

# TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION

**Established in 1953** 



### **Texas A&M Foundation**

The Texas A&M Foundation was created in 1953 as the primary academic fundraising institution for Texas A&M. We partner with former students, organizations and other supporters to match their charitable passions with opportunities for purposeful philanthropy in Aggieland.

- Our Mission: The Texas A&M Foundation builds a brighter future for Texas A&M University, one relationship at a time.
- **Our Focus:** Endowed gifts of 25,000 or more directed to these passion areas:



University Programs & Capital Building Projects





Undergraduate Scholarships & Graduate Fellowships











## **Recognition Programs**

- The Sterling C. Evans Medal award recognizes individuals who make outstanding contributions to the reputation and strength of Texas A&M and the Aggie community.
- Legacy Society recognizes individuals, corporations and organizations whose cumulative, current giving to the Texas A&M Foundation, Texas A&M University, the 12th Man Foundation, The Association of Former Students, the Corps of Cadets Association, or the George and Barbara Bush Foundation totals \$100,000 or more.
- Heritage Membership honors individuals and families who have made planned gifts to benefit Texas A&M.
- The Murray Fasken '38 Partner in Philanthropy Award celebrates Aggie faculty and staff who demonstrate dedicated and lasting participation, commitment and creative leadership to philanthropy and Texas A&M.



Honoring Heritage Members at Muster and their commitment to creating a brighter future for Texas A&M



### **Communication Initiatives**

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- Spirit is the Foundation's flagship publication and has been mailed three times annually since 1998.
- Spirit shares news from all units across campus about major donors, major gifts and major giving opportunities, with some additional content unrelated to development.



- Maroon launched in 2020 targeted to a younger audience demographic.
- Maroon engages younger Aggies with the Foundation and raises awareness about lower-level giving opportunities and introductory giving methods, such as pledge payments, matching gifts and online giving.



 Heritage Magazine is the Foundation's planned giving publication, highlighting planned giving donors, planned giving methods, and the impact they are making across campus.



- The Giving Academy is a video series designed to help former students learn more about the process of giving to Texas A&M and making an impact on campus.
- GivingAcademy.com



### **Texas A&M Foundation - FY23 Fundraising Impact**

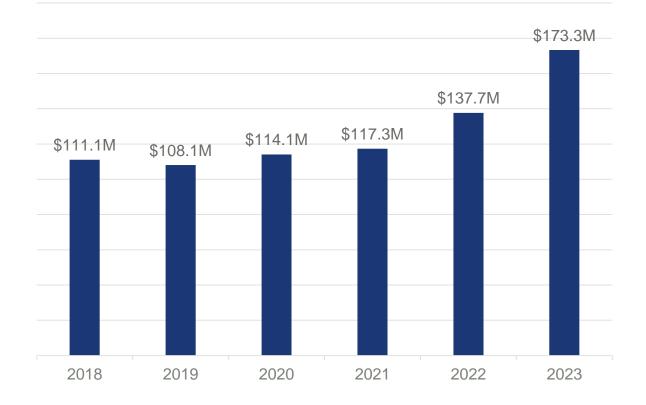
- Total fundraising exceeded \$250 million through current and planned gifts.
- We provided **\$173 million** in philanthropic support from endowment management and donor gifts to Texas A&M, directly impacting the lives of countless students, faculty and programs.
- **492 new scholarship and fellowship endowments** were established, aiding thousands of hardworking students in pursuing a Texas A&M education.
- Donors established 11 new faculty chairs and professorships, bringing the total faculty endowments held at the Foundation to 450.
- There are over **13,000 students** on campus today supported by endowed scholarships managed through the Texas A&M Foundation.
- Corporate partner philanthropic giving topped \$40 million with gifts across diverse industries.
- We manage more than **9,600 separate accounts** for directed giving, each representing the aspirations of donors to support specific areas of interest on campus.
- We manage **\$3.2 billion** in total assets, a testament to our donors' trust in our stewardship.



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### **Foundation Contributions to Texas A&M**

 In 2023, the Foundation received more than 15,000 gifts and made \$173.3 million available to Texas A&M.



#### Funds Made Available to Texas A&M



### **Historical Major Gift Performance**



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### **Individual Philanthropy – Donor Deliberations**

#### THE PROSPECT:

- Is the idea compelling?
- What change happens?
- Who is doing the work?
- Did they accomplish the goal?

### THE UNIVERSITY:

- Define the problem
  *People focused*
- Construct the promise – Imagine a world...
- Explain the how - 3-5
- Extend the invitation
  *Come along*



### **Compelling Ideas**

- Donors want to know:
  - "Is this a good investment for how I want to change the world?"

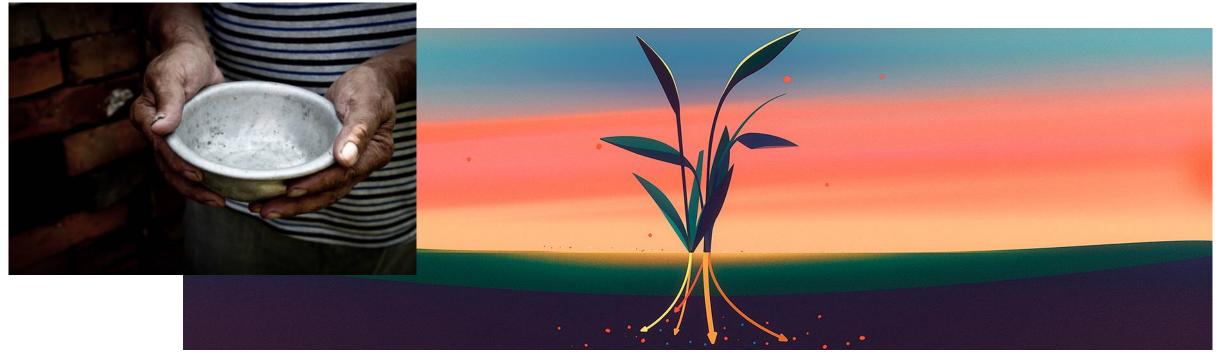
Simple View (3 ft) "We need a new building"

Visionary Impact (30,000 ft) "Imagine a world where no human knows hunger"



### **Transformative Impact**

- Donors want to understand
  - What positive change happens if I give this money?
  - What is the change for Texas A&M? For me? For the world?





## **Credible Connections**

- Donors want to know:
  - "How will I be part of solving the problem?"
  - "Who will be doing the work?"
  - "Do I trust them?"





### Finally...the donor expects RESULTS

"95% right is still wrong...I would have given you \$100M if you would have achieved the goal."





### **Partnership Opportunities**

- Private Foundations
- Corporate Partners
- Indvidual Benefactors
- Compelling Projects
- Interdisciplinary Idea
- Discussion + Questions

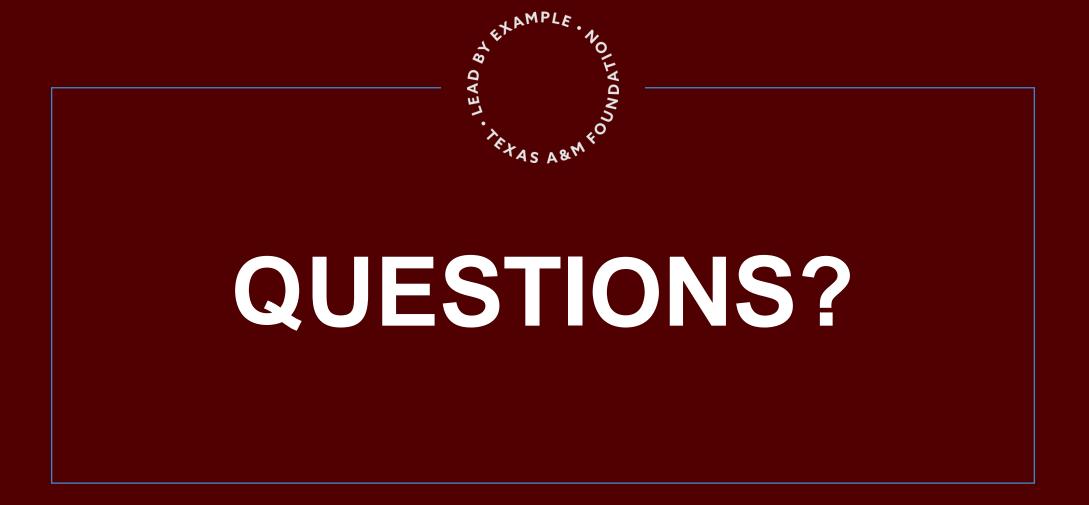


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