

Grants That Make a Difference

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Fashion Designer Bequeaths \$10 Million to Animal Medical Center

The [Animal Medical Center \(AMC\)](#) has recently announced a \$10 million gift from the late fashion designer, Geoffrey Beene. Mr. Beene, an animal lover and supporter of the AMC during his life, died in 2004 at the age of 77.

The donation has increased the Center's endowment to \$50 million, and will strengthen the Center's capacity to serve as a leading post-graduate education facility. Part of the grant will fund the purchase of advanced diagnostic technology for animals. The gift will also help the Center continue its various activities, including programs for companion animals, counseling for owners of ill or deceased pets, as well as pet outreach visits to nursing homes and schools for blind or autistic children.

The AMC is New York City's largest facility for animal care, education, and research, and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Learn more at the AMC Web site: <http://www.amcny.org>.

"NYC's Animal Medical Center Receives \$10 Million From Geoffrey Beene's Estate." The Animal Medical Center Press Release, 1/25/2006.

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