Transforming how we prevent violence…

THE CHALLENGE
Violence is one of the most critical, pervasive and devastating challenges facing society today. In 2016, there were 37,863 deaths from firearm violence in the United States. Violence can take many forms—from homicide and assault to suicide, and from domestic violence to terrorism—and behind each incident are individual lives shattered, and families and communities changed forever.

THE VISION
Violence is a complex public health issue best understood from multiple points of view, and California, with its unique data environment and public sense of urgency, is a perfect testbed for violence research. Better poised than any other institution to seize this pivotal moment and climate, UC Davis has a vision to unite researchers across disciplines to prevent violence in all its forms. You can help us expand the reach of our world-renowned Violence Prevention Research Program by creating the Center for Violence Prevention Research.

Together, we will turn science into action—informing policy and collaborating with communities to develop effective responses to violence that start at the local level. Training tomorrow’s leaders and shining a light on areas of greatest need, our comprehensive center will have a global impact.

THE PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITY
• Create a dedicated center that will spearhead a national effort to understand the causes, consequences and prevention of violence in all its forms
• Enhance the interdisciplinary breadth of the center with six new faculty positions—spanning fields from medicine to law to the social sciences and more—to address unanswered questions
• Translate our research into evidence-driven policy and outreach programs that demonstrate to lawmakers and communities workable solutions for decreasing violence

UC Davis is committed to stopping the cycle of violence. We invite the philanthropic partnership of our alumni and friends to address the ever-growing challenge of violence locally and globally.

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