From the Desk of the Chancellor, Feb. 28, 2011

This morning we officially launched the IUPUI IMPACT Faculty/Staff Campaign. IUPUI employees have a well-deserved reputation for giving generously to the campus, so we look forward to the annual campaign’s giving us a big boost toward reaching our $1.25 billion goal. At last count, we have more than $919 million raised. We are at 74 percent of goal, but time is short—fewer than 28 months to go.

We hope to inspire your generosity by focusing on four themes. They reflect what has made us successful and what will keep us successful in service and leadership:

• Ensuring extraordinary student success
• Thriving as an urban research campus
• Excelling as the center for health and life sciences
• Championing civic engagement

As we work to meet our goal in the campaign, we can be inspired by what we accomplished in the Campaign for IUPUI, which concluded in 2004 with $1.039 billion raised, well over our $700 million goal:

• 83 new faculty chairs, professorships, and curatorships, including the Vera Bradley Professorship in Oncology and Thomas J. Linnemeier Guidant Foundation Chair in Biomedical Engineering
• Major research initiatives, including the $155 million Indiana Genomics Initiative
• Two new state-of-the-art research facilities for School of Medicine
• Inlow Hall for the School of Law
• Eskenazi Hall for the Herron School of Art and Design
• More than $36 million for scholarships, including the Masarachia Scholarships Program, the largest ever for the School of Liberal Arts and one of the largest at IUPUI.

We should also be inspired by the current IMPACT Campaign Leadership gifts to date, including Executive Vice Chancellor Uday Sukhatme’s gift to endow a RISE Scholarship in memory of his mother.

Such gifts are inspiring. They help expand our impact and demonstrate commitment to the future. I hope each of you will consider making a gift. Thanks to the many who have already done so.

Please support IUPUI IMPACT!

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