



Wednesday, January 9, 2002

It's not too late to give to fund drive

As of Wednesday, Jan. 9, OU employees have contributed 408 gifts totaling more than \$142,000 to the All University Fund Drive.

This is a wonderful accomplishment, but OU still needs 157 more gifts to reach its goal of raising \$167,000 for the university, says Julie Vulaj, director of annual giving, University Relations.

Employees who have not yet contributed can still make a gift by mailing a completed AUFDF form — provided in the fund drive packet sent to all employees in November — to the Annual Giving Department at John Dodge House. Or use the special return envelope received in the packet. If you need more forms or envelopes, please call Vulaj at 370-3700, extension 1693.

Gifts to the AUFDF are considered a charitable donation and are tax deductible on state and federal income returns. Employees should consult their adviser for specific details.

Gifts received after Jan. 1 will not qualify for OU President Gary Russi's match, but employees can make a difference in funding a favorite department on campus with a gift to AUFDF.

All employees who donate to the fund drive will be invited to attend a special thank you reception on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Oakland Room. Personal invitations will be mailed via campus mail.

"Oakland faculty and staff members should be proud of what they have accomplished thus far to raise funds for important programs at the university," said President Russi. "I'd like to remind faculty and staff that their gifts continue to be welcome and encourage all donors to attend the appreciation reception. It will be my opportunity to personally thank employees for donating to the fund."

The reception will include appreciation comments from Russi and Board of Trustee's Chair Ann Nicholson, who is the honorary chair of this year's fund drive. A prize drawing also will be held. Prizes include a gift certificate to the Oakland Center food court, a gift certificate to Oakland University Bookstore, four tickets to a Meadow Brook Theatre play and four tickets to a men's or women's Golden Grizzlies basketball game. Refreshments and appetizers will be served.

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