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The UNM Foundation Raises More Than \$75 Million for Fiscal Year 09-10

The University of New Mexico Foundation is pleased to announce that more than 17,000 benefactors giving more than 38,400 gifts contributed \$75,120,835 to the University between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

“These donations are a sign of the solidarity we all share in promoting excellence at UNM, even during financially trying times,” UNM President David Schmidly said. “Having received just 16.1 percent of our budget from state sources this year, philanthropic support is instrumental to us fulfilling our mission as the state’s flagship institution of higher education.”

In addition, UNMF distributed approximately \$15.4 million from the endowment, 98 percent of which goes directly to supporting faculty and student success. The fund is currently valued at \$283.5 million.

“The Foundation takes its responsibility to support the University very seriously and our staff takes pride in working with donors to support faculty, research, academic programs and student support,” said Anne Yegge, chair of the UNMF Board of Trustees.

These gifts count towards *Changing Worlds: The Campaign for UNM*, the university’s multiyear, comprehensive fund-raising effort. To date, the campaign has raised \$323.3 million.

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