

From the Desk of the Chancellor, August 15, 2011

The 1100 block of West Michigan Street will be the center of everyone's attention this week as we celebrate the formal dedication of the Glick Eye Institute. Tours of the building at 1160 West Michigan Street follow the dedication ceremony, which takes place at 3 p.m., Friday, August 19, on the fourth floor of the IUPUI Campus Center.

This magnificent new addition to the campus is the result of a supremely generous gift from Eugene and Marilyn Glick, who donated \$30 million to the IUPUI Impact Campaign to support both the building's construction and a research endowment to fund scientific work in the new laboratories.

The building is a work of art in itself as well as home to the work of 33 artists who have loaned pieces to IUPUI for exhibit in the Glick Eye Institute. A particularly stunning feature of the construction is the sweeping glass wall on the south façade facing Michigan Street. It is both an homage to Mrs. Glick's love of art glass and a simulation of how the eye itself works. Also to be unveiled at the dedication is Don Gummer's splendid sculpture "Open Eyes," an 18-foot steel-and-glass monument on the quad near the institute's entrance.

The Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute will also host a Community Day Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, August 20, at the new building. Free health screenings will be offered, including vision tests for adults and children; blood pressure and body mass index assessments by IU Health volunteers; and dermatology screenings for skin cancer by residents and physicians from the IU School of Medicine Department of Dermatology. Building tours will be offered to show visitors the clinic space, library, laboratories, and research areas. The public art project will be on display with works ranging from oil paintings and photographs to sculptures and blown glass. Indianapolis artist Joani Rothenberg will paint on site during Community Day, allowing those present to see her finish a mural she is painting for the Ophthalmology Center waiting room.

IUPUI Parking Services will provide parking for the event in the Riley Outpatient Center garage; the lot directly east of the Glick Eye Institute in front of Long Hall; and in the Vermont Street Parking Garage.

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