The Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation has approved a grant for $1 million to the University to purchase and renovate the Center for Community Wellness and Sports Medicine, which is located across from Lombardi Recreation Center. The grant will allow for the University of Nevada School of Medicine, Nevada Physical Therapy and an as-yet-undetermined medical partner to collaborate to provide a broad range of medical and wellness programs and services to the entire community, as well as student-athletes.

“The synergies created from this newly found collaboration will be exponential and the combined outreach efforts of the partners to the community will be significant,” Cary Groth, director of University Athletics, says. Dr. Carol Scott, director of sports medicine in the Department of Student Health and the official Wolf Pack physician, will be the chief liaison between the partners.

Hart Foundation trustee Mark Knobel says: “The Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation is very pleased to support the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Center for Community Wellness and Sports Medicine. This private-public collaboration will not only serve the long-term needs of student-athletes, but will have a positive impact on the entire community by providing patient access to a unique cross-section of medical and wellness services. In addition to its core orthopaedic services, the center will create synergies with ripple effects, such as conducting annual athletic physical programs to local high schools, as well as general youth and adult wellness education programs.”

The Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation is a strong supporter of the School of Medicine and long-time friend of the University, investing in numerous campus projects in athletics, science, medicine, and liberal arts. In 2009, the Hart Foundation also gave $1 million toward the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building. (Please see feature story on page 2.)

In addition, the Hart Foundation gave major gifts in 2009 toward the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, the Academic and Athletics Performance Complex, School of Medicine’s Sports Medicine Fellowship, the Academic and Athletic Performance Complex and the AAUN Blue Tie Ball. (Please see photos from the Blue Tie Ball on page 90.)

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