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*Support for Chapman reflects the family's commitment to community involvement*

The scoreboard beams news of upcoming campus events at the south end of a field that was once just a gleam in the eye of Chapman athletic officials. Now the synthetic turf field is being used by athletes playing everything from lacrosse to Ultimate Frisbee, thanks to the generosity of Chapman Trustee David Wilson and his wife, Holly.

The Wilsons' \$2 million gift helped fund the latest addition to the Erin J. Lastinger Athletics Complex.

Holly and David Wilson Field is the centerpiece of 1,800-seat Ernie Chapman Stadium, scheduled for completion in 2008. Seeing Chapman students already making use of the field for a variety of activities gratifies the Wilsons.

"I am so proud to be a part of Wilson Field," David Wilson says. "From 'field of dreams' to 'field of reality,' another step in Chapman's march to magnificence."

Wilson is chairman and CEO of the Orange-based Wilson Automotive Group, which ranks among the top 10 privately held auto groups in the nation. Featuring 15 dealerships, the group employs more than 2,000 people and generates better than \$1.6 billion in retail sales each year.

Among many honors, Wilson has received the Horatio Alger Award, given annually by the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans. In addition to his trusteeship at Chapman, Wilson serves on the boards of the Orange

County Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Orangewood Children's Foundation.

"We couldn't be happier to have such a distinguished business leader and outstanding corporate citizen as Trustee Dave Wilson forever linked to our institution in such a monumental way," says Chapman President James L. Doti. "Holly and David Wilson Field will serve as a symbol of the tremendous generosity these two extraordinary individuals have provided to so many organizations throughout Orange County."

David Wilson said the support of Chapman and its athletics program reflects his family's commitment to the university and to the community.

"We have done business in Orange for more than 20 years, and the community has been very good to us," he says. "Chapman University is an integral part of Orange and its growth, and I enjoy serving on the Board of Trustees. This is a good way for us to give back to the community that made us successful while contributing to the education and success of future civic and business leaders." ■

