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Toledo businessman Hal Fetterman and his wife, Susan Fetterman, have pledged \$1 million to The University of Toledo to fund new research into treatments for pancreatic cancer, the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States.

The donation is in honor of Mr. Fetterman's sister, Joyce Schwyn, and three close friends who lost their lives to pancreatic cancer.

"They were the ones who inspired me to go in this particular direction," Mr. Fetterman said. "There are people passing away from pancreatic cancer all the time. The ultimate goal of this gift would be a cure for the disease."

The Fettermans' donation will establish the UT Medical Center Pancreatic Cancer Research Innovation

Fund. Half of the gift will be dedicated to recruiting a top-tier faculty researcher to the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences. The remaining \$500,000 will be split between covering the costs of an upcoming clinical drug trial at the UT Medical Center and supporting a grant competition among faculty cancer researchers.

"The University of Toledo is grateful for the incredible generosity of Hal and Susan Fetterman," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. "The Fettermans have been loyal supporters of UT for years, and this new investment in the University will support important advances in medical care."

Pancreatic cancer is relatively rare, accounting for just 3 percent of all new

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Hal and Susan Fetterman's \$1 million gift to UT will fund research into treatments for pancreatic cancer, the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States. Above, Dr. Christopher Cooper, executive vice president of clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences (left), and President Sharon L. Gaber (right) thank Mr. Fetterman for the couple's pledge.

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cancer cases in the United States, yet it is to blame for 7 percent of all cancer deaths. According to the National Cancer Institute, only lung cancer and colon cancer kill more Americans than pancreatic cancer.

Dr. F. Charles Brunicardi, the John Howard Endowed Professor of Pancreatic Surgery and director of the cancer program in UT's College of Medicine and Life Sciences, said promising research is already being done at UT, and the Fettermans' gift will take it to the next step.

"I'm deeply honored by the Fettermans' generosity and their devotion toward finding better treatments for pancreatic cancer," Dr. Brunicardi said. "We feel that we're on the verge of a big breakthrough. We can cure mice of pancreatic cancer. What we need to do now is translate that into clinical trials, and this grant will allow us to do that."

Mr. Fetterman felt it was important that someone make a sizeable donation to draw more attention to the cause and hopefully additional resources to advance treatment options.

"Somebody's got to break the ice. I think that more people need to get involved with things like this," Mr. Fetterman said. "It's not necessarily wanting to leave a legacy, but I can't take it with me. God's been good to me. I didn't go to college, and I didn't have wealthy parents. I'm basically a farm boy from out in Fulton County. I want to do what I can to help people have a better life."

The Fettermans are longtime supporters of UT. In 2007, the couple donated \$1 million to the UT Athletic Department to build an indoor multi-sport practice facility that would ultimately become the Fetterman Training Center. In 1996, they also established the Scott Raymond Fetterman Memorial Scholarship Fund for UT engineering students, in memory of their son.

To learn more about contributing to pancreatic cancer research at The University of Toledo, contact Jennifer Schaefer at jennifer.giesige2@utoledo.edu or 419.383.5071.

SUCCESSFUL DAY OF GIVING RAISES AWARENESS AND FUNDING FOR UT

Individuals and organizations throughout The University of Toledo community joined efforts to support UT and help make the second annual Day of Giving, from Oct. 16-17, a great success.

Alumni and friends, faculty and staff members, and students came together to support *Rocket Forward: You Launch Lives*, contributing a total of \$717,375.

The number of donors who participated more than doubled last year's participation, with 3,156 donors—including many students and first-time donors.

The goal of the 36-hour campaign was to create awareness of the impact of philanthropy at UT and to increase private support among our students, alumni and friends.

This year, activities took place on both the Health Science Campus and Main Campus, including a carnival-style event on Centennial Mall with student organizations providing games and activities to raise money for the Student Activities Fund.

UT President Sharon L. Gaber visited the Health Science Campus to take selfies with nursing students and to help spread the word about the Day of Giving campaign.

Campaign advocates also took to social media to encourage giving.

Contributions made through the campaign to the UT Foundation will help students launch college careers and complete their degrees through



Alumni and friends, faculty and staff, and students came together to take part in UT's second annual Day of Giving, which raised \$717,375. Above, Megan Waite (NU '18), office assistant, and Beth Gerasimiak, MLS, director of academic personnel administration, raise money for the Student Activities Success Fund through the Office of the Provost.

scholarships; help faculty continue research that impacts the Northwest Ohio region and beyond; fund new drug therapies and medical advancements to improve patient care; and support many UT programs across campus.

"We want to thank all of our University of Toledo students, alumni and friends who participated in Day of Giving 2018," said Cheryl Zwyer, senior associate vice president for Development at The University of Toledo Foundation.

"Every person's gift makes a difference," she said. "It is wonderful to see Rockets come together to support so many important programs across campus."

For more information about next year's Day of Giving, contact Heather Slough at heather.slough@utoledo.edu or 419.530.8495.

UT FOUNDATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND ALUMNI OFFICES MOVING

Thanks to a generous gift from Welltower Inc., The University of Toledo Foundation and several other offices are moving this winter to a new location.

As of Jan. 3, the UT Foundation offices will be relocated to the new Center for Alumni and Donor Engagement, 4510 Dorr St., Toledo, OH 43615-4040 (adjacent to Welltower Inc). UT Development, Alumni Engagement, and Special Events offices also will move to the new center by the end of January.

All office phone numbers remain the same.

Mailstop numbers will be:

- UT Foundation: MS #820
- Development: #825
- Alumni Engagement: #830
- Special Events: #835

Coinciding with the move, the UT Foundation is also changing its logo, adopting a version of the shield logo used throughout the University.

“Transitioning to a new location seems a fitting time to make a brand change that more clearly identifies our organization as part of the UT family,” noted Brenda S. Lee, UT Foundation president.

“Our goal has always been—and continues to be—providing impactful financial support for the University and fostering a spirit of loyalty and opportunity for UT alumni and friends,” she said. “We look forward to continuing our efforts and working with alumni, faculty, staff and donors from our new offices.”



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