

# A \$2,000,000,000 Gift

The Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health & Science University receives the largest single gift to a university in U.S. history.

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As federal and state funding for health programs shrinks, the Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health & Science University just hit the jackpot: A \$2 billion donation from Nike cofounder Phil Knight, who once attended the school, and his wife, Penny. It's the largest single gift to a university in U.S. history. "This gift," said OHSU president Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA, "is an unprecedented investment in the millions of lives burdened with cancer."

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