Report on the Campaign for Texas
September 1, 2006–August 31, 2009
WE CHANGE PEOPLE. THEY CHANGE THE WORLD.

As we pursue our goal of becoming the best public university in the nation, UT continues to make advances in science and technology, improve the health of our people, and enrich the cultural landscape.

Our accomplishments — past, present, and future — are supported by people like you who understand that your investment in The University of Texas will help change the world.

Three years into the Campaign for Texas, we are almost one-third of the way toward our $3 billion goal. We have come this far thanks to friends who have given to the college, school, program, or department that is dearest to them. These pages highlight the many ways in which donors are making a difference on our campus and in the everyday world in which we live.

Throughout our history, those who love the University have stepped forward in times of celebration and in times of challenge. They encourage us. They offer advice and wisdom. They push us to excel. They give us the support we need to transform lives. We invite you to be one of those special people.

William Powers, Jr.
President

UT AUSTIN BUDGET SOURCES, THEN AND NOW
State support today represents only 15.5 percent of the University’s budget, making private support more important than ever.

1984–85
$502.9 million
47.1% state support
35.4% tuition and fees
12.2% income from Permanent University Fund
5.3% gifts and other sources

2008–09
$2.08 billion
15.5% state support
23.6% tuition and fees
8% income from Permanent University Fund
52.9% gifts and other sources

*Includes private donations and income from intellectual property, endowments, grants, contracts, and self-supporting enterprises such as dormitories and intercollegiate athletics
The Campaign for Texas promises to change the people who change the world. Just three years into the campaign, it is already making an impact. Across the University, private donors are investing in the scholars who are working toward a cleaner environment, addressing health-care shortages, seeking new ways to map the universe, and preserving and creating the artistic and cultural treasures that enrich our lives. Gift by gift, in every facet of life, the Campaign for Texas and its donors are changing the world.

The community and the world

The Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law brings together academia, government, and the private sector to study the problems and opportunities created by globalization. The center, initially endowed by renowned lawyer and public servant Ambassador Robert S. Strauss and the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, is a unique collaboration of UT’s LBJ School of Public Affairs, the School of Law, and the College of Liberal Arts, along with the LBJ Foundation.

Scientists need to have basic business skills, too. That’s the idea behind the Halliburton Summer Business Foundations Institute, an intensive nine-week program focusing on marketing, finance, accounting, management, business law, and ethics. The Houston-based energy company Halliburton made a gift to the McCombs School of Business to launch the institute, which is open to undergraduates from any discipline.

Going away to college is an exciting time in a young person’s life. But for students who are independent, homeless, or who are wards of the state, it can also be a difficult time. That is where Horns Helping Horns comes in. In its second year, Horns Helping Horns offers opportunities for alumni and friends to help students in need. Contributions are made to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, which administers the program and provides adult mentors who help eligible students purchase basic items for their dorm rooms. Mentors also provide help and encouragement throughout the school year.

Graduate students in the School of Information had the opportunity to meet with archival experts from around the world when the school hosted the Society of American Archivists annual conference. With more than 5,000 members, the society is North America’s oldest and largest national archival professional association. The iSchool, home to the nation’s top-ranked program in archival studies, was able to provide this important educational experience with the help of annual donations and funds from endowments.

Homelessness and social isolation often plague combat veterans. That’s why a graduate student in the School of Social Work is starting the innovative program House a Hero. The program is for recently discharged combat veterans and will provide family-style housing in central Texas to help a pilot group of 25 veterans make a smooth transition to noncombat life. The grant for the program comes through the 2009 Clinton Global Initiative University Outstanding Commitment Awards, jointly sponsored by the Wal-Mart Foundation and the Tillman Foundation.

The John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies in the College of Liberal Arts is an interdisciplinary research center offering coursework and programming that focuses on black people in Texas, the United States, and the African diaspora. The center fosters an intellectual and artistic community that considers how race, gender, sexuality, culture, and power affect black communities. With the support of donors the center is able to provide scholarships, foster artistic expression, and support faculty and student research around the world.
Science and technology

When biomedical engineering students in the Cockrell School of Engineering need a place to work on homework or complete projects, they turn to the new Dr. Ralph T. and Reba D. Ferrell Learning Resource Center in the Biomedical Engineering Building. The computer lab, outfitted with the best technology available, was made possible thanks to a gift from the Ferrells of Plano, Texas. The Ferrells believe that new discoveries by current biomedical engineering students will have a lasting positive impact on human health.

“Dark energy” dominates our universe. This mystery force, which causes the universe’s expansion to accelerate when it should be slowing, constitutes more than 70 percent of all energy and mass. A gift from Harold Simmons will help McDonald Observatory build the Hobby-Eberly Telescope Dark Energy Experiment so that astronomers can create a three-dimensional map of more than 1 million galaxies, revealing cosmic history as never before, unlocking dark energy’s secrets, and possibly rewriting the laws of physics.

The Texas Advanced Computing Center now operates among the largest supercomputing systems in the world. TACC is educating the next generation of scientists and researchers through its Scientific Computing Curriculum. Thanks to a multi-year gift from Chevron Corp., TACC is able to broaden its reach by offering this curriculum to other institutions of higher education.

Schoolchildren in central Texas have been learning science from some of the best science teachers in the world — UT scientists. The Museum Express Program in the Texas Natural Science Center reaches 3,000 K-12 schoolchildren annually with interactive presentations using museum specimens. Funding from such groups as the Magnolia Trust, the Dell Foundation, and Temple-Inland provides scholarships for schools with a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students. The center, which is the home of the Texas Memorial Museum, also offers teacher training in UT labs taught by University scientists.
Education

Future educators will get a boost from new fellowships in the College of Education. Teresa Lozano Long and Joe R. Long of Austin have endowed a fellowship fund for graduate students in kinesiology, health administration, and educational administration. The Longs have also created a fellowship to support outstanding faculty in the college.

English teaching and research are changing along with the English Department’s ability to recruit top students and faculty. Maureen and Robert Decherd have created an endowment in the College of Liberal Arts that provides stipends for nontenured faculty and doctoral candidates who are engaged in teaching activities related to literature, American society, and U.S. media. The endowment will not only support young scholars but will also help the English Department recruit top talent — key for rising in national rankings.

Learning shouldn’t have an age limit. Adult learners find meaningful educational and social rewards at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, part of Continuing and Innovative Education. A new endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation will provide the institute the financial stability to continue providing members the opportunity to learn in their late adult years.

The Division of Diversity and Community Engagement’s six-week Summer Scholars program helps incoming freshmen prepare for their academic careers at UT. Summer Scholars take University courses, conduct research with tenured faculty, and receive mentoring from peer advisers. The program is funded in part by the Michael and Alice Kuhn Foundation.

A fellowship honoring President Bill Powers will help the Graduate School attract top students. Steven Ungerleider of Oregon is creating the William C. Powers Graduate Fellowship to support excellence in graduate education. The first Powers Graduate Fellows, who are studying mechanical engineering, anthropology, kinesiology, and American studies, entered UT this fall.

Recipients of a new scholarship in the School of Law will get something extra from their benefactor — advice. In addition to covering three years of tuition and fees for an incoming law student, law graduate Rex G. Baker III of Dripping Springs, Texas, has agreed to mentor his scholarship recipients, offering guidance based on his own experiences as a student and practicing attorney.

Incoming students who haven’t selected a college or school now have a home in the University. The School of Undergraduate Studies is a new school at the University that helps students find the right academic major. Undergraduate Studies programs include the University’s new signature courses — interdisciplinary first-year classes that are taught by top professors, often in seminar format. This fall the school welcomed its inaugural class of 820 with the help of private donors.

Alumni gifts have established the new 40 Acres Scholarship Program — merit-based full-ride scholarships that will be offered by the Texas Exes to top high school graduates. The four-year scholarships will be augmented by enrichment opportunities that include community service, study abroad, and internships. When fully funded, the program will support 75 scholars per year, making it one of the largest merit-based scholarship programs in the nation.

UT Elementary School students know their science. One hundred percent of the school’s students passed their science TAKS test after the school began a new science demonstration program with the support of the KDK-Harman Foundation. UT Elementary serves as a living laboratory, continuously refining its teaching techniques to keep up with the latest research coming out of the College of Education. This gives UT student teachers the opportunity to help bring about innovations in their profession while gaining valuable classroom experience.
Health and wellness

Hazel Pipkin paved the way for women and independent pharmacies when she started her career as a pharmacist in the 1950s. Now a scholarship in her honor in the College of Pharmacy will help today’s students make their own mark on the profession. The endowment is being established by Pipkin’s former colleagues in Pharmacy. She retired in 2007 after 20 years as a Pharmacy faculty member and more than 50 years as a pharmacist.

The School of Nursing has established two graduate nurse practitioner programs to address the critical shortage of acute-care pediatric and neonatal nurses. With the help of donors, the school is teaching and training more students in these areas. Dell Children’s Medical Center is providing two acute-care pediatric nurse practitioner faculty members for the school. Pediatrix, a private practice group of neonatologists that contracts with hospitals nationwide to provide medical care to critically ill babies, is providing salary support. The Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program was launched this summer, and the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program began this fall.

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CAMPAIGN GIVING BY SOURCE AND PURPOSE

The Campaign for Texas raised $919,092,237 from Sept. 1, 2006, through Aug. 31, 2009. The charts below indicate percentage of total dollars given by source and purpose.

*Private gifts for programs and research directly support faculty and students through their research and scholarly endeavors.
Sanya Richards
Alumna
Thanks to a $55 million gift from Ernest and Sarah Butler, the School of Music in the College of Fine Arts has received the largest single gift for a music school at a U.S. public university. The school has been renamed the Sarah and Ernest Butler School of Music. The school has experienced a meteoric rise among the best music schools in the nation, attracting gifted students and internationally renowned musicians such as Anne Akiko Meyers, who joined the faculty this fall.

Ned Rifkin, the new director of the Blanton Museum of Art, will have strategic resources as he leads the Blanton into the future. A gift from the Scullock Foundation will establish the Blanton’s first exhibition endowment. Rifkin is the former undersecretary for art at the Smithsonian Institution. The Blanton is home to more than 17,000 works of art. It is the largest university art museum in the country and the third largest museum in Texas.

The role of the media in modern sports will be the focus of a new interdisciplinary consortium on campus. The Texas Program in Sports and Media is a collaboration between the College of Communication, UT Libraries, UT Athletics, and donor Steven Ungerleider of Oregon. The heart of the program will be the Dick Pound Olympic Archive. Pound, chancellor of McGill University, is a former Olympian and a member of the International Olympic Committee. The archive includes papers documenting Pound’s involvement with the Olympic Movement and his efforts to combat doping in sports. Working with staffers at McGill, specialists in the UT Libraries will digitize the Pound archive for use by students, scholars, and journalists. The program will be housed in the College of Communication’s forthcoming Belo Center for New Media.

From the Battle of Normandy to the UT campus, Frank Denius has made a difference. Now his life story will be told in book form. The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History is working on a book about the life of this World War II hero and UT alumnus. The book will draw upon interviews with Denius as well as the Briscoe Center’s University of Texas Archives, Texas History Collection, and Military History Collection. So far, individuals and organizations have contributed nearly 70 percent of the fundraising goal for the project.

For graduate students working at the Harry Ransom Center, a technology internship provides valuable experience in a museum and library environment. The interns bring fresh ideas, knowledge of new trends, and additional technology support for the center’s programs and services. Thanks to a bridge grant from the Dorot Foundation, the HRC’s Technology Internship Program will be able to continue while the center seeks permanent funding for the program.

The School of Architecture will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year with the three-part series “Traces and Trajectories,” which will include exhibits, lectures, and a publication. Made possible in part by a grant from the Amon G. Carter Foundation, the series will highlight the school’s history and intellectual ambitions in the context of the University, the city of Austin, and the world at large, focusing on both academic and design disciplines. The series will lead up to an open house weekend to celebrate the school’s 100th anniversary in October 2010.

A book published by the University of Texas Press has been recognized for excellence in human-rights reporting. Photographer Eugene Richards received the 2009 Amnesty International UK Media Award for an excerpt from his book “A Procession of Them,” which was supported for publication by the William and Bettye Nowlin Series in Art, History, and Culture of the Western Hemisphere. A second UT press photo book, O. Rufus Lovett’s documentary portrait of the Kilgore Rangerettes, has been featured in several national “Best Photography Books of 2008” lists, including The Wall Street Journal, American Photographer, and ESPN Magazine. “Kilgore Rangerettes” was published in the Clifton and Shirley Caldwell Texas Heritage Series.
Energy and the environment

A gift from Chevron to the Jackson School of Geosciences will support the Bureau of Economic Geology’s core research facilities, where scientists study materials in the nation’s largest publicly available storehouse of geological cuttings and cores. Geoscientists use the materials to understand earthquakes, groundwater pollution, and climate change. The climate-controlled facilities are open to all geologists in the nation, who may either study the cores at UT or have them transported to their own labs.

Greener is better, but how? The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is working with the School of Architecture, the American Society of Landscape Architects, and the U.S. Botanic Garden to create environmental guidelines for developing landscapes. The Sustainable Sites Initiative, supported by the Meadows Foundation, Landscape Structures, Inc., and other donors, will implement its new guidelines at more than 75 pilot project sites throughout the country in 2010.

A new building under construction at the Marine Science Institute will house research labs, offices, and seawater facilities for live animals. The sustainable design for the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve includes passive shading from direct sun, rainwater and condensate collection, solar panels, and a bio-swale to filter storm-water runoff. The project will extend the institute’s impact on fisheries, oceans, and estuaries. It is being funded by public and private support from donors such as Mary Campbell, Dillon Ferguson, and Oscar Robinson.

Alumnus Roger Worthington took Larry Gilbert’s Plan II biology class in 1980 and says the course opened his eyes to the unintended damages that humans inflict on the environment. The San Pedro, Calif., resident and his wife, Ann, also a UT Austin graduate, established the Lawrence E. Gilbert, Jr., Excellence Endowment to support research in ecology and biodiversity at the Brackenridge Field Laboratory, part of the College of Natural Sciences.