

A Robust Operating Environment: Annual Giving

Annual fund gifts provide immediate support for campus programs, financial aid, undergraduate and graduate student research and other important activities.

Growing Need for Operating Funds

In addition to the long-term financial stability that endowment funds provide, the University relies on funds from other sources for its annual operation. For instance, the University provides more than \$30 million each year in financial aid to approximately 80 percent of the student body. Every dollar of private support means that more tuition-related monies can be used to maintain essential functions and services, keep the campus and its buildings safe and attractive, and remain current with new services and enhanced programs.

• Annual Giving

Each year, thousands of alumni, friends, faculty and staff members contribute unrestricted cash gifts to the University. This source of funds is an extremely important component in enabling the University to respond to emerging opportunities as the year progresses. Annual cash gifts can also come in a restricted manner in which the donor requests that gifts be directed to a specific academic program, an athletic program or entities such as the Mazza Museum.

Examples of Annual Gifts:

- Annual Cash Scholarships
- Undergraduate and Graduate Cash Research Awards
- Cash Stipends for Graduate Assistants

• Academic Enhancement Grants, Gifts-In-Kind

Academic programs and faculty research can be greatly enhanced through funding, often in the form of grants that seek to advance research in or study of specific areas, often by specific faculty members. Gifts-in-kind – such as artwork for the Mazza Museum or horses for our equestrian programs – are enormously valuable assets that further the mission of the University.

We ask that you embrace our founders' vision and confidence, and, like them, invest in ways that your values, and ours, can benefit many more generations of students. We are all stakeholders in their vision, and our "community" has extended far beyond the City of Findlay: Those who love, admire and benefit from The University of Findlay now live in all 50 states and 45 countries the world over. The values we share transcend time and place – but they are important to the lives we lead wherever we may be.

