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Vision...

- the act or power of sensing with the eyes
- the act or power of anticipating what will or may come to be

We celebrate both meanings of the word at the ceremonial dedication of the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute on August 19.

The Glick Eye Institute, the IU School of Medicine's newest building on the IUPUI campus, was made possible through the generosity of Eugene and Marilyn Glick, whose contribution to the [IUPUI Impact Campaign](#), a donation of \$30 million, supported both the construction of the building and an endowment to fund scientific work in the new laboratories.

It is a place where vision will be restored and where visionaries will make the discoveries that will lead to treatments and cures for blinding eye diseases.

Already seven gifted researchers have been hired. More will be recruited so that scientists can better understand and treat eye disorders. With the opportunities it provides, the Glick Eye Institute will be a cornerstone of the School of Medicine's ambition to be one of the top ten places in the country in the advancement of ophthalmologic care and research.

The building itself reflects this vision for the future. Mrs. Glick's appreciation of art glass is incorporated in the design of the building, which features a sweeping glass wall on the south façade facing Michigan Street. Glass used in the building is iron-free and ultra-clear, minus particles that typically tint clear glass. It symbolizes the clear vision that ophthalmologists hope to provide to patients. The glass wall actually mimics how the eye works.

The Ophthalmology Clinic at the IU Health University Hospital outpatient center will be doubled in size when it moves to the Glick Eye Institute. The four-story 77,000 square-foot building provides 14,000 square feet of clinic space. The second and third floors house 15,000 square feet of research space, with connecting third floor labs, allowing the Department of Ophthalmology to locate its researchers near clinicians and patients. There is also a surgery simulation room for medical students' training. Additionally, the eye institute will have optometrists and a full-service retail optical shop.

Ratio Architects is seeking Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for the building. The Glick Eye Institute's construction features such strategies as sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials and resource selection, and indoor environmental quality.

The Glicks also have supported history, the arts, and health care in Indianapolis, including the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Eugene and Marilyn Glick, the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, the Indianapolis Children's Bureau, and Indianapolis Museum of Art. Mrs. Glick is a long-time supporter of Prevent Blindness Indiana and the founder of People of Vision.

It is fitting then that, as a building dedicated to the importance of vision, the Glick Eye

Institute solicited work from Hoosier artists for its Public Art Project.

A signature sculpture titled **"Open Eyes"** by world-renowned sculptor **Don Gummer** will be located on the quad beside the institute's entrance. Mr. Gummer is a graduate of Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis and attended the Herron School of Art and Design as a young artist. "Open Eyes" stands 18-feet tall and incorporates colored glass into connected rings of polished stainless steel.

The School of Medicine's Office of Gift Development has established a fund to be used to purchase additional art for the building—another great opportunity to make a contribution to the [IUPUI Impact Campaign](#).

On August 19, just before the dedication of the Glick Eye Institute, the second annual **Vision Research Symposium** will occur in the Daniel and Alana Spitzberg Conference Room.

On September 12, IUPUI will feature other visionary faculty scholars who will illustrate how they improve people's lives at the IUPUI **Translating Research into Practice (TRIP) Community Showcase**. From health care to parenting, business to learning, and Indiana to the world, these faculty members have made discoveries that, when put into practice, improve effectiveness, increase efficiencies, and save lives. Join us in the IUPUI Campus Center, Room 450, from 5 PM to 6:30 PM to see the latest in translational research.

For details on featured showcase scholars and other information, visit the TRIP web site at <http://trip.iupui.edu/>. To donate to translational research at IUPUI, check out the opportunities at <http://impactcampaign.iupui.edu/>.

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