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## **UC San Diego HIV Institute receives \$400,000 donation from Eugene R. Burkard Charitable Remainder Trust**

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La Jolla, CA: In October 2022, the UC San Diego HIV Institute received a \$400,000 contribution from the Eugene R. Burkard Charitable Remainder Trust. Eugene (Gene) Raymond Burkard founded the International Male catalog and stores, one of San Diego's most successful businesses. With the advent of the HIV crisis, Mr. Burkard played an instrumental role in the San Diego community, including helping to start Mama's Kitchen and serving on the board of the San Diego LGBT Community Center.

This generous bequest is the single largest gift The HIV Institute has received in its 26-year history. Since the 1980s, HIV/AIDS research at UC San Diego has been at the forefront of discoveries that shape treatment standards on a global scale. The Regents of the University of California established The HIV Institute in 1996 to coordinate UC San Diego's diverse HIV/AIDS programs. Since then, the Institute has facilitated innovation and breakthroughs from laboratory bench to patients' bedsides.

"We are honored that Mr. Burkard provided this landmark gift," said Elizabeth Johnson, Administrative Director of The HIV Institute. "HIV will never cure itself, but we believe that we can end it with the help of community leaders and partnerships. Philanthropic partners such as Mr. Burkard are essential as we lead the charge toward expanding state-of-the-art, interdisciplinary HIV research and care."

Mr. Burkard's forward-thinking support and investment will help drive the next evolution of HIV research by supporting future generations of innovators, growing and empowering a team of exceptional scientists, and supporting discoveries that will create a future without HIV/AIDS.

"We hope Mr. Burkard and his loved ones take great comfort in knowing that this contribution will fuel discoveries that advance the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of HIV," said Douglas Richman, MD, Director of The HIV Institute. "Through his legacy, our physician-scientists will continue to unite basic science, translational research, and collaborative care to inspire greater hope and healing in the lives of all who live with and are affected by HIV."

For more information about how you can support The HIV Institute, please visit <https://hiv.ucsd.edu/support/index.html>.

**About the UC San Diego HIV Institute:** The UC San Diego HIV Institute is dedicated to profoundly changing the study, treatment, and prevention of HIV through research, clinical care, and education programs. The mission of The HIV Institute is to foster interdisciplinary discovery and innovation to galvanize efforts to create a future without HIV and to serve as the regional nexus for scientists and clinicians to share research and new approaches. UC San Diego, home of The HIV Institute, is ranked second only to Harvard University as the highest-impact institution for HIV/AIDS research. Our members are trailblazers in the study, treatment, and prevention of HIV/AIDS throughout the world. For more information, please visit <https://hiv.ucsd.edu/>.