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A generous \$2 million gift from Chapman University trustee David Wilson will name the university's athletic field, which is currently under construction as part of Chapman's new Erin J. Lastinger Athletics Complex. The field, scheduled for completion this fall, will be named David and Holly Wilson Field in honor of Wilson and his wife.

Wilson, 58, is chairman and CEO of the Wilson Automotive Group, headquartered in Orange, which ranks among the top ten privately held auto groups in the nation. Its 15 dealerships include six Toyota dealerships, three Lexus dealerships, two Honda dealerships, two Kia dealerships, an Acura dealership and a Ford dealership. The group employs more than 2,000 people and generates more than \$1.6 billion in retail sales annually. Among many other honors, Wilson is a recipient of the prestigious Horatio Alger Award, given annually by the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans. He was also the 2001 recipient of Chapman University's annual Corporate Citizen of the Year award and serves in the appointed position of president of California's New Motor Vehicle Board. In addition to his trusteeship at Chapman, he sits on the boards of the Orange County Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Orangewood Children's Foundation.

Wilson said, We have done business in the City of Orange for more than 20 years, and the community has been very good to us. Chapman University is an integral part of Orange and its growth, and I enjoy serving on their 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.

James L. Doti, president of Chapman University, said, This is outstanding news for our athletics program. 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. David and Holly Wilson Field will serve as a symbol of the tremendous generosity these two extraordinary individuals have provided to so many organizations throughout Orange County. Chapman feels very blessed to have been the recipient of their philanthropic support.

Chapman's Erin J. Lastinger Athletics Complex is being constructed in several phases. Phase 1, Wilson Field and a new 900-space underground parking structure that will be located right beneath the field, will open for use this fall. Wilson Field, which will have a multi-use synthetic surface, will be the field element of 1,800-seat Ernie Chapman Stadium, which is slated for completion in 2008.