$32M Gift to Support Cardiology Programs

Columbia’s Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons has received a $32.5 million gift from the Louis and Gloria Flanzer Philanthropic Trust for an endowment to support patient care, research, and education in cardiology.
In recognition of the gift, the school is renaming its cardiology unit the Seymour, Paul, and Gloria Milstein Division of Cardiology. (Seymour Milstein, Paul Milstein, and Gloria Milstein Flanzer were siblings who all gave generously to the University.)

Columbia’s cardiology division is widely regarded as among the best in the world; its faculty members have developed revolutionary approaches to replacing aortic valves and treating arrhythmias and have discovered the genetic basis of many cardiovascular conditions.

“This remarkable gift will ensure that we continue to attract the nation’s most talented cardiologists and researchers to Columbia,” says cardiologist and division chief Allan Schwartz ’74PS.

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