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CHARLESTON, IL--An \$80,000 gift from the N. E. Tarble family has been received by Eastern Illinois University as the initial donation for a newly created endowed program titled Excellence in the Fine Arts, EIU President Stanley G. Rives announced Monday (January 27).

The Tarble family previously contributed more than \$1 million toward construction of the Tarble Arts Center, named in honor of Newton Tarble, an EIU alumnus.

"We are especially appreciative of the continued support of the fine arts by the Newton Tarble family," said Rives. "Their financial assistance has contributed greatly towards funding fine arts programs at EIU and towards providing art facilities which serve the east central Illinois public."

The gift, a part of the EIU Foundation's \$5 million Tenth Decade fund campaign, was announced by Rives at the annual dinner of the President's Club, an organization of major donors to the Foundation.

The Tarble family also announced that it plans to match that gift in each of the next two years.

The ultimate goal for the endowment is to raise \$1.5 million which would provide scholarship assistance to students in the departments of art, music and theatre arts and eventually allow for visiting artists to be brought to campus.

"As I told the Tarble family, there are only a few people familiar with the University and its fine arts program that have the resources to make this program possible," said Vaughn Jaenike, Dean of the College of Fine Arts.

"I am pleased that they have placed their confidence in us to utilize these funds in order to maintain a program of excellence in the arts," Jaenike said.

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Jaenike has projected that the College of Fine Arts will be able to award six scholarships beginning in the fall of 1987 and increase that figure to 24 by 1990.

"Degree programs in the College of Fine Arts have gained a reputation for quality through the years. Facilities in the College are adequate to superior. The faculty is excellent," said Jaenike.

"However, it is becoming increasingly apparent that continuing to attract top quality students in the arts is dependent on the College's ability to offer major scholarships. This donation is a major step towards meeting those needs," he said.