Record Fundraising Highlights UA Culture of Collaboration

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The UA Foundation received a record $293 million in gifts and commitments in fiscal year 2015.

Philanthropic support for the UA never has been stronger than it is today. For three out of the past four years, philanthropic giving to the University has topped the previous year. Records also were set in 2012 with $212 million raised, and in 2014 with $234 million in gifts and commitments.

These investments in the UA are the essence of the Arizona NOW campaign, which aims to raise $1.5 billion by June 30, 2018. At the close of last fiscal year, $1.273 billion of that goal was achieved through more than 300,000 gifts from nearly 85,000 donors.

"Thanks to the overwhelming generosity and dedication of UA alumni and friends, the campaign is on pace to reach our goal well ahead of schedule," said Sarah Smallhouse, campaign co-chair. "People realize their gifts are as impactful as they have ever been. Private donations to the University are allowing students and faculty to keep their momentum in a most difficult fiscal environment."

The campaign is closely aligned with the University?s Never Settle strategic academic and business plan, which focuses on engagement, innovation, partnership and synergy.

"By supporting the University of Arizona, our donors help drive the University's work to ever-greater heights of excellence," said UA President Ann Weaver Hart. "Through their transformative support, these vital partners are creating the foundation for our best and brightest students, faculty and researchers to address the world's most pressing challenges with new knowledge and innovations that will heighten our collective impact."

Investments large and small contributed to Arizona NOW's fundraising record last year. Among them are a $50 million estate gift from the late philanthropist Agnese Nelms Haury ? one of the largest gifts in UA history ? and a $500 scholarship gift from recent alumnus Charles Ezeani.

Read more in this UANews article [1].

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