

## \$10-Million Donated to UCLA for Alzheimer's Research; Other Gifts

James L. Easton, chairman of a California company that manufactures sports equipment, has given \$10-million to the University of California at Los Angeles's David Geffen School of Medicine.

The money will be used to conduct research on Alzheimer's disease. Mr. Easton made the gift in memory of his mother, who died from the disease.

Mr. Easton, chairman of Jas D. Easton, in Van Nuys, also gave \$2-million to the university's Anderson School of Management, for a classroom equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

Mr. Easton received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the university in 1959 and serves on the engineering school's Board of Visitors.

Other recent gifts:

**Goucher College (Baltimore):** \$3.7-million bequest from the estate of Alonzo G. Decker Jr., retired president of the Black & Decker Corporation, the power-tool company in Towson, Md., and his wife, Virginia, to renovate the college's athletic facilities. The money will help construct a new campus building and support other campus programs. Mr. Decker died in 2002, and Ms. Decker died in April. The couple were not alumni, but Mr. Decker had served as chair of the college's capital campaign in the 1990s.

**Hartford Stage (Conn.):** \$1-million pledge from George L. Estes III, the chairman of Sparta Insurance Holdings, in Hartford, and his wife, Laura, a former senior vice president of Aetna Life Insurance and Annuity Company, also in Hartford. The money will be used to renovate and expand the group's theater. Mr. Estes serves on the organization's Board of Directors.

**Iona College (New Rochelle, N.Y.):** \$5-million from Eugene P. and Anna May Conese for its capital campaign. Mr. Conese, a trustee of the college, is the founder and retired chairman of Greenwich Air Services and the Greenwich Company, an airplane-engine repair and service company in Miami. He graduated from Iona in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

**Juniata College (Huntingdon, Pa.):** \$4.7-million bequest from Lawrence S. Johnson, a radiologist who lived in Monterey, Calif. Approximately \$4.3-

million of the bequest will endow scholarships, and about \$400,000 worth of personal property will ultimately be used for the college's endowment. Mr. Lawrence, who died in 2007, was a 1961 graduate of the college. The college also received \$1-million from John Dale, a retired executive vice president of Dale, Gosak, McWilliams & Sheridan, a telecommunications-software consulting group in Mount Laurel, N.J., and his wife, Irene. The money will be used to renovate and expand a campus building. Mr. and Ms. Dale graduated from the college in 1958 and 1964, respectively, and Mr. Dale serves on the college's Board of Trustees.

**Lawrence U. (Appleton, Wis.):** \$1.1-million bequest from Amond (Ralph) Ballinger, a former quality-assurance specialist at the U.S. Department of Defense, and his wife, Marjorie, for student scholarships. Mr. Ballinger died in March, and Ms. Ballinger died in 2007. The Ballingers lived in Appleton, and gave the money to honor Ms. Ballinger's father, Raymond C. Krueger, a 1914 graduate of the university.

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge):** \$2-million pledge from Bob Roberts, president of Roberts Oxygen Company, a Rockville, Md., distributor of compressed gas and welding supplies, and his wife, Eveline, to install new AstroTurf in the university's sports stadium. Their daughter, Julia, is an MIT student who plays on the women's soccer team.

**Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville (Fla.):** \$1-million from the family of G. Howard Bryan, of Jacksonville, for research on the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. Mr. Bryan, who died in 2003, was vice president of Independent Life & Accident Insurance Company, which his family founded in 1920. He suffered from Alzheimer's and was a patient at the clinic.

**Oklahoma State U. (Stillwater):** \$1-million from John Clerico, chairman of ChartMark Investments, in Tulsa, Okla., to endow the position of dean of libraries. Mr. Clerico earned a business degree from the university in 1964, and serves on the Board of Trustees of the university's foundation. The university also received \$1-million from A.J. Jacques, president of Cheyenne Drilling, in Fort Worth, to endow a professorship in agricultural economics. Mr. Jacques graduated from the university in 1975 with a degree in agricultural economics. In addition, the university received another \$1-million from Mr. Jacques' wife, Susan, a former science teacher, to endow four professorships in the College of Education that will focus on counseling, health, reading and literacy, and special education. Ms.

Jacques graduated from the university in 1975.

**Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital (Cleveland):** \$1-million from Iris S. Wolstein, of Cleveland, to endow a physical-fitness program for children with cancer. Ms. Wolstein is the wife of the late Bert L. Wolstein, the founder of Developers Diversified Realty Corporation, in Cleveland. Mr. Wolstein died in 2004.

**Rocky Mountain Nature Association (Estes Park, Colo.):** \$3-million bequest from the estate of John L. London, a former automotive engineer at General Motors, and his wife, Edith, a former accountant, to endow educational programs in Rocky Mountain National Park, in Estes Park. Mr. London died in 2001, and Ms. London died in 2007. They lived in Denver.

**Sarah Lawrence College (Bronxville, N.Y.):** \$1-million from Silas M. Ford, a retired senior executive at Colgate-Palmolive, in New York, and his wife, Olivia (Vicki) Churchill Ford, to endow faculty salaries and support the college's science program. Ms. Ford, an alumna of the college and a member of the Board of Trustees, received a bachelor's degree in 1960 and a master's degree in education in 1987.

**Scripps Mercy Hospital (San Diego):** \$2.5-million from Douglas E. Barnhart, founder of an eponymous construction and engineering company in San Diego, to renovate operating rooms that are used for minimally invasive robotic surgery. Mr. Barnhart underwent surgery for prostate cancer at the hospital in 2008.

**Simmons College (Boston):** \$2-million pledge from George S. Dotson, a retired executive of Helmerich & Payne, a Tulsa, Okla., oil-drilling company, and his wife, Phyllis, to support students in the nursing program at Simmons School of Health Sciences. Ms. Dotson is a 1962 graduate of the college's nursing program.

**U. of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry (N.Y.):** \$1.5-million bequest from Lawrence S. Johnson, a radiologist who lived in Monterey, Calif. The money will endow scholarships for U. of Rochester medical students who were undergraduates at his alma mater, Juniata College, in Huntingdon, Pa. Dr. Lawrence, who died in 2007, earned a medical degree from Rochester in 1965.

**Urban Prep Academies (Chicago):** \$1-million pledge from an anonymous donor to support the organization's programs and the opening of two new schools in the Chicago area. The charter school must first raise \$600,000 in order to receive that amount from the donor, who will then match each dollar

