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Office of Community Outreach at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Contributes \$100,000 to Fund Undergrad Scholarships

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – For the second consecutive year, the Office of Community Outreach at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has contributed \$100,000 of their expected annual project proceeds to fund scholarships for deserving undergraduate students.

As the public service arm of the University, Community Outreach began supporting scholarships for undergraduate students in 2000, and through increased participation, now benefits more than 100 students each year.

The goal of Community Outreach is to build successful community and University partnerships which engage faculty and students and provide programs to meet the needs of the Coastal Bend. According to Dr. Jim Needham, dean of Community Outreach, revenues are generated through many Outreach events, conferences, training programs, consulting projects and other activities.

“We’ve heard from our scholarship recipients that they wouldn’t have been able to continue their education without scholarship support,” said Needham. “They are bright young people who will make a positive impact in our community and we’re fortunate to play a small part in making that happen.”

For 2008-2009, Community Outreach has provided \$50,000 of unrestricted scholarship funds (\$10,000 designated for each academic college), and \$45,000 to the Community Outreach Matching Gift Program.

The program allows University employees who make a gift through the Faculty and Staff Campaign for scholarships to receive a 100 percent match on their gift. Unused

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funds will go into a scholarship endowment and the remaining \$5,000 will go toward five \$1,000 Honors Program Scholarships.

“When groups on campus hold events through Community Outreach, the proceeds generated return to the University in the form of scholarships” said Needham. “Our hope is as we grow our Outreach programs, those programs can continue to help increase our contributions to University scholarships.”

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