

## Sandra and Leon Levine Create Legacy for Children in the Carolinas

Levine Children's Hospital celebrated its grand opening with a big announcement this fall: After just three years, the Dare To Dream Campaign surpassed its \$60 million goal and raised more than \$66 million to build and equip the new state-of-the-art facility. A grand gesture helped kick off this successful campaign in 2004 when Sandra and Leon Levine stepped forward with a generous \$10 million lead gift.

Dedicated parents, inspired community benefactors and accomplished business leaders, the Levines provided the spark that ignited the community in support of a new, dedicated children's hospital on the campus of Carolinas Medical Center. As founder and Chairman of Family Dollar Stores, Leon Levine is recognized among the nation's most successful businessmen. Providing leadership for numerous community organizations, including the Board of Commissioners for Carolinas HealthCare System, Sandra Levine has established a gracious legacy of community service. Sandra and Leon Levine make a difference in the lives of Carolinas children every day and inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

In appreciation of their leadership and the generous support from the Leon Levine Foundation, Carolinas HealthCare System honored the Levines by designating the new facility "Levine Children's Hospital." Sandra and Leon Levine's caring and gracious spirit did not stop with their lead gift, however. In October, they stepped forward once again with a generous \$5 million matching challenge, which serves as the seed gift for the first phase of a \$100 million endowment for the new hospital. The campaign steer-



Leon and Sandra Levine.

ing committee, led by Smoky Bissell and Mac Everett, seeks to raise an additional \$5 million by the end of 2008.

Thanks to the gracious support of Carolinas Medical Center, the Levines, and the many donors who contributed to the Dare To Dream Campaign, Levine

Children's Hospital opened as a debt free facility. Endowment resources will assist the hospital in taking full advantage of its favorable financial position to advance its services and programs benefiting Carolinas' children. The support generated by endowment funding will assist the hospital in expanding existing programs, creating new programs, and attracting highly skilled and new specialized physicians and healthcare professionals to Charlotte.

From their initial lead gift to their most recent endowment challenge, Sandra and Leon Levine have embraced the dream for a new place for sick and injured children and ensured that it will continue to provide the best possible services and programs available. Through this endeavor and countless others the Levines have created a significant legacy of philanthropic support. Their generosity touches the lives of people everywhere. ☆



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