MEMORANDUM

To:        Board of Visitors  
            Executive Committee  
            Center Advisory Boards

From:    Patrick M. Rooney, Executive Director

Date:  January 23, 2012

Subject:   Center on Philanthropy Activities

Happy 2012! As promised, I will start our January letter with an update on our progress on the proposed new school. We are continuing our discussions with our colleagues at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) and I have met with several of the SPEA faculty for small group and one-on-one informational meetings. This month, the joint task force will meet for the last time and submit their final report to the members of the New Academic Directions Sub-Committee which consists of me, Dean Graham, and Dean Baumer. We will review the task force report and revise our working paper. The revised working paper will be sent to the faculty, staff, and administration prior to a faculty vote for discussion, suggestions, and debate.

Board of Visitors:

• It is with great sadness that we share that Alexis Rovzar passed away on January 7 in Mexico City. Alexis had served on the Board of Governors serving as the chair from 2002-04. He was was married to Marcela de Rovzar who currently serves on the Center’s Board of Visitors and the Women’s Philanthropy Advisory Board.
• Ellen Remmer announced some exciting news that TPI is merging with the Boston Foundation. She reports that they are very pleased to be entering into this exciting phase for TPI.
• In an article published on January 3, The Chronicle of Philanthropy named Howard W. Buffett Jr. as one of its “10 Donors to Watch in 2012.” The article is available here.

Lake Institute:

• Bill Enright, Lake Institute Director, presented the first installation of a two-part Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity program for the Presbytery of Los Ranchos in California.
• On January 20, the Lake Distinguished Visitor Program featured Bill Hudnut, former Mayor of Indianapolis, former Congressman, and former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church. In his presentation entitled Religious Touchstones for Public Service: My Personal Journey, Bill Hudnut discussed the ways in which faith can guide civil service. Following the presentation, Chancellor Bantz presented Mayor Hudnut with the Chancellor’s Medallion, which is the highest award from the campus.

Development-Communications:

• The Center is deeply grateful to the donors who have established RISE Scholarships for undergraduate students in the past year. We are pleased to begin 2012 with the announcement of a generous gift from Amy and Cecil Conlee to establish The Conlee Family RISE Scholarship. To date, the Center has 13 signed gift agreements for RISE Scholarships which is the largest number for any school or program at IUPUI.
Women’s Philanthropy Institute (WPI):

- We are pleased to welcome Martha A. Taylor to the Center on Philanthropy’s Rosso Society. Martha, co-founder of the Women’s Philanthropy Institute, has generously established a charitable bequest for WPI.

Research:

- On January 19, we released two reports on *Serving, Giving, and Leading: Philanthropic Commitment in Lions Clubs International* in the US and globally. The summary and reports can be found [here](#).
- On December 12, the Center released *The 2011 Study of High Net Worth Women’s Philanthropy and The Impact of Women’s Giving Networks* sponsored by Bank of America Merrill Lynch. The press release and full report are available [here](#).

Academic Programs:

- On January 10, Deb Mesch, Director, Women's Philanthropy Institute, Professor of Public Affairs and Philanthropic Studies, and Amir Hayat, Center Research Assistant, made a presentation entitled *Charitable Giving By Older Women: Is There a 'Bag Lady' Syndrome?* at the workshop on Multidisciplinary Philanthropic Studies.
- Angela Barron McBride, Distinguished Professor and University Dean Emerita, wrote the essay on *Philanthropy/Fund-Raising in Nursing Leadership: A Concise Encyclopedia, 2nd ed.* More information is available on the publisher’s website.

International:

- Following a number of preliminary discussions, we began the process for establishing a formal partnership with the Asia Center for Social Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy at the National University of Singapore.
- On January 16 - 17, we hosted Christopher Marquis, Associate Professor in the Organizational Behavior unit at the Harvard Business School (HBS), who is also affiliated with the HBS Social Enterprise Initiative and Harvard University Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations. Dr. Marquis gave a presentation on *Executives, Governance and the Structure of Generosity in Large US Firms* at the Workshop in Multidisciplinary Philanthropic Studies.

The Fund Raising School (TFRS):

- The first public course of the year, *Principles & Techniques of Fundraising* in Indianapolis, is sold out.
- In January, TFRS conducted contract programs for Stillman College, Minnesota Planned Giving Council, Association of Theological Schools, Boy Scouts of America, and the North Sky Nonprofit Network.

Thanks for your support!