

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Campaign for the Brain Successfully Accomplished

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To the UT Southwestern community:

I am pleased to announce that we have successfully completed our five-year, \$1 billion Campaign for the Brain to fuel our commitment to advance brain research and clinical care through the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute. The campaign yielded in excess of \$500 million in community philanthropic support for research, technology enhancements, and faculty recruitment and support, combined with \$500 million in investments in facilities and programs from UT Southwestern, making this one of the largest brain-focused investments at a U.S. academic medical center in the country.

The investments will further translational and basic research, training, and leading-edge care, advancing the work of our Departments of Neurology, Neurological Surgery, Psychiatry, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Neuroscience, as well as others. These resources will enable the O'Donnell Brain Institute to:

- Advance research on the underlying mechanisms of brain disease in order to develop more effective therapies.
- Accelerate clinical trials to quickly move research discoveries to patients.
- Expand UT Southwestern's research and clinical expertise by recruiting rising stars across the spectrum of relevant disciplines.
- Provide state-of-the-art facilities to carry out the Institute's mission including a nine-story research tower – the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Biomedical Research Building – that will open later this year to significantly expand research space for the O'Donnell Brain Institute's 2,100-plus faculty members and additional recruits as well as the Third Tower of William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital opened last year as the in-patient home of the Institute to provide the very best environment of care for our patients suffering from brain disease.
- Broaden the [computational and analytical support](#) needed to effectively analyze large numbers of proteins, genes, neurons, and other potential therapeutic targets.
- Acquire enhanced imaging and other advanced technology such as the most sensitive [magnetoencephalography or MEG](#) in the country, which maps brain activity to assess everything from concussions to dementia.
- Provide breakthrough treatments such as [high-intensity focused ultrasound \(HIFU\)](#) for patients with essential tremors and tremor-predominant Parkinson's disease.

I am grateful for the leadership of Robert B. "Bob" Rowling, Chair of the Campaign for the Brain Steering Committee, and our friends at Southwestern Medical Foundation for their extraordinary support in

achieving this accomplishment, and want to extend my thanks to Marc Nivet, Ed.D., Executive Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and Amanda Billings and her team in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, for their roles. And finally, I would like to thank William Dauer, M.D., Director of the O'Donnell Brain Institute, and everyone across the campus affiliated with the Institute who is working to place UT Southwestern at the vanguard of basic scientific and clinical research aimed at understanding brain function to transform the diagnosis and treatment of patients suffering from disorders affecting the brain.

We are deeply appreciative of the confidence and partnership represented by every contributor – our community donors, our patients, our scientists, our caregivers, and our collaborators – to solve the challenges of brain function and alleviate the suffering of so many patients and their families impacted by brain disease and injuries. Our hope is that one day no patient diagnosed with brain disease will ever hear the words “there is no cure.”

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