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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CHARLESTON RESIDENTS ESTABLISH FUND

CHARLESTON, IL--Stan and Sandy Rives of Charleston have established a fund through the Eastern Illinois University Foundation that will promote excellence in academic programs at Eastern.

They have established the Stan and Sandy Rives Margin of Excellence Fund in the Foundation, which will be used to support academic programs and students at Eastern, with priority given to undergraduate programs. The fund is to be used by the new president of Eastern for this purpose after it reaches \$50,000 or in ten years, whichever occurs first.

Rives, who recently retired from the University after serving nine years as its president, said, "Sandy and I wanted to help Eastern continue its tradition of providing the best undergraduate program available in a public university in Illinois and felt this was one way we could extend our contributions to the success of Eastern's overall academic program."