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Over \$1 Million Contributed to the HCC Foundation's Major Gift Campaign

The Highland Community College Foundation's Major Gifts Campaign has broken the \$1 million dollar mark in contributions. The amount donated in gifts and pledges to the "*Growing for tomorrow...changing lives today*" campaign has approached \$1.5 million.

The chairs of the campaign are very pleased that this contribution mark has been broken. "We appreciate all the contributions that brought us over the \$1 million dollar mark. Our donors understand that their contribution is an investment in the future of Highland Community College," said Todd Weegens, HCC Foundation President and Stephenson County campaign chair.

Campaign Co-Chairs, Jim and Kathy Berberet of Freeport and Rob and Karen Urish of Mt. Morris both said that reaching this mark shows the willingness of our business partners to support the initiatives that are built on the college's vision, which incorporates HCC's traditional degree programs and its efforts to respond to the work force needs in our district.

"I'm also pleased that we have reached this momentous mark. We are all gratified by the community's support of HCC and our campaign. But this is a marathon race and while \$1.5 million is significant we won't be satisfied until the entire course has been run," said Joe Kanosky, President of Highland Community College.

Teams from the campaign have been out visiting various business people in the college district informing them of the impact this campaign will have on the quality of life in northwest Illinois. Their donations are continually coming into the Foundation office. "We have visited numerous business and community leaders in the district and most have been eager to partner with HCC in this effort to meet the district's needs in health care and economic development," said HCC Board Chair, David Shockey. "Already \$1.5 million in donations have been received and we look forward to making more significant announcements as the campaign rolls out."

For more information about the "*Growing for tomorrow...changing lives today*" campaign, or if you wish to donate to the campaign, contact Susan Atherton at 815-599-3406 or visit www.highland.edu/foundation.