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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for joining us today for this major announcement. It is my pleasure to introduce Clarian Health President and Chief Executive Officer Dan Evans and the Chancellor of the IUPUI campus Charles Bantz.

And on behalf of Indiana University, I would like to offer a special welcome to Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, Representative for Indiana's 7th District Andre Carson, and the director of the National Institutes of Health Dr. Francis Collins.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOVERY ACT CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Today, I am delighted to announce Indiana University's latest research milestone, made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The National Institutes of Health has awarded the IU School of Medicine a Recovery Act grant of nearly \$8.5 million.

This award will be used to transform a floor of Riley Hospital for Children by creating patient consultation rooms, collaborative work spaces, and other dedicated research-related space, all of which will provide researchers with the facilities and resources they need to conduct path-breaking studies into disorders that affect the health of so many of our nation's children.

In just a moment, Dean of the IU School of Medicine Craig Brater will offer more detail about what this grant will mean to the school and the innovative research it will support.

3. SPONSORED RESEARCH SUCCESS

This generous award represents the latest outstanding achievement for IU researchers, who are closing in on another record-breaking year of grants and awards supporting their research. So far this year, IU has received 2,380 awards totaling more than \$518 million over the last ten months, including more than \$66 million in Recovery Act awards. This is just \$7 million short of IU's record with two months to go.

More than \$200 million of this year's total from all sources has been awarded by the NIH and other agencies in the Department of Health and Human Services. And over the past decade, IU has received more than \$1.5 billion in awards from the NIH and HHS.

4. CONCLUSION: PROGRESS ACROSS THE BOARD

This level of support reflects the strength of IU research and education. It also reflects the deep dedication of IU School of Medicine faculty and staff to making a difference.

The progress taking place within Riley Children's Hospital is also taking place on a larger scale. Just last week, we announced that Clarian Health, the largest health

system in Indiana and one of the largest health systems in the nation, which includes Riley, will be known as Indiana University Health beginning next spring. Clarian has been a joint venture between IU and the Methodist Church since 1997.

And earlier this week, we celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Wishard Hospital, a facility that promises, on its completion in 2013, to enhance the already strong partnership between the IU School of Medicine and Wishard.

With the announcement of this very important grant, we look forward to continuing to strengthen Indiana's health and life sciences economy, which is so vital to our state's prosperity.

Thank you very much.