

\$4 Million Gift Names the Madeline & Sidney Forbes Family Orthopaedic Center at Beaumont, Royal Oak

Beaumont Health System has received a \$4 million gift from Madeline and Sidney Forbes of Bloomfield Hills to name the Madeline & Sidney Forbes Family Orthopaedic Center at Beaumont, Royal Oak.

The largest inpatient unit on the hospital campus, the center is a 114-bed facility that features a dedicated Joint Replacement Center and rehabilitation unit, and offers general orthopedic services for patients with traumatic injuries, spine disorders, orthopedic cancer and diseases of the bone. This beautifully appointed center is staffed by certified orthopedic nurses, clinical nurse practitioners, physical therapists, occupational therapists and nursing assistants.

The Forbes' gift will underwrite groundbreaking orthopedic research and enhance orthopedic care and rehabilitative services at the hospital. Beaumont has a robust orthopedic research program that is exploring ways to improve the performance and longevity of joint replacement devices; testing novel approaches to antibiotic delivery for surgical patients; and improving the compatibility and acceptance of artificial joint replacement devices.

The center's 35-bed Joint Replacement Center is dedicated solely to the care of patients having surgical replacements of hips, knees, shoulders and ankles. The unit features a multidisciplinary approach that coordinates all aspects of care with a goal of returning patients quickly to activities of daily living.

"The Forbes family has a long history of philanthropy in this community, supporting the arts, medical research and education. We are very grateful to Maddie and Sid Forbes for naming the Orthopaedic Center and for supporting innovative research at Beaumont," said Sidney and Madeline Forbes Gene Michalski, president and CEO of Beaumont Health System.

"This generous gift from the Forbes Family allows us to provide the highest level of orthopedic care and to ensure the best possible outcomes for our patients and their families," said Harry N. Herkowitz, M.D., chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery at Beaumont, Royal Oak and professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

"Our family is very happy to support Beaumont Health System's Orthopaedic Center and orthopedic research initiatives," said Sid Forbes. "Musculoskeletal conditions are the leading cause of disability in this country. With our aging population there has never been a greater opportunity to improve the quality of life for so many people. Beaumont's Orthopedic Surgery program is one of the best in the nation and our gift is designed to help Beaumont remain a leader in this field."

Sidney Forbes is a partner in The Forbes Company, which specializes in the development and management of luxury shopping malls, including the Somerset Collection in Troy, Michigan. Sidney and Madeline Forbes' philanthropic interests have included the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Cranbrook Schools, the Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit.

The Orthopedic Surgery program at Beaumont, Royal Oak is listed 33rd in the nation on the 2010 "America's Best Hospitals" list by *U.S. News & World Report*. In 2010, the hospital's 40 orthopedic surgeons performed nearly 14,000 surgical procedures, including more than 3,500 joint replacements and nearly 1,500 spine surgeries.

Beaumont's 1,061-bed hospital in Royal Oak is a major academic, research and referral center with Level I trauma designation. It was Michigan's first Magnet-designated hospital for nursing excellence and is an associate member of the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions. Beaumont, Royal Oak has been named the "most preferred hospital" in a five-county area for 15 consecutive years in a consumer survey by National Research Corporation. Visit Beaumont's website at www.beaumont.edu.

