



## **New University Hospital Named in Honor of the Late Governor of Texas, William P. Clements Jr.**

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I write with great pleasure to announce that earlier today, the UT System Board of Regents approved the naming of our new University Hospital in honor of the late legendary Governor of Texas, William P. Clements Jr.

In 2009, Governor Clements made a \$100 million gift to the Southwestern Medical Foundation, the single largest ever made for the benefit of UT Southwestern. In making this remarkable gift, his only instruction was that it be used for something that would have a transformational impact on our campus. We were deeply honored by his confidence and are now pleased and proud to name our new hospital in commemoration of a true Texas giant, certain that it will have the transformational effect he envisioned.

At the time of his 2009 gift, Mr. Clements said that his goal in supporting UT Southwestern was to “help encourage and advance scientific discovery and innovation, prepare the next generation of physicians for Texas and the nation, and ensure the delivery of world-class medical care, which I believe uniquely happens at this academic medical center, already recognized as one of the top institutions in this country.”

The William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital is now scheduled to open in late 2014, and, along with Zale Lipshy University Hospital, will offer patients and medical personnel world-class facilities and technologies. In addition to outstanding patient care, the new hospital has been planned to support our commitment to clinical and translational research, as well as education and training, reflecting all three core missions of UT Southwestern. The design is the product of input from more than 600 members of our campus community, as well as from patients and their families. It also reflects a comprehensive survey of best practices in patient care and treatment delivery around the country, and it incorporates a number of new technologies to enhance our patients’ experience and optimize clinical outcomes.

In addition to Mr. Clements’ gift, the Building the Future of Medicine campaign for the new University Hospital has received 30 additional gifts to date, totaling \$73 million.

Mr. Clements was a pioneering entrepreneur, visionary governor, and valiant leader for Texas and the nation. But, we knew him here best as a friend and philanthropist of uncommon generosity and foresight—and UT Southwestern will build on that legacy for many decades to come with the William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital.

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