million in private support for the expansion at the Center.

The expansion project, which is fully funded by philanthropy, will increase the existing clinical space by more than 50 percent and will include additional examination rooms, a registration area and a new waiting room on the first floor to offer added convenience to patients. The second floor will contain space for new faculty and future research needs. The Ratner Children's Eye Center will also add several new examination rooms essentially doubling its clinical examination space. The total project will add approximately 13,000 square feet.

Private support for the Shiley Eye Center expansion project contributes to the \$1 billion fundraising goal of The Campaign for UCSD: Imagine What's Next.

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