

# Sidney and Lois Eskenazi make \$40 million gift to Wishard

Sidney and Lois Eskenazi have provided a \$40 million gift to the Wishard Foundation to build new Wishard hospital facilities in downtown Indianapolis.

This gift is the largest ever received by Wishard and one of the largest gifts ever made to a public hospital in the United States.

The Wishard Foundation is profoundly grateful to the Eskenazi family for this tremendous gift.

Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County (HHC), which operates Wishard, will recognize the Eskenazi family's gift by naming the new hospital and the health system in the Eskenazis' honor. The New Wishard project is now Eskenazi Health. When it opens in December 2013, the new hospital will be the Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Hospital. The name of the health system will change to Eskenazi Health in 2014. Wishard Memorial Hospital and Wishard Health Services will continue to operate under the current names until the new hospital opens and the move is fully complete in 2014.

## **Importance of Philanthropy**

Philanthropy has been an important component in the plan to construct new facilities for Wishard without a tax increase since the plan's inception. To date, Wishard Foundation has raised more than \$54 million toward the new Wishard.

## **Naming History of Wishard**

- 1859** City Hospital opens
- 1947** City Hospital becomes Indianapolis General Hospital
- 1959** Indianapolis General Hospital becomes Marion County General Hospital
- 1975** Marion County General Hospital becomes Wishard Memorial Hospital
- 2011** The New Wishard becomes Eskenazi Health
- 2014** Wishard Health Services becomes Eskenazi Health



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## **Additional Naming Gifts**

More than 78 rooms, areas and spaces in the new facilities will be named to recognize employee gifts. A donor wall will feature more than 392 names to represent employee gifts.



*Sidney and Lois Eskenazi*