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CHARLESTON, IL.--The Eastern Illinois University Foundation's Tenth Decade fund drive reached a milestone when \$1 million in contributions was reported as of April 1.

The University's first development campaign is now slightly over 20% of the way towards its five year goal of \$5 million.

Dorothy Leggitt's contribution, which qualified her for the President's Club, was the donation that put the drive at the \$1 million mark. Ms. Leggitt, Chicago, is an EIU Honorary Degree and Distinguished Alumnus recipient.

"We are extremely pleased with the progress we have made. My congratulations to everyone involved with the University Foundation and development program for their dedication to this effort," said President Stan Rives. "Now we look forward to increased attention to the Make Room for Art campaign."

"I am proud to be able to contribute to the Tenth Decade Campaign, and even more pleased that my contribution allowed the fund drive to reach the coveted \$1 million figure. Eastern Illinois University has played a significant role in my life, and I am happy that I am able to assist the University in its development program," said Ms. Leggitt.

Endowed gifts comprise just over \$350,000 of the April 1 total reported. Earmarked for awards and scholarships is \$308,000, student life enrichment has \$268,500, academic programs support stands at \$196,000, capital development at \$112,600 and \$100,600 for unrestricted gifts.

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The Foundation has also reached its highest ever in total assets at slightly more than \$3 million.

"We are, of course, elated to reach the \$1 million milestone, and did it in a little over a year so we are close to being on target. We also are pleased by the fact that we are now obtaining significant gifts of larger denomination which we'll need to keep on track," said Jim Roberts, Fairbury, national chairman of the Tenth Decade Campaign.

Mary Ann Uphoff, Dorans, president of the Foundation, said, "By surpassing the \$1 million mark we have reached the first step towards our \$5 million goal. We are most appreciative of everyone's contribution in making the Tenth Decade fund drive a success at this point."

A Decatur architectural firm has completed a preliminary basic design for the proposed 20-room art studio, which is the Make Room for Art portion of the campaign. It is a \$300,000 major donor fund drive.

Tied in with the Make Room for Art campaign is the Burl Ives benefit concert supporting the project. "An Evening with Burl Ives" will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 24 in McAfee Gym.

The Alumni Association reported that it will assist the Make Room for Art drive by giving souvenir marble tiles from Old Main to anyone contributing \$30 or more to the project. The marble tiles were saved when new floor tile was recently installed.