

MD Anderson's History of Philanthropy



MD Anderson's story begins with Monroe Dunaway Anderson (1873-1939), a Tennessee cotton merchant who moved his business to Houston in 1907 and established a charitable foundation bearing his name. In 1941, the State of Texas passed legislation allowing The University of Texas to establish the state's first cancer hospital, and the MD Anderson Foundation contributed the lead gift on the condition the hospital be in Houston.

Five years later, money willed by Rosalie B. Hite allowed for the construction of laboratory facilities in MD Anderson's first permanent building. MD Anderson leaders called upon the people of Texas to provide means for completing construction through a memorialization program. Donors could furnish and equip

sections of the hospital by dedicating laboratories, patient rooms, and operating suites in honor of a person or group. In 1954, staff and patients moved into the permanent quarters, which were completed through the help of donations and continued support of the MD Anderson Foundation. The institution also received its earliest programmatic funding, including the first research grant awarded by the American Cancer Society and first endowment from the William Heuermann Estate.

MD Anderson continues to flourish thanks to donor generosity. Eight buildings and three institutes are named in honor of transformational gifts, more than 300 members belong to The Anderson Assembly recognition society, over 600 endowments have been established and, in Fiscal Year 2018, the Annual Fund received more than 180,000 donations.

Every gift is integral in our pursuit to end cancer. MD Anderson would not be where it is today without nearly 80 years of support from our partners in Making Cancer History®.



Come visit!
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About the Exhibit

Inspired by the compelling stories of our donors, MD Anderson's Development Office wanted to share the ways philanthropy influences our success as a world-renowned institution for patient care and cutting-edge research. The renovation of the Pavilion in 2015 allowed for the funding and physical space to bring this project to fruition.

This collaboration between Institutional Advancement and Facilities included the guidance and input of former presidents LeMaistre, Mendelsohn and DePinho, and from the MD Anderson archives, faculty, staff, volunteers, donors and design experts. Architectural firm HOK brought the 2,160-square-foot space to life through structural and graphic elements that reflect MD Anderson's unique brand. While the exhibit's main focus is philanthropy, it also recognizes the people at MD Anderson who make differences in the lives of others through gifts of time, knowledge, voice and spirit.

When you visit the *Faces of Philanthropy* exhibit, read about MD Anderson's establishment in the Time Capsule display. The Origins of Philanthropy wall highlights the variety of avenues through which funds are given. The opposite wall's Impact of Philanthropy details research outcomes, treatment advancements and education initiatives made possible by private philanthropic gifts and grants. See MD Anderson's significant breakthroughs and firsts in the Timeline display, and take a closer look at the Moon Shots Program®, current events and future directions in the audio/visual Time Travel wall.

From our founding in 1941 until today, MD Anderson celebrates the countless individuals—employees, volunteers, survivors and community members—who give of their time, talent and financial resources to benefit MD Anderson's patients. We hope that *Faces of Philanthropy* is a fitting tribute to those who have contributed to our past, present and future achievements.

