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### Ann and David Brennan Critical Care Center

**A** major first for the city of Akron, the Ann and David Brennan Critical Care Center is the city's first facility entirely dedicated to critical-care treatment. The 120,000-square-foot center, which is located on the Akron City Hospital campus, incorporates Summa Health System's five critical-care units in one, increasing the number of critical-care beds from 66 to 94. Nearly 100,000 patients arrive at Summa's emergency departments each year, making it one of the largest and busiest emergency departments in northeast Ohio. Approximately 20 percent of all patients who visit the department also need to be admitted to the hospital — often in a critical-care bed. Technological innovations include wireless workstations and computers at every bedside, and voice-activated wireless communications that allow staff to converse with staff and patients throughout the center. New ergonomically designed ceiling-mounted patient lifts reduce the need for staff to lift patients, minimizing risk of injury. The center is named for Ann and David Brennan, who donated \$3.5 million to the project, the largest gift in Summa's history.

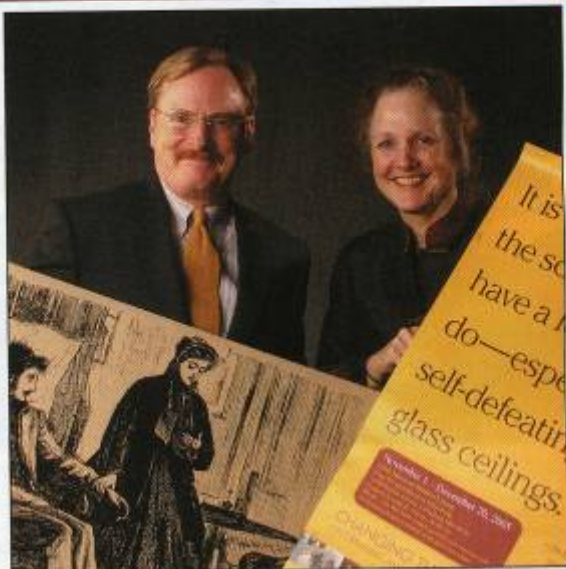
Tom Straus, President and CEO, Summa Health System

### Changing the Face of Medicine

**HONORABLE MENTION**

From October 26 to December 20, 2005, the Cleveland Health Sciences Library of Case Western Reserve University played host to *Changing the Face of Medicine*, an exhibit honoring America's female physicians. Virginia G. Saha, director of the Cleveland Health Sciences Library, and Dr. James M. Edmonson, chief curator of the Dittrick Medical History Center, together with their colleagues, were instrumental in bringing the national exhibition to Cleveland. The team also helped coordinate a large group of volunteers and supporters, planning activities and publicity related to the exhibit. Events during the exhibition's run included a presentation by nine area women physicians, who work through the Rainbow Center for Global Child Health to improve the health of children worldwide; a discussion with three local physicians about their career paths; and a summary of Dr. Linda Goldstein's doctoral thesis on the first six women to graduate from Western Reserve College's medical school.

James M. Edmonson, Virginia G. Saha



### ACT: Advancing Central's Health Together

**HONORABLE MENTION**

In 2005, the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health awarded Cleveland State University \$1.3 million to fund a unique joint research project between CSU faculty and residents of Cleveland's Central neighborhood. The focus of the partnership is targeting the causes and effects of obesity in order to fight the nationwide epidemic. Findings from the three-year study will be applied to address obesity problems specific to poor communities. The study's community-based participatory research approach directly involves Central residents, who will work with researchers to actively gather information, identify problems and implement the appropriate health initiatives. Residents help decide the focus of the obesity research, how it will be organized and carried out, and how effects of intervention will be measured. The long-term goal of the project is to discover methods to reduce health disparities in the Central neighborhood and in similar low-income and minority communities.

Back: Valerie Johnson, Bette Bondar, Lena Grafton, Dr. George Weiner; front: Peter Whit

