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Dear Colleagues:

I am very pleased to announce today that UCSF Medical Center has received a $125 million matching gift for its campaign to build our new children's, women's specialty and cancer hospital complex at Mission Bay. This is by far the largest gift we have received in our $600 million hospital fundraising campaign and among the largest gifts in UCSF's history.

The gift was made by The Atlantic Philanthropies and its chairman and founder, Charles Feeney. This gift also happens to be the largest single grant ever made by The Atlantic Philanthropies foundation. I've attached the press release with the details of the announcement.

Over the past few years, I've had the privilege to spend considerable time with Mr. Feeney. He is not only a very generous man, but he is someone who believes in using his resources to bring about important changes to the world in his lifetime. What he and his foundation have done in Australia, Vietnam and Ireland has benefited people tremendously. His support of the Mission Bay research campus in the past, and now his support of our Mission Bay hospital project, is testament to his belief in UCSF's ability to make important advances in medical care in the region and in health worldwide.

At UCSF Medical Center, we continue to serve record numbers of patients – February's average daily census was another all-time high at 544 – so the need for a new 289-bed hospital at Mission Bay is obvious. But more importantly, we believe these new clinical facilities adjacent to UCSF's spectacular 43-acre biomedical research campus at Mission Bay will foster more and faster application of diagnostic and therapeutic research to the direct benefit of patients. This research-clinical collaboration has long distinguished UCSF and will only increase in the future.

Although there is still much work to be done before construction commences and the Mission Bay hospital facilities are completed in 2014, this generous gift from The Atlantic Philanthropies moves us much closer to achieving our goal of a new integrated clinical and research campus at Mission Bay. To learn more about this gift, The Atlantic Philanthropies and UCSF Medical Center at Mission Bay, I invite you to visit www.ucsf.edu <http://www.ucsf.edu/> and missionbayhospitals.ucsf.edu <http://missionbayhospitals.ucsf.edu/> . I also ask that managers post the attached press release for staff without access to email.

While there are many challenges facing us, it is an exciting time to be part of UCSF. Thank you all for your hard work on behalf of UCSF Medical Center and our patients.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Laret
CEO