Leadership gift of $10 million focuses on faculty recruitment and retention

Dana-Farber’s strengths rest on its collaborative research and patient care model, bolstered by its “human capital”—the distinguished faculty who are dedicated to solving the most complex problems in cancer. With a transformational $10 million gift, Trustee Richard Lubin and his wife, Nancy, and their family have established the Richard and Nancy Lubin Family Chair and the Richard and Nancy Lubin Research Fund to help the Institute attract and retain the highest caliber faculty.

The gift advances a core tenet of the Institute’s Strategic Plan announced earlier this year by President and CEO Laurie H. Glimcher, MD. The Strategic Plan aims to transform the science of cancer, expand the breadth of exceptional care, and expedite our progress by investing in talent—all of which set the stage for unprecedented change. The plan also identifies key priorities, including a focus on cancer genomics and immunotherapy, fields in which Dana-Farber is a pioneer.

“In the new era of cancer research and care, it is imperative that we attract, retain, and nurture top and diverse talent,” said Glimcher. “This visionary investment by Richard and Nancy Lubin will enable us to accelerate scientific discovery through the talent brought to bear in the laboratory and at the patient’s bedside.”

Richard and Nancy Lubin’s transformative gift funds faculty recruitment and retention efforts at Dana-Farber and provides early momentum for the Institute’s planned comprehensive capital campaign.

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The Lubins’ gift, which also provides early momentum to Dana-Farber’s planned comprehensive capital campaign, enables Dana-Farber to optimize a competitive package for recruiting and retaining top talent and contributes to the quality of leadership, scientific study, and clinical care at the Institute and in the Boston medical community.

A permanently endowed position, the Richard and Nancy Lubin Family Chair is reserved for a superlative scientist or physician who has shown remarkable talent as an educator, researcher, or administrator. Through this generous gift, the incumbent of the Lubin Family Chair will have the freedom to undertake promising initiatives in cancer research and care, driven not by fiscal constraints, but by scientific discovery and patient need. The incumbent will also hold a senior faculty position at Harvard Medical School.

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Richard Lubin cofounded Berkshire Partners, a private equity firm headquartered in Boston, in 1986, where he is now managing director. He was elected to Dana-Farber’s Board of Trustees in 1983, and currently serves as the board’s vice chairman and on its Compensation, Executive, and Finance committees. The Lubins have been longtime, extraordinary supporters of Dana-Farber, with gifts totaling more than $16 million, including naming the second-floor lobby of the Yawkey Center for Cancer Care.

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