2012 report on giving
to the University of Minnesota
All 78,262 donors who made a commitment to the U in fiscal 2012 have powerful stories about what inspired their giving. While we can’t highlight them all, here’s a selection of gifts and their impact that reflect the remarkable generosity donors displayed in areas of shared passion and opportunity.

Student support

Donors help prepare tomorrow’s leaders

As the state’s only comprehensive research university, the U of M maintains an intellectual environment unlike any for miles around. Scholarships and fellowships created by donors help attract the brightest undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students. In 2012, donors committed $60 million to support students, including more than $46 million for scholarships and $11 million for fellowships. Two of the largest U-wide scholarship programs—the Dave Larson Scholarship and the Bentson Family Scholarship—received significant additional gifts this past year. Student support remains the top priority of U of M President Eric Kaler.

Improving children’s literacy

Defeating childhood diseases

Every kid deserves a childhood free of life-threatening illnesses, and gifts made this year are advancing research to defeat two devastating childhood diseases. A $4 million gift made through the Children’s Cancer Research Fund will establish the Suzanne Holmes Hodder Chair in Pediatric Cancer Research to transform the treatment of childhood cancer. A $500,000 gift was presented to the U of M by Florida State football coach Jimbo Fisher and his family to search for a cure for Franconi’s anemia. The Fishers’ young son suffers from the rare genetic disease that will require a bone marrow transplant. After looking for the best care, the Fishers chose the U of M.

Specialized Pediatric Dental Clinic

The dental needs of disadvantaged kids and those with severe health issues have been on the rise. Up until now, our region has not adequately met the demand. The new U of M Pediatric Dental Clinic, made possible by Delta Dental of Minnesota through a $3.5 million gift, aims to offer expanded care to kids and their families. Its location, adjacent to the Amplatz Children’s Hospital, will enable U dentists to provide dental care to patients also being seen for serious conditions such as cancer. The facility will also be a place for medical students to learn in a clinical setting.

Expanding engineering research and teaching facilities

Amundson Hall expansion

Demand is high for the U’s esteemed Chemical Engineering and Materials Science program—one of the best in the world. The need is great to engage more faculty and enroll more students to begin the search for more life-changing solutions. The department’s home, Amundson Hall, will be renovated and expanded to allow more undergraduate and graduate students into the program, and to hire more faculty. New laboratories, more meeting space, and a state-of-the art materials lab will enhance the environment for education, innovation, and discovery thanks to $10 million from alumnus Robert W. Gore and $5 million from the Dow Chemical Company.
State-of-the-art training facilities for healthcare professionals

**Healthy Communities Innovation Center**

Electronic health records and mobile technologies have changed the way healthcare providers, including nurses, communicate. In addition, nurses now provide more home-based care than ever before (an estimated 50 percent of all care). Nursing education has to keep up with changes like these. Supported by a $3.65 million gift from the Bentson Foundation, the School of Nursing is building the Healthy Communities Innovation Center. It will simulate healthcare settings—hospitals, emergency rooms, long-term care facilities, and patients’ homes—that reflect environments nursing students will be working in when they graduate.

**Vision for UMD Medical School**

As it celebrates its 40th anniversary, the Medical School at the University of Minnesota Duluth has developed a bold vision for the future, and donors have supported it through the Next Generation Fund. The fund will help cover the cost of equipment, mentoring programs, and valuable student opportunities in international education, the simulation lab, and community-based labs. An anonymous donor made a stock gift of $1.5 million—the largest realized gift in the school’s history—to lead the effort.

**Advances in brain research**

Using electrical stimulation of the brain to treat addiction and redirecting stem cells to repair stroke-damaged brain tissue are just two promising research projects benefitting from a belief in untested ideas. The work is supported by the Winston and Maxine Wallin Neuroscience Discovery Fund through a second-year commitment of $500,000 to support the pursuit of novel ideas by U neuroscientists. The fund also has helped the U garner a larger share of federal research dollars and speed up the process of moving lifesaving research from the lab to the bedside.

**Improving human health**

**Drug discovery and development**

For millions, therapeutic drugs save lives and improve the quality of life. Yet, much more needs to be done in areas such as cancer, stroke, heart disease, and Alzheimer’s. The U of M is poised to be a major player in developing new therapeutic drugs, but with so many people suffering from acute and chronic diseases, there is an urgent need to get effective drugs to market quickly. Commitments of $1 million from alumni Duane and Glen Engebretson and Lyle Bighley will help the College of Pharmacy open up a more efficient “pipeline” for development of life-changing drugs.

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**New sculpture garden at the Arboretum**

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum’s reputation for beauty will be enhanced with the installation of some two dozen pieces of sculpture donated by Alfred Harrison and Ingrid Lenz Harrison. The collection, valued at around $3 million, is the newest addition to sculptures in the arboretum gardens—the Harrison Sculpture Collection at High Point—and a must-see for visitors on the popular Three-Mile Drive. The sculptures hail from countries around the world, and each comes with a unique story that will be displayed along with the work of art.
The following figures provide a summary of giving through all foundations at the University of Minnesota in fiscal 2012, which ran from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.

### Donors of 2012 gifts
Total: 78,262

- **Alumni:** 45,802 (59%)
- **Other individuals:** 28,392 (36%)
- **Organizations:** 4,068 (5%)

### Purpose of 2012 gifts
Total: $244 million

- **Academic program support:** $102 million (42%)
- **Student support:** $60 million (25%)
- **Capital improvements:** $33 million (13%)
- **Research and outreach:** $37 million (15%)
- **Faculty support:** $12 million (5%)

### Historical overview
(millions of dollars)

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### University-wide fundraising results

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* Excludes future gift commitments; includes cash, gifts-in-kind, and pledge payments
** Includes the endowments of the University of Minnesota, University of Minnesota Foundation, and Minnesota Medical Foundation
Visionary benefactors made 2012 a truly tremendous year for philanthropy at the University of Minnesota.

Donors set new milestones in giving, helping the University surpass our private fundraising goals despite a challenging economy. As you’ll see in this 2012 Report on Giving, the University of Minnesota Foundation and the Minnesota Medical Foundation together raised $244 million, an impressive 10 percent increase in just one year.

The University and its foundations are profoundly grateful for this commitment to excellence in Minnesota.

In total, 78,262 donors gave to the U in fiscal 2012. These generous individuals, businesses and foundations are vital catalysts in advancing the critical work of the University.

First and foremost, donors enabled the foundations to distribute an unprecedented amount of private money to the University community this year. We channeled $169 million across our campuses in 2012, filling needs and creating opportunities.

Much of that money went directly to students as scholarships, fellowships and other financial support. The need among students has never been greater, as the cost of college pushes more and more young people into debt at the threshold of their careers.

Our donors recognize that excellence and opportunity must go hand-in-hand at the University of Minnesota. They also realize we must make significant investments in leading-edge research and high-caliber faculty to retain our international standing as a center for discovery.

Indeed, our donors know that by partnering with the University, they become crucial change-makers in the world. The stories contained in this Report on Giving offer just a glimpse into the many ways our donors improve the lives of others.

Thanks again for making 2012 a year to celebrate philanthropy at the University of Minnesota.

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