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Subject: Center on Philanthropy Activities

I thought I would use this month's newsletter to report on activities related to our 20th Anniversary events on November 4th, 5th, and 6th.

We held our signature event November 4th and 5th in Indianapolis. These two full days of events included presentations by Jacqueline Copeland-Carson, founding partner of Copeland Carson & Associates, and Jim Morris, former Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme; and a lecture and panel discussion by Diana Aviv, President and CEO of INDEPENDENT SECTOR, and responses by the Center's five endowed chair holders. Indiana University awarded honorary degrees to three national and international philanthropy leaders: Patty Stonesifer, CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Emmett Carson, CEO and President of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation; and Dr. Juree Vichit-Vadakan, Chairperson of the Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society at the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), located in Bangkok, Thailand.

We ended with a discussion on international healthcare philanthropy featuring Diana Aviv, Emmett Carson, and Patty Stonesifer. National and international leaders, alumni and supporters gathered to celebrate all that has been accomplished by the Center on Philanthropy and discussed all of the important work that lies ahead.

We had 21 visitors from twelve countries join us for our 20th Anniversary. They spent the following day addressing issues on education, outreach, and research in other countries. One important point made in the discussion was that as we look at this together across countries and continents, we have to keep in mind that philanthropy in the nonprofit sector is more than social enterprise, nonprofit management, and fundraising. Philanthropy includes giving and volunteering and the cultural and social context in which all these activities take place. The discussion at the international meeting dealt with new ways for us to pursue our project funded by the European Union and the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education in the United States to improve the collaboration for developing programs in philanthropy and nonprofit education. There was agreement among the group to participate in the development of a special issue of *Giving: Thematic Issues in Philanthropy and Social Innovation*, edited by Giuliana Gemelli, our partner at the University of Bologna. This special edition will be related to cultural issues surrounding giving and volunteering that will be circulated internationally. Finally, we identified the possibility of six to eight new collaborations between the Center on Philanthropy and other universities.

The Lake Institute on Faith & Giving convened a pre-anniversary conversation on International Islamic Philanthropy attended by representatives from five Muslim Universities from abroad as well as leading Muslim philanthropists from the United States. Professor Ebrahim Moosa from Duke University presented a paper summarizing the findings of a Ford Foundation research project on Islamic philanthropy in Great Britain, Turkey, India, Egypt, Indonesia, and Tanzania. The ensuing conversation was informative and candid, underscoring the diverse cultural practices and contemporary challenges shaping Islamic philanthropy while reaffirming the rich heritage for generosity woven into the historic fabric of the Muslim faith. This conversation provided an illuminating backdrop for the Tuesday seminar on international philanthropy and the potential for future international partnerships and philanthropic collaborations.

The Center's 20th Anniversary event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors and donors. Four Platinum level sponsors – David A. Noyes & Company, Eli Lilly and Company, Grenzebach Glier & Associates, and the McCormick Tribune Foundation – will have half of their contributions matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in support of the Center on Philanthropy Panel Study (COPPS). In addition to these four sponsors, we acknowledge the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as a Platinum level donor as part of its Arizona-Indiana-Michigan (AIM) Alliance grant. More than 25 organizations with a long history of partnership with the Center were Silver and Bronze level sponsors and donors; we are pleased to recognize them on the attached listing.

In conjunction with the Center on Philanthropy's 20th Anniversary celebration, we awarded the 2007 Henry A. Rosso Medal to three outstanding individuals for lifetime achievement in ethical fundraising. Patricia F. Lewis received the Rosso Medal in recognition of her many contributions to the fundraising profession, including her distinguished leadership of Association of Fundraising Professionals (at that time the National Society of Fundraising Executives) as president and CEO from 1991-1998. Robert Pierpont, a member of The Fund Raising School's faculty, was cited for his many achievements as a fundraising professional, including his service for seven years as the first chairman of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives' Certification Board. Edward C. Schumacher, also a member of The Fund Raising School's faculty, was honored for his distinguished 35-year career in the nonprofit community as a consultant, executive director, development director, national staff member, and educator. All three honorees this year were personal acquaintances and colleagues of Hank Rosso.

On the occasion of the Center's 20th Anniversary, we received many good wishes and were featured in a news story in the *Nonprofit Times* (<http://www.nptimes.com/07Nov/npt-071101-2.html>). The following quote from Steve Gunderson, President and CEO of the Council on Foundations, is representative of comments from our friends and colleagues in the sector:

“The Council on Foundations congratulates the Center on Philanthropy on its 20th anniversary. The philanthropic community has witnessed remarkable growth over the last twenty years, and the next twenty years will be equally exciting. I am confident Indiana University will remain a leader and pacesetter. As we grow philanthropy in size and service, and look to serve the common good in more efficient ways, academic centers, such as yours will continue to be extremely important in providing leadership, conducting research and providing research training. The dual role – creating a new generation of

philanthropic leaders and conducting the appropriate research to lead us to new heights of impact and effectiveness will define the future of our sector. The Council on Foundations wishes you all the best as you celebrate this milestone and we look forward to our continued partnership. Your role is critical. We're counting on you!"

The Center's 20th Anniversary events and our collaboration with the *Spirit & Place Festival* garnered interest from *WXIN – FOX59 Indianapolis*. Kim Gattle spoke with anchors Cheryl Parker and Bob Donaldson about the Center's place in the Indianapolis community, the significance of our work, the importance of our anniversary, and our partnership with the *Spirit & Place Festival*.

For this year's *Spirit & Place* event, the Women's Philanthropy Institute, a program of the Center, partnered with several local nonprofits for a spirited and lively program about women's philanthropy. "The Spirit of Women: Rooted in Generosity, Engaged in Social Change" attracted a diverse audience of 125 for a nonprofit resource fair, comments from Mrs. Judy O'Bannon, former First Lady of Indiana, and small group values-based discussions. The local partners included the Central Indiana Women's Business Center, Girls Inc., Impact 100, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Office for Women, United Way of Central Indiana, and the Women's Fund of Central Indiana, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation.

We were pleased that Bob Payton and Warren Ilchman, former directors of the Center, were able to join us. They, along with the first director Howard Schaller who is now deceased, built the foundation for the success the Center enjoys today. We are grateful to Warren for the establishment of the Dickenson-Stone-Ilchman fund for Graduate Education. This fund will provide support for a doctoral fellowship in Philanthropic Studies at the Center. Jane Addams Fellows were with us for the celebration and acknowledged Bob's impact through the presentation of a special Festschrift in his honor. We are also appreciative of Bob and Polly's continued support of the Joseph & Matthew Payton Philanthropic Studies Library. I know that you join me in thanking Bob, Polly, and Warren for all that they have done for the Center.

I appreciate those of you who were able to attend the Center's 20th Anniversary events. It was a great opportunity to recognize all of those who have been involved with the Center these past 20 years. Your participation has made it an extraordinary experience. Please feel free to share any input or feedback you had about the event and our work at the Center. I look forward to working with you as we charter our next 20 years. Your comments and suggestions about our focus for the future are welcome.