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Naveen Jindal said his time at UT Dallas inspired him to pursue a political career and to excel in business.



Longtime supporters Nancy and Charles Davidson met at UT Dallas and have been generous benefactors ever since.

Historic \$50 Million Investment for School of Management School and Honors Program Named for Donors, New Building Addition Approved

From India and Houston, three visionary alumni traveled to UT Dallas recently to celebrate a defining moment in the history of the University and the School of Management. Before an excited crowd gathered on October 7, President David E. Daniel announced combined gifts from Naveen Jindal MBA'92, along with Charles Davidson MS'80 and Nancy Davidson BS'80, totaling \$30 million.

These are the largest alumni gifts in UT Dallas history, and include special matching funds from the UT System Board of Regents' Research Incentive Program and the Texas Research Incentive Program, or TRIP.

Acknowledging the transformative nature of these gifts, the Board of Regents approved naming the school and the school's honors program in recognition of the donors. President Daniel formally announced the names at the ceremony: "I am truly honored to announce that from this day forward, excellence has two new names. These names are the Charles and Nancy Davidson Management Honors Program and the Naveen Jindal School of Management."

The gifts also come in tandem with approval by the Board of Regents for a \$20 million funding program to build an addition to the Jindal School of Management.

Jindal journeyed back to UT Dallas from Delhi, where he is chairman and managing director of Jindal Steel and Power Limited. He also serves his country as an elected member of India's Parliament. A 2010 recipient of the UT Dallas Distinguished



A stone sign was unveiled in front of the newly named Jindal School of Management. A crowd of almost 500 UT Dallas faculty, staff, alumni, friends and corporate partners took part in the presentation.

Alumni Award, Jindal credits the University with laying the foundation for his achievements. "I have always been proud of my association with The University of Texas at Dallas, and I am proud of the education I received here. It is my hope that this gift will continue to benefit the University, school, students and faculty for many years to come."

Jindal's gift and matching funds will be designated to support both faculty and students. The new funds will support faculty through the creation of new en-

dowed chairs, and will support students through the creation of new endowed scholarships and graduate fellowships. These endowments will be named in memory of Jindal's father, O.P. Jindal. The gift will also establish a new research center, the Naveen Jindal Institute for Indo-American Business Studies.

The Davidsons, both from Houston, met when they were management students at UT Dallas, and they have been advocates for the University ever since. Both were named Distinguished Alumni by UT Dallas in 2008. At the ceremony, Charles thanked the University for the positive experience he and Nancy had as students, and offered a challenge to fellow alumni. "We continue to be inspired by the growth in size and prominence of this school and UT Dallas overall. We hope that our support helps UT Dallas continue its climb towards the ranks of the nation's Tier One research universities, and we also hope it inspires more alumni to support this vision in any way they can."

The announcement was particularly meaningful for the dean of the Jindal School of Management, Dr. Hasan Pirkul. Now in his 16th year as dean, Pirkul has attracted world-class faculty and grown the school to more than 6,000 students. He has also helped drive the school's climb upward in national and global rankings of business schools. For example, *U.S. News & World Report's* 2012 rankings rate the school's Full-Time MBA program at No. 17 among public universities in the U.S. That ranking represented a jump of seven places from the ranking in 2010.

"We are particularly proud to receive these gifts from three alumni," said Pirkul. "Their actions speak volumes about how highly they value the experience they had at UT Dallas, and how important it is to them for future generations of students to have an even greater experience."

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Naveen Jindal

MBA'92

Students in the School of Management learn that today's successful business leaders think globally, not just locally or regionally. Future students will see this through the legacy left by Naveen Jindal, who took his UT Dallas management education back to India to build Jindal Steel and Power (JSPL) into a dominant global enterprise. Now he has given back to the University by making the largest alumni gift ever to UT Dallas, resulting in the naming of the Naveen Jindal School of Management.

The youngest of four sons of O.P. Jindal, an entrepreneur who launched a family-owned conglomerate built through steel pipe-trading ventures in the 1950s, Naveen described himself as "always keen to come and study in the U.S." At UT Dallas, he flourished in his business classes and as a student leader.

After being elected to the Student Senate, he ran for vice president and then became president of Student Government. As his term ended, Naveen received the Student Leader of the Year Award. "That," he recalled, "was a very, very proud moment for me." He also remembers a moment that would ultimately impact the entire population of India. "I was presented the Indian national flag by my friend, Randy Miley MA'91, MBA'91, and I experienced the joy and inspiration of displaying it for the first time."

At that time, the Indian Flag Code forbade ordinary citizens in his country from displaying the flag except on limited occasions. Back in India following graduation, he raised the flag at a JSPL plant, only to be told he was violating the law. Naveen launched a seven-year legal battle that led all the way to India's Supreme Court. In 2004, he won and the law was overturned, resulting in a widespread show of national pride as all citizens of India could display their nation's flag.

The crusade served as a springboard for his political career. Now in his second five-year term in the Lok Sabha, India's Lower House of Parliament, Naveen champions better health and education for his district of Kurukshetra, which lies in the state of Haryana about 100 miles north of Delhi.

To demonstrate his commitment to education, Naveen made a personal gift to establish O.P. Jindal Global University in 2009, a private university named in memory of his father and located in their home state. The university includes schools of business, international affairs, law and public policy. Reflecting its orientation to global education, the university has already entered formal partnerships with many western universities including UT Dallas, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, Indiana, Michigan and schools in Australia, Canada and Japan.

Equal to Naveen's success as a statesman is his passion for business. As JSPL chairman and managing director, Naveen has built the company into one of Asia's fastest-growing businesses. In 2009, *Forbes Asia* ranked JSPL among the region's top 50



From left, Naveen Jindal, Dean Hasan Pirkul and Charles and Nancy Davidson.



Jindal shared many memories of his time at UT Dallas.

companies. The following year, JSPL was ranked by the Boston Consulting Group as the No. 2 value creator in the world, based on total shareholder return. Naveen's leadership catapulted him in 2011 into the top 10 most powerful CEOs in India, according to *The Economic Times*.

Despite his multiple commitments as a political leader and industrial icon, Naveen never forgets his time in Texas. "I owe a lot to UTD for whatever I am today," he said. "So this gift is only a small token of my gratitude toward my alma mater."



President Daniel thanked Jindal.

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Charles^{MS'80} & Nancy^{BS'80} Davidson

Exceptional alumni ambassadors Charles and Nancy Davidson have had an exponential impact on their alma mater. Their ongoing giving always seems to multiply in major ways.

As the first major donors a decade ago to support one building to house all School of Management programs, the Davidsons now cheer the announcement that construction of a second building has been approved. Their latest gift—the second-largest alumni contribution in UT Dallas history—coincides with this approval by UT System.

Five years ago, Charles and Nancy established four distinguished management professorships. Their recent gift elevates those posts to endowed chairs and also creates the Davidson Fellows, an endowment to assist talented management graduate students. Because that gift is eligible for matching funds from UT System and state incentive programs, it is destined to double in size.

In campus lore, the Davidson dynamic began when they met, through friends, while UT Dallas students. They married a year after they graduated in 1980, he with a master's degree in management and administrative sciences, she with a bachelor's degree in business and public administration.

Through the years, Charles' career in the oil and gas industry progressed steadily as he worked first for Atlantic Richfield Co. (ARCO), later helped create Vastar Resources and then joined Noble Energy, Inc., a Houston-based oil and gas exploration and production company that he now serves as chairman and CEO.

"There's no question," he said. "I could not have moved to the level I'm at without UTD." Noting that "many students must work while they contin-



After the ceremony, the Davidsons were thanked by many students, including several Student Ambassadors.

ue their education," and that working "was the only way I could pursue my graduate degree," Charles said he was pleased Dr. Hasan Pirkul, dean of the Jindal School of Management, has recognized the importance of continuing to offer part-time options for working students.

To recognize the couple's latest gift, the school has named its honors program The Davidson Management Honors Program.

"As I hold a bachelor's degree from the school," Nancy said, "I am honored to be associated with the undergraduate program."

Early in their marriage, Nancy worked as a CPA and then taught accounting at The University of Texas at Tyler. But with the adoption of their son, she turned her attention to family, community and volunteerism.

Both Davidsons back many causes but keep UT Dallas chief among them. Recipients of the School of Management Distinguished Alumni Awards in 2002, they also received UT Dallas Distinguished Alumni Awards in 2008. He is a long-time member of the UT Dallas Development Board and they both are members of the UT System

Chancellor's Council, an association of dedicated friends and supporters.

One ambassadorial duty they have set for themselves is to promote giving among fellow graduates. "Alumni giving," Charles said, "is so critical for universities. Hopefully, alumni seeing significant support from other alumni might encourage their support as well."



Ray Lutz, the first dean of the School of Management, traveled to the celebration from his home in New Mexico with his wife, Nancy.



The ceremony was held on the circle in front of the Jindal School of Management.



On behalf of the UT System Board of Regents, Brenda Pejovich praised the transformative gifts to the University.

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Honor Roll of Donors

This Honor Roll celebrates the generous donors who made a positive impact on UT Dallas through their contributions in the 2011 fiscal year. Recognition is for outright gifts and pledge payments received between Sept. 1, 2010, and Aug. 31, 2011. All UT Dallas employees who make gifts to UT Dallas Academic Bridge or Callier Center through the State Employee Charitable Campaign are included, but because SECC gifts are received during the calendar year, only contributions received in fiscal year 2011 are reflected in the Honor Roll.

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Callier Camp Benefits Kids with Cochlear Implants



Summer camp at Rock Creek Ranch in McKinney, Texas, seems pretty typical: More than 70 kids—from 3 to 11 years of age—fish, make arts and crafts and play games with pals. But both the camp and the children it serves are extraordinary. Each of these young campers is deaf

and utilizes a specially designed device called a cochlear implant. While these surgically implanted devices allow them to enter the hearing world, it is imperative that they receive speech-language therapy following implantation to learn to listen and speak. And that’s exactly why this unique weeklong camp was started.

Through the generous support of the Crystal Charity Ball, the Callier Center for Communication Disorders had the opportunity 16 years ago to establish the camp. Campers receive listening and

speech-language therapy throughout the week while also having the opportunity to be with other children who have cochlear implants. In addition, the camp gives family members the chance to come together and share information.

“To me, what the cochlear implant does to bring sound to the deaf is nothing short of a miracle,” said Sara Martineau, member and past president of the Foundation for the Callier Center and a life member of the UT Dallas Development Board. “It’s exciting to attend cochlear implant camp and witness these chil-

dren singing, talking, laughing, hearing and listening just like all other children at any other camp,” explained Martineau, who became involved with the Callier Center after serving as the chair for the Crystal Charity Ball in 1993. “I’m gratified that Crystal Charity Ball could be instrumental in the founding of this camp and subsequently the miraculous transformation of lives.”

The only one of its kind in this region of the United States, the camp draws children from Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Hoblitzelle's Impact Spans Decades

While UT Dallas has recently been recognized as an emerging research university well on the way to Tier One status, that success is built on a foundation laid by the investments of early supporters. One prominent Dallas civic leader who took an early interest in UT Dallas is Karl Hoblitzelle. Forty years ago, the Hoblitzelle Foundation and the Texas Research Foundation (TRF), Hoblitzelle's brainchild, gifted UT Dallas almost 300 acres of land.

After a successful career building vaudeville theaters and movie houses in the South, Mr. Hoblitzelle and his wife, Esther, a Broadway actress, established the Hoblitzelle Foundation to provide grants for educational, medical and cultural organizations. In the early 1950s, the foundation gave TRF acreage to be used for agricultural research. When TRF was dissolved in 1972, the Hoblitzelle Foundation and TRF agreed to give several hundred acres to the UT System Board of Regents for the benefit of UT Dallas.

UT Dallas' first president, Bryce Jordan, envisioned the impact this gift would have: "Even though we were a brand-new University, and there was little else around us, we knew this land would be invaluable. Looking back four decades later, we can see how visionary it was for the Hoblitzelle Foundation to make this gift."

Today, that land is home to the Alexander Clark Center (formerly the Conference Center), two new residence halls and a third under construction, and all of the Waterview Park and University Village Apartments. It also houses Hoblitzelle Hall, which was named in 1976 for Karl Hoblitzelle, who was a supporter of the Southwestern Legal Foundation, a nonprofit that provides continuing education to lawyers. The legal foundation was housed in the building until 1996. The foundation became The Center for American and International Law in 2001 and is now based in Plano. Today, Hoblitzelle Hall houses the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and several large lecture halls.

Helping Children with Autism

The Hoblitzelle Foundation recently awarded a \$300,000 challenge grant to the Callier Center for Communication Disorders to assist with the expansion of its autism treatment and research facilities. The current facilities, now more than 40 years old, need significant renovation to serve the center's growing population of children with autism spectrum disorders. The Callier Center must raise \$150,000 by May 2012 to receive the first half of the challenge grant. Please contact Shanon Patrick, director of development for the Callier Center, at: shanon.patrick@utdallas.edu or 214-905-3084 to learn how you can make a difference in the lives of children with autism.

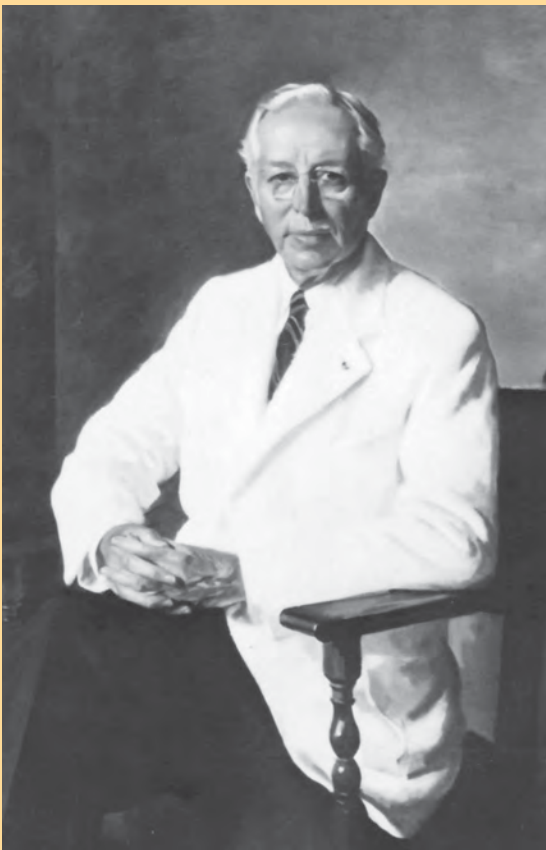
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Karl Hoblitzelle died in 1967, but the foundation has supported UT Dallas consistently for nearly a half-century. In the 1960s, the foundation supported the institutions that would become UT Dallas, the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies and the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest. When UT Dallas was authorized to admit freshmen in the early 1990s, the foundation was a major contributor to a scholarship drive for new funds to help recruit top students.

Most recently, the foundation has supported research projects for the Center for BrainHealth and the Callier Center for Communication Disorders. Many of these projects are a collaboration between the UT Dallas centers and UT Southwestern Medical Center, which the Hoblitzelle Foundation helped establish.

Paul Harris, president and CEO of the Hoblitzelle Foundation and a UT Dallas alumnus, said Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle would be proud of their legacy. "The early gifts from the foundation were certainly viewed as a long-term investment, but I think the direction in which UT Dallas is going today shows that Karl Hoblitzelle could envision what was possible."



Karl Hoblitzelle and his foundation played a key role in the growth of UT Dallas.



Atmos Energy Endows New Scholarship

Atmos Energy Corporation recently honored its executive chairman, Robert W. Best, by creating a scholarship bearing his name. The \$100,000 gift to UT Dallas will help students reach their academic goals by paying for a number of school-related expenses, including tuition, books and housing.

“UT Dallas sincerely appreciates the generosity of Atmos Energy and the impact this gift will have on our students,” President David E. Daniel said.

Atmos Energy announced the new scholarship in April at the dedication of the company’s Charles K. Vaughan Center in Plano. Located just a few miles from UT Dallas, the Vaughan Center was designed to improve and standardize training for employees, as well as increase safety and reliability.

“Our University shares more than just a close proximity to Atmos Energy,” Daniel said. “We share a common vision of improving the quality of life for people in North Texas and beyond through the development and application of new technologies and by a continuous commitment to serve our core constituents.”



Gas City, the Vaughan Center’s simulation of a typical community, allows Atmos Energy employees to study gas meters and pipelines before they work on them in the field.

“We’re proud to partner with UT Dallas, which has been so supportive of our

developing the Vaughan Center, to advance the goals of both the university and Atmos Energy,” said Best. “We understand the vision for UT Dallas becoming a Tier One research university for Texas and we want to help make this happen.”

Executives and guests at the dedication of Atmos Energy’s Charles K. Vaughan Center in Plano, included Robert W. Best (left), whom the natural gas company’s board of directors honored with a scholarship in his name.

Pioneer’s Investment Benefits Geosciences Students



Pioneer’s gift will assist future geosciences students, like the ones shown here in the Baca Canyon near Magdalena, New Mexico.

When it comes to educating geoscientists, plenty of the learning happens outside the classroom. A gift of \$600,000 from Pioneer Natural Resources will allow the Department of Geosciences in the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics to send more students to outdoor laboratories, from a cross-country trip examining the tectonic processes that formed the western United States to exploring geologic wonders throughout New Mexico and Colorado.

Pioneer’s contribution will elevate several aspects of Geosciences, which

immerses students in the study of the composition, structure and history of the Earth and the universe. Ten students will receive support for a fast-track degree option, which consolidates the time it would take to receive both bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Some of the funds will be used for graduate student field-based research, including mapping a range of geologic features in several settings. Each summer, about 40 undergraduate students will receive support to pursue research in field geology courses in New Mexico, Colorado and the western Great Basin.

“The basis for Pioneer’s decision to donate to the Department of Geosciences is twofold,” explained David Sanders, manager of corporate geosciences at Pioneer. “First, we have a shared history with UT Dallas Geosciences. In fact, 10 years ago Pioneer’s first entry-level geoscience college hire was from UT Dallas. Today, we have numerous UT Dallas alumni working in multiple disciplines across our hydrocarbon-producing assets. The second reason is forward-looking as we are in agreement with the

geoscience vision set forth by Geosciences Department Chair Dr. John Oldow.”

For Oldow, Pioneer’s gift will provide welcome resources for students. “This is a historic gift for our program and it will allow us the opportunity to greatly enhance the educational and research experience for our students,” he said. “We cannot thank Pioneer enough for their investment in our vision to build a world-class geosciences program at UT Dallas.”

AT&T Makes Art Gift

The University recently received three works of art from the AT&T Corporate Art Collection. The large-scale pieces, done by 20th Century American artists, include work in various media. The collective value of the works is \$38,500.

Paul Brown’s *Mother*, 1977, acrylic on canvas, and Peter Granucci’s *Untitled*, 1975, oil on canvas, hang in the Faculty-Staff Dining Room of the Dining Hall. Frances Stevens Bagley’s lacquered wood abstract carving, *The Bremen Town Musicians*, will soon be displayed as well.



Holly Reed, regional vice president for AT&T, with President Daniel.

First Person

What do the historic gifts to the Jindal School of Management mean to you?

In this First Person, members of the UT Dallas community share their insights on the impact of the gifts from alumni Naveen Jindal and Nancy and Charles Davidson.

Rohan Nilekani: My Education

Naveen Jindal serves as a source of inspiration to thousands of international students like me who come to UT Dallas each year from far-flung corners of the world. I admire him for his invaluable contributions toward student welfare and our entire University. Mr. Jindal was the first international student ever to be elected president of Student Government. I vividly remember when he returned last year to be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award. As I listened to him at the annual Awards Gala, Mr. Jindal shared his journey from being an industrialist to becoming a member of parliament. His involvement with the flag movement in India is inspirational, and won him a lot of praise and adulation across the world. Mr. Jindal has been an ambassador for our school for two decades and has motivated many Indian students to follow in his footsteps and pursue their academic programs at UT Dallas. His association with UT Dallas has influenced several Asian students to become entrepreneurs and take leadership positions in their fields. Thanks to his remarkable gift, I expect even more of us will be inspired to become global business leaders of tomorrow.



Rohan Nilekani is scheduled to graduate with a master's degree in business administration in December.



Dr. Monica Powell is associate dean of master's programs in the Jindal School.

Monica Powell: My Commitment

Management schools are economic engines of the future, and our engine in the Jindal School is fueled by a visionary dean, a highly accomplished faculty and the most remarkable students from all over the world. Collectively, our mission is to generate leaders and world-renowned research that will tackle tomorrow's business challenges. Our school has earned a remarkable reputation and these tremendous gifts help secure its future growth. Everything is now possible for this powerful engine, and with these contributions, we are positioned to move to the highest tier of global business schools. This investment from our generous donors will help build and grow a global reputation that will ensure long-term success, impressive rankings and recognition for our efforts. We are so grateful to have these investors whose actions will help bring others to the table. We are excited about all of the possibilities created by their generosity, and look forward to celebrating the success that will result from their kindness. We will honor these gifts by continuing to work our hardest and by making a difference in the lives of our students, the community, our nation and the world at large.

Kyle Edgington: My Connection

In baseball, a team's success is largely determined by the batting order. Generally, the first few batters are selected for their ability to consistently get on base so that subsequent hitters can advance them home to score. In many ways, the role of a university development officer is analogous to batting late in the order because much of our success as fundraisers is the result of the work of many others before us. I've had the privilege of getting to know Naveen Jindal and Charles and Nancy Davidson over the past several years and learning what they cherish most about their time at UT Dallas. To me, this time has reinforced an important principle in the process of raising funds for a university. Alumni affinity often begins with an inspiring professor, a helpful staff member or the lifelong camaraderie of a classmate. Development staff simply try to reconnect alumni and encourage them to play a role in their alma mater's future. Of course I am proud of this accomplishment, but I am even more humbled by the opportunity to be a part of such a transformational event in the history of UT Dallas. For this, I thank and congratulate the entire UT Dallas team, past and present, for their part in making this a great University worth investing in.



Kyle Edgington is director of development and alumni relations for the Jindal School.



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More than 200 faculty, staff, alumni and friends were on-hand to celebrate a record fund raising year of more than \$55 million in total gifts and pledges. Held in September, the Celebration of Support was hosted by the UT Dallas Development Board.

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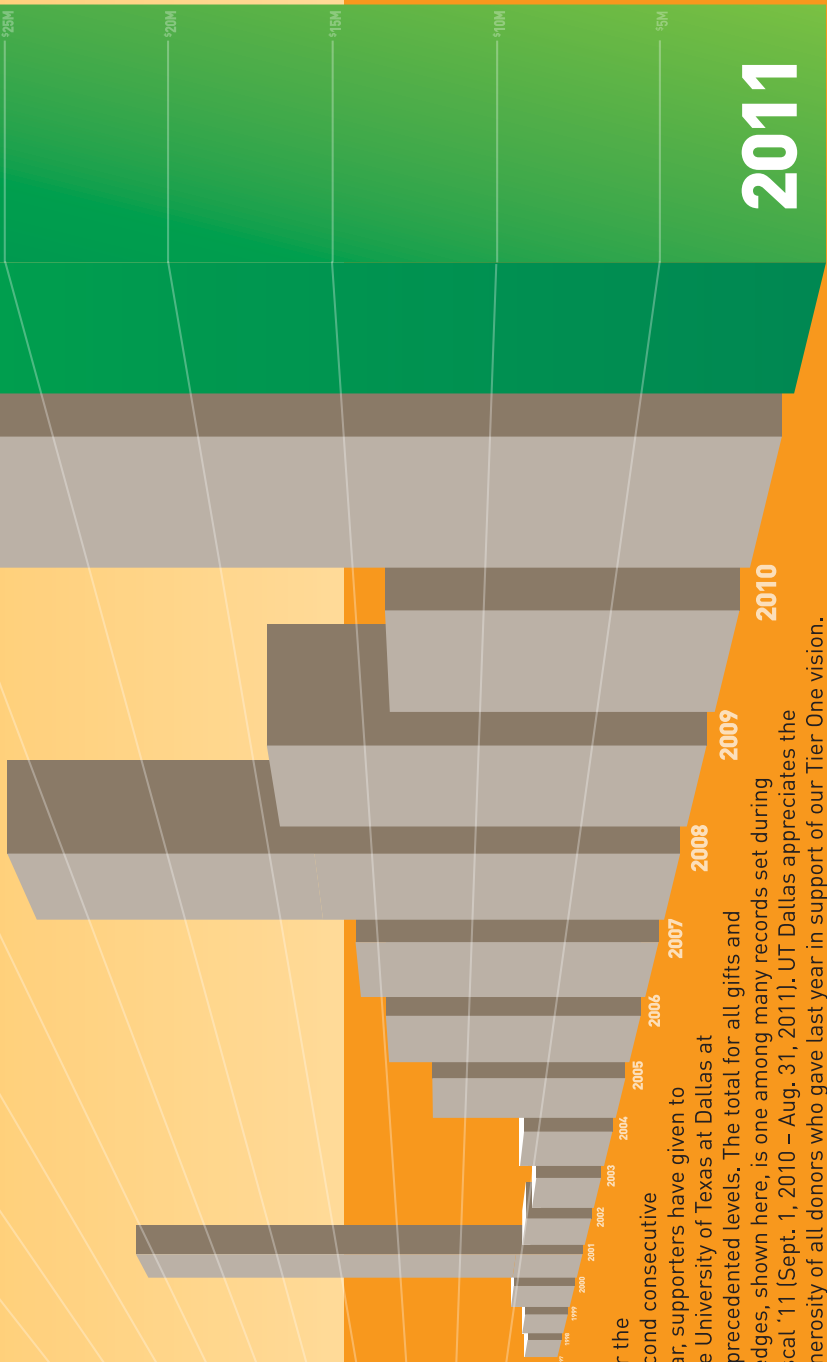
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For the second consecutive year, supporters have given to The University of Texas at Dallas at unprecedented levels. The total for all gifts and pledges, shown here, is one among many records set during Fiscal '11 (Sept. 1, 2010 – Aug. 31, 2011). UT Dallas appreciates the generosity of all donors who gave last year in support of our Tier One vision.