



Gillings Gift Funds Public Health Initiatives

Accelerating solutions for a healthy planet, healthy population



One Gift, Multiple Beneficiaries

The UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health received a \$50 million pledge from Dennis and Joan Gillings, providing our School with critical resources to anticipate emerging public health challenges, accelerate solutions, and improve people’s lives across North Carolina and around the world. Innovation labs focus on solving big public health problems such as lack of access to clean water and health care, epidemics around the world and obesity. Funds from the gift also support leadership (including visiting professors), students, and strategic investments.

Innovation Laboratories

Competitively-selected funded research, teaching, and practice projects, Gillings Innovation Labs strive to achieve fundamental breakthroughs in the science of public health. Faculty with primary appointments in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health partner with other UNC faculty and students, as well as experts from governmental agencies, non-profit organizations and businesses. Commissioned Innovation Labs may be funded by external partners to solve problems of mutual concern.

Leadership and Engagement

Gillings Visiting Professors and executives in residence promote leadership and develop leaders. These leaders may be faculty from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health or experts from outside the School who are invited or competitively selected from think tanks, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other academic institutions. The School welcomes ideas for sponsored visiting professors and other change agents.

Investing in Students

To help develop the next generation of leaders, the gift supports students through scholarships, awards, and curricular innovations, in addition to opportunities to work with visiting professors and executives in residence, and participate in cutting-edge innovation labs.

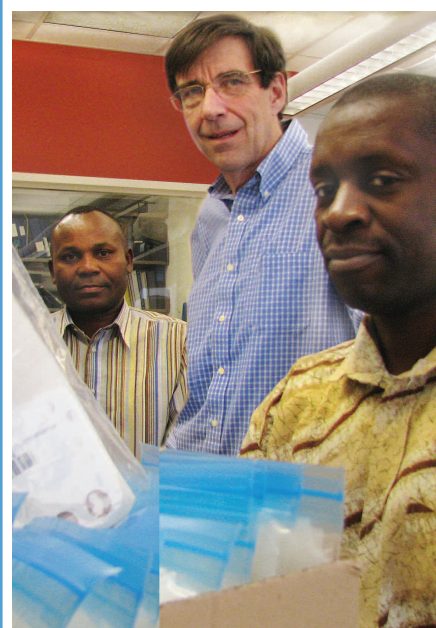
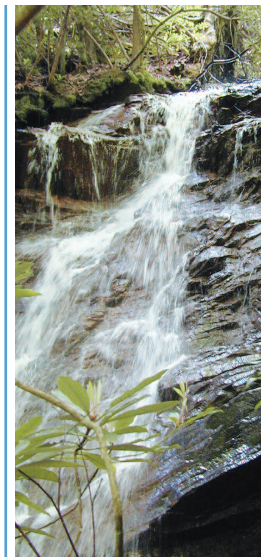
Extending Impact Through Strategic Investments

Strategic investments to extend leadership or address important needs are smart investments. Examples include support of strategic planning with health departments and local hospitals in North Carolina, support of the Water Institute at UNC, innovation seminars, and targeted support of the school’s strategic initiatives.

Onward!

“We have been given a remarkable opportunity to make a difference. The Gillingses’ gift is a very generous investment in our School and in the future of public health. People around the world will be watching us as we move forward to invest it wisely. We are committed to the success of our new enterprise. ...I look forward to working with colleagues in our School, from other schools and at UNC-Chapel Hill as we embark on this wonderful new journey!”

Barbara Rimer, Dean
UNC Gillings School of Global
Public Health



“I would like the thought-leadership of global public health to come from North Carolina...my own vision is “think global health, act local public health.””

Dennis Gillings,
speaking at
the Naming
Ceremony for
the UNC
Gillings School
of Global
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