

**Contact: Jean Friedrich**

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY BUILDING NAMING – SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

**Action Requested:** Consider Iowa State University's request to name the Iowa State University Small Animal Hospital as the Hixson-Lied Small Animal Hospital in honor of Christina Hixson and in memory of Ernst M. and Ida K. Lied.

**Executive Summary:** Iowa State University requests approval to name the Iowa State University Small Animal Hospital as the Hixson-Lied Small Animal Hospital in honor of Christina Hixson and in memory of Ernst M. and Ida K. Lied. The Lied Foundation Trust, with its trustee, Christina Hixson, is a long time and very generous supporter of Iowa State University, investing more than \$20 million to support the success of students who, without significant financial assistance, would not be able to attend college.

Christina Hixson, as trustee for the Lied Foundation Trust, made a \$3 million lead gift to the Small Animal Hospital project in recognition of her lifelong commitment to the companion animals that this hospital will serve. As a native of Clarinda, Iowa, and a longtime resident of Nebraska, Ms. Hixson is particularly pleased to support the University's Small Animal Hospital, which serves to train veterinary students from both Iowa and Nebraska.

The Dr. W. Eugene and Linda Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center, which was completed in fall 2008, created one of the region's foremost facilities for equine and large animal veterinary medicine education, research and services. The expansion and renovation of the 105,000-square-foot Small Animal Hospital creates a synergistic environment in which to carry out the innovative teaching, diagnosis, treatment and cutting-edge research in small animal veterinary medicine that is needed to meet the pressing problems facing animal and human health around the world.

The University is grateful to Ms. Hixson and the Lied Foundation Trust for the support they are providing to Iowa State University and respectfully requests permission to name the Small Animal Hospital in their honor.