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We gratefully acknowledge all of our donors to the Shiley-Marcos ADRC, whose generous contributions empower our mission and fuel advancements in research, clinical care and community outreach.

This year, we are deeply grateful to our generous annual donors, **Sarah and Jay Flatley**, for their unwavering confidence in our efforts. Their unrestricted support of the Shiley-Marcos ADRC demonstrates a profound trust in our director's ability to allocate resources to meet the most pressing needs as they arise. The Flatleys recognize that unrestricted funds are vital in today's innovative climate, enabling us to pursue high-risk, high-reward research that can lead to groundbreaking discoveries. We value this partnership and the impact it has on advancing our mission.

The **Martha Proctor Mack Foundation** provided funding for an additional centrifuge for our lab, significantly expanding our research capacity by enabling us to process and store biospecimens essential for biomarker discovery in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This equipment allows for rapid separation of blood and other fluids, preserving sample integrity and ensuring compatibility with downstream analyses. As biomarkers become increasingly central to early detection, diagnosis, and tracking of disease progression, in-house centrifugation capability supports collaborative projects and accelerates our ability to generate high-quality data for grant proposals and research in basic and clinical neuroscience.

At the Shiley-Marcos ADRC, transformative philanthropy allows us to explore high-risk, high-reward science that goes beyond what traditional funding typically supports. The **Stern family's** generosity has enabled the Shiley-Marcos ADRC to support two Development Awards each year to launch the careers of promising early-career scientists pursuing novel, high-impact research. Their generosity continues to shape the future of Alzheimer's science and reflects the power of engaged partners in driving meaningful, lasting change.

We are deeply grateful.



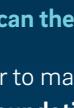
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## THANK YOU

From brilliant scientists and compassionate clinical care teams to generous philanthropists, tireless volunteers, dedicated case workers and supportive family members — each one of you plays a crucial role in this mission. **Your contributions are the heartbeat of our vision for a world without Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Let's continue to work hand in hand, fueled by our shared passion and commitment, as we strive for a brighter future.**



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

UC San Diego has been a world leader in the fight against Alzheimer's disease for more than 40 years. In the mid-1990s, UC San Diego partnered with the National Institute on Aging to envision and establish NIH-funded Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers, or ADRCs, throughout the country to tackle the growing public health challenges of dementia in the aging population. Thanks to sustained NIH support, we have been able to maintain the long-term stability essential for clinical trials, data collection, and foundational research in pursuit of these ambitions.

Our 40 years of continuous funding from the NIH is a testament to our recognized leadership in the field, but it is philanthropy that allows us to achieve beyond what is expected — to pursue high-risk, high-reward ideas that rarely qualify for initial federal funding. Your support helps launch innovative pilot studies, nurture early-career scientists, and drive the collaborative, cross-disciplinary efforts that define transformative science. Over its long and storied history, the Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (Shiley-Marcos ADRC) has helped to change the practice of medicine and, accordingly, impact the lives of millions of patients and families.

Last year we celebrated the 40th anniversary of NIH funding for the 20th anniversary of the Shiley-Marcos naming of the center. Shiley-Marcos ADRC founders Dr. Robert Terry and Dr. Robert Katzman planted the seeds of a program that evolved by Dr. Lori Thal, who emphasized collaboration, innovation and therapeutic development, with a strong focus on care and support of patients and their families. This work laid the foundation for UC San Diego's lasting contributions to understanding the biology of Alzheimer's disease, with an eye toward making the broadest possible impact on public health. The partnership with Donald and Darlene Shiley accelerated Dr. Thal's efforts, and their generous support is reflected in the naming of the center.

In a time of less certain national funding, our mission remains strong — grounded in science, united in purpose, and focused on improving the lives of those affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Whether you have been with us for years or are just joining our community, thank you. Your partnership fuels progress — and brings us closer to a future free of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

With heartfelt appreciation,

James Brewer, MD, PhD

Director, Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer's Disease Research Center  
Chair, Department of Neurosciences

