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What's going on in front of Coleman Hall?

We're building the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute at the corner of Michigan and West Drive. For more than a quarter of a century, Marilyn Glick has volunteered for Prevent Blindness Indiana. In addition to Mrs. Glick's volunteer work, the couple has donated $20 million to support the new facility and $10 million to create an endowment that will advance research in eye diseases.

The four-story, 70,000-square foot building will house the IU School of Medicine’s Department of Ophthalmology and includes an adult outpatient clinic, optical shop, research space, classrooms, faculty offices, student meeting rooms, and room for program expansion. The building also is expected to meet the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Gold specification by using energy efficient systems and collecting storm water to irrigate the surrounding green space. To see what it will look like, go here.

Half the building will be clinic space and half will be dedicated to biomedical research so new treatments can be developed for glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, and other causes of vision loss in adults and children.

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