TUSDM’s efforts to expand and enhance its downtown Boston campus through a $16 million fundraising initiative reflect three critical facets of our legacy, and of our ongoing leadership in the field of dental medicine.

- The project embodies TUSDM’s vision, which focuses on educating the world’s leading clinicians to address the challenges of 21st-century dentistry.
- It’s about creating a structure that offers superb facilities for our students and faculty, as well as a welcoming, highly professional environment for the patients we serve.
- At its heart, the initiative celebrates the spirit of TUSDM—a community that ranges from some of the profession’s most distinguished practitioners to the thousands of Boston-area residents who rely on us for compassionate care.

“The Vertical Expansion Initiative provides a 21st-century representation of the bedrock values that TUSDM has always stood for, and a symbol of our success in educating exemplary professionals who are both highly skilled and truly caring.”

— Lonnie H. Norris
DMD, MPH, DG80, M99P, A01P
Dean of the School of Dental Medicine
The TUSD M Vertical Expansion Initiative will add five floors and approximately 95,000 square feet to the school’s main campus building at One Kneeland Street in downtown Boston. The $16 million in funds we are raising for the initiative plays a critical role in supporting TUSDM’s continued leadership in the field of dentistry. As part of the largest philanthropic initiative in the school’s history, donations from our supporters represent a critical portion of the funds needed to meet the overall costs of the project, the remainder of which will be paid for with cash reserves and other resources.

Anyone who has visited the Kneeland Street campus in recent years knows that our current facility has reached, if not exceeded, the limits of its capacity. Without the expansion, TUSDM’s ability to fulfill its mission of compassionate care, and to retain its stature as a global leader, could be seriously compromised. Conversely, providing additional space for outpatient clinical services, teaching, research facilities, classrooms, offices, and meeting rooms will further our ability to recruit and retain the world’s finest faculty and most promising students, and to serve our diverse patient populations.

Situated at the heart of the Tufts Health Sciences Campus and bordering Boston’s Chinatown and Theater District, TUSDM’s One Kneeland Street facility was completed in 1972. Since that time, the school’s reputation—locally, nationally, and globally—has grown exponentially. As TUSDM has evolved to become the nation’s second-largest dental school, the building has been modified to the limits of its capacity. Given these conditions, the efforts of TUSDM students, faculty, staff, and administrators to serve the more than 20,000 patients who pass through our doors each year have been truly heroic.

In recent years, TUSDM has sought to address this problem before it reaches true crisis proportions through a comprehensive master planning effort. Working in conjunction with the firm ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge, TUSDM has devised a strategy for expanding the building by five floors, which includes:

- Significant additions to clinical space, including treatment areas and patient waiting areas
- Relocated administrative offices that will create room for additional classroom space
- A new, state-of-the-art continuing education facility
- A new simulation clinic
- Meeting space
A nyone who has visited the One Kneeland Street facility can understand why vertical expansion represents the optimal strategy for the current effort. TUSDM’s proximity to the Chinatown and South End neighborhoods positions us as the logical provider of services to the people of these neighborhoods, many of whom are underserved and economically disadvantaged. Given the footprint of the current facility, and the density of buildings within the surrounding area, “growing” the building vertically represents the best (and perhaps the only) option for expanding our capabilities in a way that will benefit our patients, students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

In addition, enhancements to the building will help position TUSDM as a spectacular gateway to the Tufts University Health Sciences Campus, which includes the Tufts University School of Medicine, the Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences, the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, and Tufts-New England Medical Center.

The Vertical Expansion Initiative also provides one of the most eloquent expressions imaginable for Tufts University’s $1.2 billion Beyond Boundaries campaign, a comprehensive effort encompassing Tufts’ eight schools. Increasing the square footage of the Kneeland Street facility by nearly 50% will enable TUSDM to transcend the physical limitations of the current building—limitations that have resulted from our growth and success as an institution—as we continue our pursuit of groundbreaking innovations in dental education, research, and practice.

“Growing” the One Kneeland Street facility vertically represents the best option for expanding our capabilities in a way that will benefit the entire TUSDM community.
Clinical excellence and profound compassion are two of the cornerstones that define the TUSD M educational experience. In that regard, the Vertical Expansion Initiative is much more than an enhancement to our facilities—it is a bold, ambitious expression of our commitment to honor TUSD M’s mission on many levels:

- **SUPPORT FOR LEADING-EDGE CLINICAL PRACTICE**
  Some of the key benefits of the expansion will be the doubling of the spaces devoted to four of the TUSD M postdoctoral specialties: periodontics, prosthodontics, endodontics, and orthodontics. The preclinical simulation lab will be relocated and expanded, as will our continuing education facilities. These changes will liberate existing floors to provide expanded pre-doctoral clinical and classroom facilities. These enhancements will play a critical role in ensuring that the school can provide the caliber of facilities that pre- and postdoctoral students and their instructors expect and deserve from one of the world’s leading dental schools.

- **DELIVERING CARE TO DIVERSE POPULATIONS**
  TUSD M has always kept its doors open to all patients, particularly those who otherwise would not be able to afford dental care. All of our dental students gain experience in delivering high-quality, compassionate care to a diverse patient base representing a breadth of socioeconomic backgrounds.
  We have always believed that every patient we see deserves the same quality of experience that he or she would receive at a private practice. The Vertical Expansion Initiative furthers our efforts to deliver these services in an environment more conducive to the needs of students, clinicians, and patients. What’s more, increasing the number of treatment chairs we can provide, and the amount of space available to providers and their patients, will greatly enhance both the educational experience at TUSD M and the level of patient service we provide.

- **ENHANCING COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
  TUSD M’s commitment to the community serves as a model for dental schools around the world. Many of our programs are targeted to individuals who are at a high risk of suffering the consequences of poor dental health, including persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, schoolchildren, seniors, and the handicapped. Many of these programs begin with community outreach activities that occur in Boston-area neighborhoods: the Vertical Expansion Initiative will help ensure that patients who encounter our clinicians through these “intake” efforts can be served at our Kneeland Street facility.

The Vertical Expansion Initiative will enable us to sustain and expand the community outreach programs that set us apart—from providing free dental care for HIV/AIDS patients and survivors of domestic violence, to the Smile, Share and Care program, which conducts educational and screening programs for schoolchildren in Chinatown and other Boston neighborhoods.
USDM’s Vertical Expansion Initiative represents a stirring affirmation of our vision of leadership for the dental profession, our commitment to create a physical structure that advances our mission, and the spirit of compassion and generosity that differentiates our graduates and characterizes Tufts’ Beyond Boundaries campaign. The initiative offers numerous opportunities for anyone who believes in the School’s mission, to express your support at many giving levels. In addition to accepting gifts of cash, stock, and securities, the campaign includes a number of naming opportunities for those who wish to make a significant and lasting contribution to the initiative.

We look forward to your participation in the TUSDM Vertical Expansion Initiative, and extend our warm thanks for your support.

“As both an alumnus and faculty member, I understand first-hand how the education we provide at TUSDM embodies both a compassionate spirit and our commitment to promoting excellence in the profession. One of the best ways any of us can honor our faculty, our students, and the patients we serve is by supporting the physical improvements made possible through the Vertical Expansion Initiative.”

— DR. JESS KANE
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