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**\$500,000 Commitment Helps Establish  
Medical Education Program in Richmond**

A \$500,000 commitment from the Vigran Family Foundation is helping to make possible a partnership that will allow students pursuing an M.D. degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine to complete a portion of their third and fourth-year medical education in Richmond, Indiana.

The arrangement, announced today, between Indiana University East, the Indiana University School of Medicine, and Reid Hospital & Health Care Services will begin this summer. Eventually it will support more than 75 clinical clerkships per year and introduce dozens of prospective physicians to the communities of Wayne County.

"This is an exciting new program that builds on the special relationship between two great Richmond institutions," said Gary Vigran, president of the Vigran Family Foundation. "It also builds on the vision my parents had for this community and will provide sustainable economic and health care opportunities that will strengthen Richmond and Wayne County."

Stanley Vigran, a lifelong Richmond resident was involved in many civic projects before his death in 2004. He was especially instrumental in establishing Indiana University East. He believed strongly the organization had tremendous capacity to drive significant, long-term economic growth.

"My father was convinced that IU East could work together effectively with other organizations, and especially Reid Hospital, to make a real difference in the community," Vigran said. "He felt so strongly about it, he made a bequest that \$500,000 of his estate be set aside in the Vigran Family Foundation specifically to fund this kind of innovative, collaborative program. It's the largest gift we've ever given and we're excited that we can help start a program that will benefit the community for generations to come."

The Vigran Family Foundation was established in conjunction with the Wayne County Foundation in 2003. This gift brings the total amount donated by the Vigran Family Foundation to over \$900,000 since its inception. It is mostly known for its contributions to human service agencies, youth development organizations, educational initiatives, and Jewish causes.

"We also hope this donation will encourage other community support of the project, too," Vigran said of the gift.

"The partnership between IU East, Reid Hospital, and the Indiana University School of Medicine is an important step forward for everyone," he said. "It advances each organization. It enhances the level of medical care in east central Indiana. And it will help promote meaningful growth in the community for years to come."

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