On September 10 and 11, 2013, Gavin Herbert Eye Institute doctors, faculty, donors, patients and members of the community gathered to celebrate a monumental achievement: the Grand Opening of the institute’s new building, a cutting-edge eye center dedicated to providing the best in medical and surgical patient care while simultaneously advancing new technology and treatment. The $39.5 million, world-class facility was funded completely by philanthropic donations. At the ceremony, Roger Steinert, MD, the institute’s Director and Chair of Ophthalmology, shared his vision for the institute: “Today, we come together to open a new building that will serve the community—a new building for vision care. But it’s more than that. This building represents the possibility that we will be reversing and preventing blindness by the year 2020.”

Jim Mazzo, Steering Committee Chair and Versant Ventures Operating Partner, also spoke about the community’s great accomplishment and thanked building namesake Gavin Herbert for his extraordinary contribution to vision care. Mazzo said, “Today, we open the door on a new building that holds the promise of better eye care for all of us.”

The institute’s excellent physicians, surgeons and scientists now have a home base where patients can receive a full range of vision services and care. And it’s all thanks to your generous support. Said Dr. Steinert, “Every penny has come from the community. Because of you, the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute is able to open more eyes to a new view of the world.”

Read more about the new eye institute building on pages 4–7.
A SHINING BEACON OF VISION CARE

The long-awaited opening of our brand new Gavin Herbert Eye Institute (GHEI) building has arrived. As we welcome our first patients and residents and perform the first treatments and surgeries, the enthusiasm of our faculty and staff continues to grow. Our new facility holds the promise of better eye care for Orange County and beyond, as we strive toward our goal of eradicating preventable blindness by 2020.

The lives of our patients will be forever changed thanks to your generosity. Thank you for your continued dedication and support for this wonderful eye care center that we have truly built together. For more information on how you can support GHEI and help to complete funding for the building, please contact Janice Briggs, Executive Director of Development, UC Irvine Health Advancement, at (949) 824-0091. ☉

Sincerely,
Roger Steinert, MD
Chair, Department of Ophthalmology

YOUR DEDICATED EYE CARE SPECIALISTS

The Gavin Herbert Eye Institute is home to world-class physicians, surgeons and scientists who are committed to providing the best in vision care for their patients.

A Gift of Sight

There are many opportunities to give at the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute. The table below is a quick overview of the many available legacy planning options.

Types of gifts
- Pay you income
  - Charitable Gift Annuity
  - Charitable Remainder Trust
- Used by the University today
  - Overdraft
  - Charitable Lead Trust
  - IRA Charitable Rollover
- Takes effect after your lifetime
  - Bequest
  - Life Insurance Retirement Plans
  - Retained Life Estate

*If you are 70½ or older with a traditional IRA account, the IRA charitable rollover allows you to use your required minimum distribution to support the Institute. The charitable IRA rollover expires on December 31, 2023.

For detailed information, please contact Roland Ho in UC Irvine’s Office of Planned Giving at (949) 824-6454 or email roland.ho@uci.edu.

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While the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute represents the latest in eye care technology and treatments, it was designed with patients in mind. In fact, the generous contributions of many current and former patients helped to name centers and examination areas within the institute. Here are some of the ways the institute strives to provide the best patient experience possible.

Fully outfitted eye exam and patient care conference rooms make seeing a physician comfortable and private. Four pediatric exam rooms with subtly concealed instruments help to keep children at ease.

State-of-the-art equipment, such as this femtosecond laser used for LASIK surgeries, allows Gavin Herbert Eye Institute doctors to give patients the best eye treatments available.

The 8,500-square-foot patient clinic provides patients with comprehensive services, from routine eye exams to treatments for conditions such as macular degeneration and glaucoma, all at one location. Careful considerations were made to optimize patient flow for a pleasant overall experience.

The optical shop in the lobby of the institute is staffed with a full-time optometrist, so patients can update their prescriptions and select new glasses at their convenience.

The Julia and George Argyros Surgery Center was established with a gift from the couple and the Argyros Family Foundation. Their substantial support and commitment to the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute and the community have truly helped to improve the lives of people in Orange County.

Patients can order food or drinks from the well-stocked coffee shop and view the Shine The Light bricks engraved with names and messages of the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute’s generous donors. The outdoor Schoellerman Healing Garden is a nice place to enjoy a snack while taking in what the community has built together: a new home for vision care in Orange County.

THE GAVIN HERBERT EYE INSTITUTE BUILDING

BY THE NUMBERS

$374 MILLION
raised to build the institute to date.

$2.1 MILLION
remaining to be raised.

70,000 SQUARE FEET
of state-of-the-art facilities.

1,500 SQUARE FEET
dedicated to conferences and education.

34 PATIENT EXAM ROOMS

3 SURGERY FACILITIES:
ambulatory major operating rooms, LASIK, Refractive and Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Center.

2.5 YEARS
from groundbreaking to opening.

THE DONOR WALL

BUILT BY A COMMITTED COMMUNITY

The donor wall bears the names of major contributors to the institute.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY

The new Gavin Herbert Eye Institute is ready and waiting for patients like you! To make an eye appointment, please call (949) 824-2020. For dates and times of upcoming patient education seminars or to learn more details about procedures and services, visit www.eye.uci.edu/fall.
Consistent with a storied ophthalmic career that includes pioneering treatments that are now standard for multiple eye conditions, Dr. Robert Sinskey made a generous donation just prior to the Grand Opening of the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute building—in addition to the amount he already pledged. “It is my hope that my contribution will help the institute continue to innovate, succeed and grow,” says Dr. Sinskey.

A noted ophthalmologist, vintner, surgeon, teacher and cataract surgery pioneer, Dr. Sinskey currently partners with the institute on a treatment for nystagmus (shaking eyes). The procedure has been successfully performed under his guidance by the institute’s exceptional surgeons, Dr. Robert Lingua and Dr. Jeremiah Tao. Dr. Sinskey also donated an instrument to measure the surgery’s results and validate it as an effective, safe and lasting treatment. “I am forever grateful to Dr. Roger Steinert for agreeing to study this procedure at the institute when other eye centers turned me away. It brings new hope to nystagmus sufferers worldwide.

“It’s all about making a difference in the lives of our patients,” says Dr. Sinskey, whose most recent contribution has named the institute’s Loraine and Robert Sinskey, MD, Pediatric Vision Center. “This beautiful building will be a platform for the institute’s scientists and staff to achieve great things. Under Dr. Steinert’s leadership, the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute can take vision care to a whole new level.”