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**REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Action Requested: Consider the request by the University of Iowa to name the Department of Pediatrics in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine the **Stead Family Department of Pediatrics**.

Background: The University of Iowa requests that the Department of Pediatrics in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine be named the **Stead Family Department of Pediatrics**, in recognition of the cumulative \$20 million gift commitment by Jerre and Mary Joy Stead to advance children's medicine.

The SUI Department of Pediatrics provides the best in pediatric patient care, research, and education, and has touched the lives of countless patients and families as well as students and faculty. The gift from the Steads will spur new advancements in children's medicine at the University of Iowa by supporting faculty, staff, and researchers who are making new discoveries, improving education and patient treatments, and increasing understanding and awareness of pediatric diseases.

Jerre and Mary Joy Stead are co-chairs of UI Health Care's current \$500 million campaign for private support, *Iowa First: Our Campaign for Breakthrough Medicine*. Mary Joy Stead serves on the SUI Foundation Board of Directors, and Jerre Stead serves on the Board of Visitors of SUI's Tippie College of Business. Their philanthropy during many years has had a transformational effect on the University - especially in children's medicine and in the Tippie College of Business, where a previous gift supported initiatives that included the creation of one of the largest computer labs and technology service groups on the SUI campus. Their most recent gift is dedicated to helping SUI's outstanding doctors, nurses, staff, and researchers continue to improve the lives of children in Iowa and beyond.

The University believes this naming is a highly appropriate recognition of Jerre and Mary Joy Stead's generosity and commitment to advancing health care and research at the Children's Hospital and in the Department of Pediatrics. This naming request meets the naming guidelines specified by the University of Iowa and the Board of Regents.