

The Ohio State University Medical Center named to honor Les Wexner

Letter from President, Dr. E. Gordon Gee

I am delighted to share some truly momentous news. Today, The Ohio State University Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name our academic medical center in honor of alumnus Leslie H. Wexner ('59). His strategic vision and clarity of purpose have been instrumental in realizing many of the University's great advancements - and nowhere more so than at what is now known as the Wexner Medical Center at The Ohio State University. This naming is honorific in nature, commemorating Mr. Wexner's indelible, lifelong legacy of leadership at Ohio State.

For more than three decades, Mr. Wexner has been one of the University's most committed leaders and ardent supporters. His generous contributions, both in time and resources, have been wholly transformational, but his most valuable gift has been his remarkable leadership.

Les Wexner has served 16 years on our Board of Trustees. As Board chair, he helped to guide the \$1 billion expansion of the medical center, the largest undertaking in the University's history, and one that will revolutionize the way cancer prevention and health care are provided. The Wexner family has been closely involved with many of the signature programs connected with the medical center. They chair the James Fund for Life Campaign and have contributed significantly to the Stress, Trauma and Resilience Program. Abigail Wexner currently serves on the medical center's Board of Directors. And they have been lead supporters of Pelotonia, one of the most successful cancer-research fundraisers in the nation.

Mr. Wexner's impact is truly realized across the breadth of Ohio State. He was instrumental in establishing one of the great cultural gems on this campus and in the country, the Wexner Center for the Arts, named in honor of his father. He also helped to form the Fisher College of Business and ensure its place as one of the premier business schools in the country. To our immense good fortune, Les Wexner has a singular and unequivocal vision for our medical center - and that is to be a world-class

institution. One that relentlessly pursues the best medical techniques, treatments, and cures to improve the lives of patients and their families. I have every confidence that his leadership and clear purpose will continue to advance our work in important and enduring ways.

Sincerely,

E. Gordon Gee
President