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Biomedical Research Facility Opens in Pasadena

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek were on hand last week for the opening of Huntington Medical Research Institutes' new biomedical research facility to the public.

The 35,000 square-foot project is the newest addition to non-profit HMRI's portfolio of facilities throughout the Pasadena area. The facility consolidates HMRI's operations on one campus and houses state-of-the-art clinical spaces, seminar, training, auditorium, laboratory and office space dedicated to the research and mission of the institute. Patient-focused research

programs target conditions including Alzheimer's disease, migraine, traumatic brain injury, cardiovascular disease, liver diseases, pre-eclampsia and sleep apnea.

"This building is the culmination of many years of planning and fundraising by HMRI leadership, and today marks the first day of the 'new HMRI,'" said Frank Davis, HMRI's interim CEO and vice president of finance. "Our scientists will finally have the state-of-the-art labs they deserve to perform their transformational research and the city of Pasadena has a sparkling new anchor for its growing biomedical corridor

along Fair Oaks and Raymond Avenues."

The new HMRI building is one of the anchor developments of a planned biomedical research corridor that is also home to other clinical and research organizations including Huntington Hospital and Shriners' Hospital for Children.

The grand opening ceremony celebrated the fundraising efforts by stakeholders and the scientific staff who showed their support during the construction process. Speakers included Barger, Tornek, John Mothershead, chair of the HMRI board, and Dr. Robert Kloner, chief science officer.