

Couple gives \$5.5 million to Ohio hospital

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The University of Cincinnati College of Medicine has received a \$5.5 million gift to establish a center for Parkinson's disease.

The gift to the University Hospital Foundation from the James J. and Joan A. Gardner Family Foundation will endow clinical and research programs while accelerating collaboration among scientists and physicians, the university said Friday in a release.

"We think it's important to come up with a cure for the disease, but also to do something to arrest the progression and research more medications," James Gardner, a retired executive at Cintas Corp., told The Cincinnati Enquirer.

Joan Gardner was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease several years ago, the newspaper said.

The James J. and Joan A. Gardner Family Center for Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders will be housed within the Neuroscience Institute at University Hospital.

"The Gardner Family endowment will propel Parkinson's disease research and care in Cincinnati to a new level of excellence and will encourage the broad collaboration of others," said Dr. John Tew, clinical director of the Neuroscience Institute.

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