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# Gift helps med center fight cancer

## LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY CANCER

A gift of \$190,000 from Stater Bros. Charities and Inland Women Fighting Cancer has allowed Loma Linda University Cancer to be the first in the Inland Empire to acquire a cutting-edge machine, as well as fund research, to treat and fight cancer.

The gift, which was received recently, has permitted Loma Linda University Cancer Center to purchase Breast Tomosynthesis equipment and fund research on pediatric cancer.

"We count it a privilege, and responsibility, to partner with Stater Bros. Charities and Inland Women

Fighting Cancer in the fight against cancer," said Dr. Mark Reeves, director of Loma Linda University Cancer Center.

"Over the years, their consistent generosity has allowed us to push back the frontiers of cancer research and treatment here in the Inland Empire. Their gift makes a real difference in cancer patients' lives right here at home," he said.

Breast Tomosynthesis, now operational at Loma Linda University Cancer Center, is a new tool for cancer screening that offers 3-D views of the breast. Reeves said it presents much sharper images that can be manipulated by radiol-

ogists. This allows better detection of breast cancers, and also cuts down on the "false negative" rate of traditional mammography. This means that fewer women have to undergo invasive biopsy procedures.

The research component of the gift allows Loma Linda University Cancer Center to offer a state-of-the-art transplant service to children, including bone marrow and stem-cell transplantation. Reeves said the combination of research, transplantation, and intensive chemotherapy could mean that more children are cured of cancer and live long and productive lives.



CONTRIBUTED IMAGE

Jack Brown, chairman and CEO of Stater Bros. Markets, center, holds up an oversized check for \$190,000 while flanked by officials from Stater Bros. and members of Inland Women Fighting Cancer.