

Campaign to raise \$2.3 million toward construction of medical center and library has passed the half way point and close to having 2/3 of the goal in hand

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The University of California, San Diego's capital gift campaign to raise \$2.3 million toward the construction of a major medical center and medical library has passed the half way point and is close to having two-thirds of the goal in hand, according to George Gildred, general chairman of the campaign.

Gildred said commitments to the drive now total \$1,454,000 which represents 63 percent of the \$2.3 million goal. The average gift in the Leadership Division - the first phase of the drive - is \$60,580, Gildred said. The campaign began February 28 with a kick-off dinner for the 15 volunteers taking part in the Leadership Division.

Phase two of the campaign - the Special Gifts Division - will begin Wednesday, May 17, with a dinner for volunteers at the Cuyamaca Club. Larry Cox, regional vice president of Security Pacific Bank, and C. Temple Murphy, Jr., vice president of John Burnham and Company, will serve as co-chairmen for this section of the drive.

Eight community representatives have been recruited to serve as team captains during the Special Gifts portion of the campaign. They are: Leo Henrikson, Joseph Young, Bill Dick, Derek Ashton, Adm. Edward Grimm, Dr. William Stone, Jim Schneider and Gen. Louis Metzger. In addition, each team captain will work with four recruit workers making a total of 40 volunteers working on the second phase of the campaign.

A four-story building has been designed for the cancer center to be located at the UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest. It will include space for an interdisciplinary cancer outpatient clinic, research and clinical laboratories, offices and a classroom. The library is planned as a two-story building adjacent to the center with room for book stacks, study area and staff work.

The money raised through the campaign will be used to complete the funding of the \$6 million project. A federal grant from the National Institutes of Health will cover \$3.1 million of the cost and the governor has requested that \$517,000 be appropriated for the library by the state.

The target date for the conclusion of the drive is June 30, Gildred said.

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