



TOM GART NEW CHAIRMAN

Colorado business leader Tom Gart began his tenure as Chairman of the National Jewish Health Board of Directors on October 15, accepting the Chairman's gavel from his predecessor, Steve Arent.

Gart has been on the Board of Directors since 1995, and served as chair of the Finance Committee and Investment Committee. Gart also served on the search committee that hired current President and CEO, Michael Salem, MD.

He has been President of The Gart Companies since 1993. He graduated with honors from Stanford University, where he was co-President of the student body, and received an MBA from Harvard University.

One of Gart's top priorities is to continue execution of the strategic plan adopted in 2007, which commits National Jewish Health to a major expansion, the development of preventive and personalized medicine, integration of clinical and research efforts, and reduced reliance on donations to cover operating expenses.

National Jewish Health Celebrates 110th Anniversary

On December 10, 1899, a young woman from Minnesota with tuberculosis became the first patient at National Jewish Health, then known as National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives. National Jewish Health Directors, Trustees, staff and others came together October 15-17 to celebrate the 110th anniversary, with keynote speeches from VIPs, the inauguration of a new Chairman, honors for a generous family, and a scientific symposium.

MONFORT FAMILY HONORED FOR EXTRAORDINARY GIFT

One of Chairman Gart's first actions was to present the President's Award to Monfort family members Richard and Charles Monfort, Kaye Ward, Myra Monfort Runyan and Kyle Futo in recognition of an extraordinary gift with outstanding results.

In 2004, the Monfort Family Foundation established the Kenneth W. Monfort Comprehensive Program for Research into COPD with a \$2.25 million gift to National Jewish Health. The gift funded a dozen researchers, led by National Jewish Professor

of Medicine James Crapo, MD. Preliminary findings from the Monfort-funded work helped Dr. Crapo garner a \$36-million grant from the National Institutes of Health for the largest, most comprehensive study ever done on COPD.

"We were able to leverage the \$2.25-million Monfort gift into a \$38.25-million research effort," said Dr. Crapo. "One family's generosity will change the face of this disease. It was a truly transformational gift."



Monfort family members (l. to r.) Charles Monfort, Kaye Ward, Myra Monfort Runyan and Richard Monfort stand with James Crapo, MD, who leveraged the family's original \$2.25-million gift into a \$38.25-million COPD research project.