



Pictured from left to right: Founder Harold Hamm, member and donor Brad Haines, Board Chair Shelly Lambertz, and HHDC Director Dr. Jed Friedman



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Jeanie Tryggestad, Dr. Laura Fischer, and Dr. David Short



Board Members and spouses, from left to right: Pete Brown, David Little, Angela Little and Barbara Brown

HHDC Board of Advisors Takes the Lead for Year-End Giving Effort

November was National Diabetes Month, a time when communities across the country team up to bring attention to diabetes. To help us kick off this month of awareness, the HHDC Board of Advisors hosted our biennial Fall Open House on the evening of November 10th, in the Meinders Atrium of the Hamm Diabetes Center. The event was attended by members of the Board, many of our distinguished research faculty and guests, as well as friends and potential friends of the HHDC.

Ahead of the event, member Brad Haines, Chairman of Bank7, had pledged a gift of \$50,000 to support diabetes research. That evening, the check was presented to Founder Harold Hamm, Board Chair Shelly Lambertz, and HHDC Director Dr. Jed Friedman. Afterwards, Mr. Haines took to the podium and encouraged attendees to seriously consider making a gift, regardless of how large or small.

HHDC friend and longtime Gala supporter, Christian Kanady was also present that night. Christian is the Founding Partner of Echo, an Oklahoma City-based investment firm. He, too, had reached out to Dr. Friedman in the weeks prior to the event, writing, “Your mission is mission critical for Oklahoma and I’ll lend whatever resources I can to your vision for the cure.” Encouraged by Mr. Haines’ presentation, he spoke with Mr. Hamm and pledged to match the \$50,000 gift.

One member of the board that could not be in attendance that evening was David Le Norman. Dave is the Managing Partner and Founder of Reign Capital Holdings, LLC in Oklahoma City and has been a long-time supporter of HHDC. He heard about the events of the evening, and while speaking with Mr. Hamm the following day, he also pledged to match Mr. Haines’ gift. He stated, “My wife,



Harold Hamm expresses gratitude for the research of HHDC

Cory, and I have been advocates for children's health and wellness for a long time now. We know the first 1,000 days of a child's life is critical in reversing or preventing the onset of diabetes. This is one of the reasons why it is my pleasure to serve on the board of the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center and to contribute to diabetes research and health services. I'd also like to acknowledge Brad Haines from Bank7. It was

his recent generosity and encouragement to match funds that inspired this particular gift and we hope it continues to inspire others to support this important cause."

These were not the only donors that evening. During the program, Dr. David Sparling gave insight about pediatric diabetes at HHDC OU Children's. Dr. Sparling is the Section Chief for the Department of Pediatrics, Section of Diabetes and Endocrinology. He introduced a month-long crowd funding effort that was launched that evening, to raise \$10,000 in scholarships for HHDC's pediatric diabetes summer camp, Camp Blue Hawk. Before the end of the event, two board members responded to the challenge and donated \$1,000 each. By morning, we met our initial goal when two additional members donated \$5,000 each. By the end of December, members of the HHDC Board of Advisors had given \$132,450 in donations to Camp Blue Hawk, HHDC's annual fund Partners for Progress, as well as giving to research.

To all our stakeholders, we truly appreciate your support as we seek to elevate HHDC, its work and its mission. As HHDC grows stronger and gains stature as a nationally recognized biomedical research center, our resources can be deployed in new directions that optimize our search for a cure, which will end the diabetes pandemic.

Harold Hamm Diabetes International Prize

Awarded biennially and in the amount of \$250,000, the Harold Hamm International Prize for Biomedical Research in Diabetes recognizes innovation in the field of diabetes research with an emphasis on progress toward a cure. The Prize, established in 2012, celebrates the scientific achievements of an outstanding researcher, team of researchers, or research institution selected by a rotating Jury of national and international leaders in the diabetes community.

The open call for nominations is now open! Submit your **Letters of Recommendation** to HammPrize@ouhsc.edu by February 12, 2023.

Save the Date: Hamm Prize Symposium

May 19, 2023

Learn more about the Harold Hamm Internal Prize, the selection process, jury and deadlines [here](#).

