

Proposed cancer center to be named the Theodore Gildred Cancer Center

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The proposed \$6 million cancer center, to be built at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest, will be named the Theodore Gildred Cancer Center in honor of the late San Diego developer, it has been announced by UC San Diego Chancellor, William McElroy.

The naming of the center was approved by the University Board of Regents at a recent meeting in San Francisco.

Theodore Gildred was one of the pioneer developers of the San Diego area and was prominent in civic affairs. He died of cancer in 1967. A major gift to the cancer center was made by the Gildred Foundation of San Diego last February to begin a successful \$2.3 million fund-raising drive making the new facility possible. San Diego businessman George Gildred, nephew of Theodore Gildred, served as general chairman of the seven-month campaign.

According to McElroy, even though the campaign was successfully concluded in November, constantly rising costs and a reappraisal of the amount of money expected from a federal grant may force the university to seek additional funds.

"While I am deeply gratified at the generous response to this community effort," McElroy said, "I have been apprised of the fact that an additional \$500,000 or more in private gifts will be necessary to complete the project."

The new cancer center will be one of some 50 such centers in the United States recognized by the National Cancer Institute. The center will provide space for a cancer program including both basic research and patient care facilities. Through the university cancer program, new experimental drugs are available to cooperating oncologists practicing in the community.

A four-story, 34,000-square-foot building has been designed for the center with space for an interdisciplinary cancer outpatient clinic, as well as research and clinical laboratories. The building, to be located just north of the main hospital building at the UCSD Medical Center, will enable close interaction between clinical and basic investigators.

Coupled with the center will be a two-story medical center library to serve the teaching and research needs of the medical school and hospital. It is expected that construction of the library will be placed for bid by early June and the Theodore Gildred Cancer Center will have working drawings completed by next fall.

According to George Gildred, memorial gifts provided a major portion of the over \$2.3 million raised from private sources for the construction of the two buildings.

Assisting Gildred as general chairman was a steering committee made up of Richard Levi, Morris Sievert, Larry Cox, C. Temple Murphy and university representatives McElroy, Dr. John H. Moxley, III, dean of the UC San Diego Medical School, and Ray Ramseyer, special assistant to the chancellor for development.

Leadership gifts were under the direction of three division leaders: Frank Hope, Jr., Morris Sievert and Walter Zable. Assisting them in securing gifts of \$50,000 or more were: Robert Biron, Armistead Carter, Richard Carlson, Donald Daley, David Garfield, Kenneth Hill, Gordon Luce, Richard Levi, Charles Taubman, Harry Summers and Bruce Hazard.

Larry Cox and C. Temple Murphy were co-chairmen of the special gifts division. Assisting them were: Derek Ashton, Richard Barrett, David Cleary, Eugene Charles, Bill Dick, Milton Fredman, George Goodman, Leo Henrikson, Steven Jones, Dean Vickery, Ed Nichols, George Mitrovich, Gordon Johnson, Fran Leland, Stanley Legro, John Murphy, Gen. Louis Metzger, David Miller, Ron Mix, Robert Payne, Armistead Smith, DeWitt Shuck, James Schneider, Adm. Herbert Stoecklein, Chris Sickels, Chris Yeanos, Gen. George Dooley, Dr. William Stone and Ferdinand Fletcher.

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