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HUNTINGTON'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN ENDS WITH GOAL GREATLY SURPASSED

*The six-year "For Generations to Come" campaign
raised more than \$240 million, exceeding the \$175 million goal.
Increased community involvement and priceless gifts of art, library, and botanical
holdings rounded out Campaign's success.*

SAN MARINO, Calif.—The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens announced today the successful completion of “For Generations to Come—The Campaign for The Huntington,” a six-year, \$175 million fund-raising initiative—the most comprehensive in the institution’s history. Launched in July 2004, the Campaign will end officially on June 30 with an estimated \$243 million raised. Gifts are still being counted, with final totals expected in the coming weeks.

“Six years ago we set a goal that seemed very ambitious at the time, but we knew it was absolutely imperative,” said Steven S. Koblik, president of The Huntington. “The Huntington and its collections provide unparalleled research and educational opportunities, but inadequate resources had prevented the institution from fulfilling its potential. With the Campaign’s accomplishments, we have made important strides toward financial equilibrium, developed our programmatic offerings in ways we never could have imagined, and engaged thousands more people in the process. I call that a stunning success.”

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The Campaign focused on attracting gifts in three categories: annual operating funds that support the core mission of research and education; capital gifts to maintain the institution’s infrastructure and preserve the historic Huntington estate; and new endowments that provide income in perpetuity to support staff, protect the collections, and fund research and educational programs.

Expanded community involvement was a key accomplishment of the effort. During the course of the Campaign, membership increased 20 percent to 30,000. The Huntington’s Society of Fellows, the philanthropic group providing the largest amount in contributions each year, grew to more than 600 families and contributed about \$24 million to the campaign, despite the recent economic downturn. Relationships with the Chinese and Chinese American communities were crucial in funding the \$18 million Liu Fang Yuan (流芳園), a new Chinese garden completed in 2008 that reflects traditional Suzhou-style scholar gardens.

The Campaign resulted in several other dramatic developments on The Huntington’s grounds. The Huntington Art Gallery, Henry and Arabella Huntington’s historic residence, where the institution’s European art collection is displayed, underwent an extensive renovation and reinstallation. The new Dibner Hall of the History of Science was created to showcase the Burndy Library, a gift of rare books and manuscripts from the Dibner family that established The Huntington as one of the top research centers for the history of science and technology.

Another improvement made with Campaign support transformed the American art galleries, doubling the space allocated to the Huntington’s American art collection.

Gifts in kind (gifts of objects as opposed to monetary gifts) also were of major importance to the Campaign, though their value is excluded from the official totals. The Burndy Library alone, for example, includes such rare treasures as a 1544 edition of Archimedes’ *Philosophi ac Geometrae*, a first edition of Isaac Newton’s *Principia Mathematica* (1687), and the scientific library of Louis Pasteur (1822–1895).

“Gifts in kind have a snowball effect,” said George Abdo, vice president for advancement at The Huntington. “Often made along with endowment gifts to support their stewardship, these materials stimulate new scholarship as well as additional gifts and grants.” Among other pivotal gifts in kind to the Campaign include a group of major

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collections reflecting the history of the aerospace industry in Southern California; an extensive photographic archive from Edison International depicting the early development of the region; the monumental Sam Francis painting, *Free Floating Clouds* (1980) that dominates the mid-20th-century room of the American art galleries; and a gift of 7,000 orchids that, according to the Telleen/Jorgensen Director of the Botanical Gardens, James Folsom, constitute one of the finest collections of orchids in public or private hands.

“For Generations to Come—The Campaign for The Huntington” was led by the late Nancy Munger, honorary chair, and co-chairs Ruth B. Shannon and Robert F. Erburu.

“Quite simply, this Campaign was successful because it had at its helm some of the most intelligent and energetic minds in philanthropy,” said Stewart R. Smith, chair of The Huntington’s Board of Trustees. “Their boundless enthusiasm and vision have made Huntington history, and paired with the skills and dedication of Huntington staff, we had a winning formula.”

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About The Huntington

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens is a collections-based research and educational institution serving scholars and the general public. More information about The Huntington can be found online at www.huntington.org.

Visitor information

The Huntington is located at 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, Calif., 12 miles from downtown Los Angeles. It is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Sunday, and Monday holidays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Summer hours (Memorial Day through Labor Day) are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and major holidays. **Admission on weekdays:** \$15 adults, \$12 seniors (65+), \$10 students (ages 12–18 or with full-time student I.D.), \$6 youth (ages 5–11), free for children under 5. Group rate \$11 per person for groups of 15 or more. Members are admitted free. **Admission on weekends and Monday holidays:** \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$10 students, \$6 youth, free for children under 5. Group rate \$14 per person for groups of 15 or more. Members are admitted free. Admission is free to all visitors on the first Thursday of each month with advance tickets. Information: 626-405-2100 or www.huntington.org.