GLUCK FOUNDATION MAKES LEAD GIFT TO ESTABLISH CHILD CARE CENTER AT SCRIPPS CLINIC

LA JOLLA, CALIF. Dec. 17, 1990 -- The Maxwell H. Gluck Foundation has made a $750,000 gift to Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation to help underwrite the construction of a child care center for the children of patients and employees.

The 8,000-square-foot building will be constructed at the south end of the new Lusk Research Campus, comprised of 21 acres of undeveloped property across the street from Scripps Clinic's campus at 10666 N. Torrey Pines Rd. in La Jolla. The facility will be called the Maxwell H. and Muriel Gluck Child Care Center, and will accommodate up to 110 children, ages six weeks to five years.

"Muriel Gluck and her late husband, Maxwell, have been magnanimous supporters of Scripps Clinic for many years," said Charles C. Edwards, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Scripps Clinic. "With this latest gift, we will be able to provide much needed on-site day care for children of our employees and patients in an environment that is both nurturing and stimulating. Mrs. Gluck is a truly remarkable individual whose generosity, wisdom and foresight is an inspiration to the community."

In addition to the Gluck Foundation's outright gift of $750,000, Mrs. Gluck will make a personal bequest of another $750,000 to establish a permanent fund to support musical and visual arts programs in the Gluck Child Care Center.
The cost for developing and equipping the day-care center is $1.5 million, all of which needs to be secured from private contributions. Operating expenses will be covered by tuition fees. Other commitments totaling $200,000 have been made in support of the day-care center, including gifts from BankAmerica Foundation, the Charles C. and Sue K. Edwards Foundation, and an anonymous donor.

If the remaining funds can be secured by summer, construction could begin as early as next fall, with occupancy in late 1992 or early 1993.

Muriel and the late Maxwell Gluck have been generous benefactors of Scripps Clinic for nearly 30 years. In 1986, Mrs. Gluck established an endowment of $1.5 million to fund activities designed to enhance the patient environment of the institution. A portion of this endowment is used to support the Gluck Chamber Music Program, a weekly music series in which musicians from the University of California, San Diego perform works of celebrated composers in the lobby of Green Hospital.

In 1989, the Glucks were named Philanthropists of the Year by the San Diego chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives. The Glucks were honored for their generous contributions to the San Diego Opera, the San Diego Symphony, San Diego State University, San Diego City Schools, the San Diego Museum of Art, and Scripps Clinic.

Plans for an on-site child care center at Scripps Clinic have been in the works for more than seven years. According to Paula Dean, vice president, Department of Human Resources, Scripps Clinic is experiencing a pressing need for child care. Approximately 72 percent of the institution's 3,900 employees are women, with the average age in the early to mid-30s. A substantial number are...
mothers of infants or preschool children, and many others are contemplating having children in the near future. Like many areas in San Diego, La Jolla has a shortage of day-care facilities, particularly for infants, Dean said.

"Numerous studies show that child care is the benefit of the '90s," she added. "The responsibility for child care is no longer exclusively with the parents; employers must play a role as well. It's become clear that in order for us to compete in the health care and biomedical industry, we're going to have to make provisions for child care for our employees."

In addition to providing care to children of employees, the center will also serve the needs of Scripps Clinic patients who may want to leave their children at the facility while they undergo outpatient treatment.

The Maxwell H. and Muriel Gluck Child Care Center will feature rooms for different age groups as well as a large outdoor playground. The center will be staffed by full-time child care specialists, a cook and a full-time nurse. In keeping with Mrs. Gluck's wishes, the center will offer programs in music and the visual arts.

"One of my strongest interests is children, and I am happy that I am able to help Scripps Clinic realize one of its fundamental goals," said Mrs. Gluck. "Scripps Clinic has always struck me as an institution that looks out for its employees as well as its patients."

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