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News Release



Allina Health announces the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation's Center for Excellence in Neurological Care

MINNEAPOLIS – (December 26, 2017) – Allina Health has approved construction of the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation's Center for Excellence in Neurological Care at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation contributed a \$2 million lead gift to the Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation's \$15 million Critical Care Campaign to help pay for the new center.

"By bringing together clinical expertise into one location, this new unit will respond to a projected increase in the need for inpatient neuroscience services as the population ages," said Mark Dienhart, CEO of the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. "It is an honor to collaborate with other community supporters and Allina Health to strengthen and improve neurological patient care at Abbott Northwestern Hospital."

Hospital officials expect demand for neurosciences care to increase 11 percent over the next 10 years. The new inpatient unit is planned to open in 2019 on the sixth floor of Abbott Northwestern's Heart Hospital.

"The Schulze gift acknowledges Abbott Northwestern's commitment to pioneering, high-quality care. The new center will support Whole Person Care, provide a healing environment for patients, staff and physicians, and broaden the impact we can have on the lives of patients and their families," said Mark Young, MD, neuro-hospitalist and Abbott Northwestern's Stroke Program director.

Initial designs for the new unit include a 42,000 square-foot space with 13 intensive care and 43 general inpatient beds for neuroscience patients. The total cost is estimated to be \$29 million.

About the Richard M. Schulze Foundation

The Richard M. Schulze Foundation was established in 2004 by Dick Schulze, the founder and chairman emeritus of Best Buy. The foundation works mainly in the Twin Cities, where Mr. Schulze raised his family and built his business, and in Southwest Florida, where he now resides, in its focus areas of health and medicine, education and human services.

About Abbott Northwestern Hospital

In addition to retaining its first place ranking for the best hospital in the Twin Cities and second in the State of Minnesota in the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2016-17 best hospital rankings, Abbott Northwestern has received nursing magnet certification, a recognition earned by only five percent of hospitals nationwide. [Allina Health](#) is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of illness and enhancing the greater health of individuals, families and communities throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin. A not-for-profit health care system, Allina Health cares for patients from beginning to end-of-life through its [90+ clinics](#), [12 hospitals](#), [15 retail pharmacies](#), [specialty care centers and specialty medical services](#), [home care](#), [home oxygen and medical equipment](#) and [emergency medical transportation services](#).