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AUFD exceeds goal despite tough economy

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Despite a tough economy and a challenging year, Oakland University faculty, staff and retirees dug deep into their hearts and pockets to support the 2003 All-University Fund Drive (AUFD).

Thanks to the efforts of AUFD co-chairs, Mel and Jennifer Gilroy, Mark Simon and Pat Nicosia, as well as the 55 team leaders, this year's AUFD met its \$170,000 goal with \$172,292 donated to OU, the United Way and Black United Fund. This represents a 2.5 percent increase over the 2002 fund drive.

Gifts to OU totaled \$155,968, a 4.8 percent increase over last year. The number of gifts to OU increased by 6 percent, and the number of gifts from retirees doubled.

"OU employees rose to the challenge this year," said Sue Davies Goepp, vice president of University Relations. "They exceeded all expectations and demonstrated their commitment to Oakland students and to the academic programs they most cherish."

To celebrate the success of this year's AUFD, all employees who donated to the fund drive are invited to a reception hosted by OU President Gary Russi on Monday, Feb. 16, at 3:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms. Appetizers and refreshments will be served. No RSVP is required.

SUMMARY

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