Through the help of more than 44,000 donors, including alumni, parents, students, patients, organizations and other friends, UC Davis raised nearly $216.8 million in gifts, pledges and private grants during the 2007–08 fiscal year. This marks the sixth consecutive year that philanthropic support has grown and the first time that UC Davis has surpassed $200 million.

“Given our Centennial celebrations, this remarkable year of philanthropy is especially exciting,” said Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef. “We are grateful to each and every one of our donors who helps and believes in our mission at UC Davis. Their support and commitment provide new and better opportunities for our students and faculty as we look to address society’s challenges of the next 100 years.”

Almost half of the total—$100 million—came from a single philanthropic grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, directed to found a new nursing school in Sacramento. Even without that grant, giving increased 12 percent, year to year.

Of the philanthropic total, 26 percent was directed toward research, while department/faculty support and student support received a combined 58 percent. Campus improvement and other program support received the remaining 16 percent.

Each of UC Davis’ four colleges and five professional schools received significant private support. The UC Davis Health System, which includes the proposed Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing as well as the School of Medicine, recorded the highest amount at $120.3 million. It was followed by the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, at $29.2 million, and the Graduate School of Management, at $12.1 million.

More than 16,000 donors supported the Annual Fund in 2007–08, giving nearly $1.8 million. The chancellor allocates Annual Fund gifts to areas of greatest need, including student and faculty support.

UC Davis receives about 22 percent of its total budget from the state, and receives additional support from a variety of funding sources, such as patient care fees from the medical center, student fees and tuition, and donors.

As it entered its centennial year, UC Davis surpassed the creation of 100 endowed chairs and professorships, bringing the total to 108. Since the Sesnon Chair in Animal Science was established in 1977, donors have matched their passion and purpose with UC Davis’ academic aspirations to fund endowed chairs and professorships in fields ranging from schizophrenia research to technology management, and from energy efficiency to orchestral conducting.

Interest earned on the investment of the endowed gifts provides an ongoing source of funding for the chair holders, such as support for research and instruction, graduate students and public outreach.

UC Davis also celebrated the creation of a new society that honors the university’s leading donors. The inaugural Chancellor’s Laureates comprise 226 individuals and organizations who have donated $1 million or more over time.
to UC Davis. Vanderhoef said the laureates each has made a significant impact on society through their support of UC Davis in fulfilling its public mission.

**INSPIRATIONAL GIFTS TO UC DAVIS**

The following is a sampling of gifts from the more than 44,000 donors who supported UC Davis in the fiscal year 2007-08:

**PROPOSED NEW NURSING SCHOOL**

UC Davis will build on its mission to promote health and improve access to and quality of health care in California and throughout the nation with the launch of the new Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing. The school will foster nursing excellence through a program that incorporates scientific rigor and immersive, interdisciplinary education. Its graduates will be nurse researchers, educators and leaders in practice who will make positive, long-term impacts across all levels of nursing.

**LARGEST ALUMNI GIFT**

Maurice J. Gallagher, Jr. '71 and his wife, Marcia, gave $10 million to UC Davis, the largest gift ever made to the campus by a UC Davis graduate. The gift will support the Graduate School of Management’s new building and establish an endowment for the school. In recognition, the building will be named Maurice J. Gallagher, Jr. Hall.

**WINE COUNTRY LEGACY**

Napa Valley native Louise Rossi bequeathed a gift of more than $12.5 million to UC Davis for the study of viticulture and enology. The gift will be used to establish a perpetual source of funding for high-priority research projects focused on improving sustainable production practices and enhancing the flavor of grapes and wine. Rossi and her late brother, Ray '30, had a history of philanthropic support for UC Davis.

**PRIVATE SUPPORT 2004–2008 (IN MILLIONS)**

- 2004: $73.4
- 2005: $79.1
- 2006: $81.5
- 2007: $101.2
- 2008: $216.77

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