Building a greater university
How private giving supports KU

Since our founding in 1891, KU Endowment has provided more than $2 billion in support to the University of Kansas. The contributions of private donors benefit the entire state, as they assist KU’s campuses in Lawrence, Kansas City, Kan., Wichita, Overland Park and Salina.

Of the total amount of philanthropy given to KU in fiscal year 2013, about 42 percent came from donors outside the state, providing a boost to the economy of Kansas.

Giving by purpose
The majority of gifts are restricted by donors for specific purposes. The most common areas of support are:

Student Assistance: Each year, we issue about 10,000 scholarships, fellowships, awards and loans to deserving students. About 83 percent of these students are Kansas residents.

Faculty Support: We provide salary support for faculty through 179 endowed professorships, awards for outstanding teachers, and lectureships.

Research, Programs and Equipment: We fund vital equipment and supplies for programs that enhance the student experience and for promising research. Our donors were instrumental in helping the KU Cancer Center achieve NCI designation.

Facilities and land: We have funded, in whole or in part, more than two-thirds of campus buildings; moreover, we have provided more than 85 percent of KU’s land holdings, including all of West Campus in Lawrence.

World-class facilities for learning and discovery
All the KU buildings made possible mostly through private funds would be too long to list here, but notable ones include:

Lawrence Campus
Twelve scholarship halls
Eaton Hall
Learned Hall
Hall Center for the Humanities
Sabatini Multicultural Student Center
Lied Center of Kansas
Bales Recital Hall
Dole Institute of Politics
Spencer Museum of Art
Booth Family Hall of Athletics

KU Medical Center, Kansas City
Hemenway Life Sciences Innovation Center
Hoglund Brain Imaging Center

Edwards Campus, Overland Park
Regnier Hall

Wichita Campus
Kansas Health Foundation
Primary Care Center

Groundbreaking celebration for the School of Business building, which will be the largest academic facility at KU built entirely through private support