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## UC Davis Program Receives \$3 Million Pledge

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The Center for Equine Health at the University of California, Davis, has received a \$3 million pledge from the William and Inez Mabie Family Foundation to support the center's ongoing research and teaching efforts in equine medical science it was announced May 17.

The gift establishes one endowment to help support the center's operations and offers a challenge to other prospective donors to provide an additional \$1.8 million in private matching gifts within six years to establish an endowment for the center director's position. That second endowment will enable the center to recruit future leaders.

"We are grateful to the Mabie Foundation for this generous gift, and for inspiring the equine industry to continue its long-standing partnership in support of the center," said Bennie Osburn, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, in a release. "The William and Inez Mabie Family Foundation Endowment for the Center for Equine Health will make a difference in sustaining the center as a worldwide leader in improving the health of horses."

"The Mabie Endowment is an invaluable gift to the School of Veterinary Medicine," said Gregory Ferraro, who has served as the center's director since 1998. A surgeon and UC Davis alumnus, Ferraro pioneered the adaptation of human arthroscopic surgical techniques in horses. "This endowment will allow the center and our equine faculty to continue working to improve the health, performance and welfare of horses in perpetuity.

"The gift, combined with the fulfillment of the proposed directorship endowment, will permanently position UC Davis as an international leader in equine medical research and education," he added.

The Center for Equine Health was established in 1973 to carry out research, teaching and public education on horse health, reproduction, performance and disease. It serves as the organizational umbrella under which equine research is funded and conducted at UC Davis and at California State University campuses that have equine programs.

More information about the center is available online at <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CEH/>

The William and Inez Mabie Family Foundation is a longtime supporter of UC Davis, having provided significant gifts in recent years to the School of Law and School of Veterinary Medicine.

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