Effective Philanthropy

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- What are we looking for?
- Make a Change
- Impact and Stewardship
- Education –"10 years to grow a tree,100 years to grow a person."

Some stories to share....

STORY I

Drew Faust, President of Harvard, 2008

"The endowments at Harvard and other great universities have created a system of higher education that is the envy of the world. It has opened doors of opportunity ever more broadly; it has fueled revolutionary advances in science; it has helped drive economic growth and expansion in our nation and the world.

Our endowment represents the investment of gifts from generations of donors who have viewed Harvard as a place to bring their philanthropic visions to life. It provides the capital for an ambitious enterprise that supports 20,000 students in Harvard College and a dozen different schools, 16,000 employees, and a physical plant comprising over 600 buildings.....

(cont'd) Drew Faust, President of Harvard, 2008 --

"....We are one of the largest employers in Massachusetts; we operate a huge and very costly research enterprise; we support more than 200 service programs in education, affordable housing and community service in Cambridge and Boston; we partner with governments agencies and universities in hundreds of teaching and research collaborations in 125 countries around the globe.

As custodians of civilisation we are home to libraries and museums that house priceless collections of books, manuscripts, art works, cultural artifacts and scientific specimens.

In an era in which large and important financial organizations have been known to disappear over a weekend, universities are durable, proven institutions, here for the long haul."

STORY 2

Professor C in the Faculty of Arts, HKU

"There should be room for blue sky thinking and visionary ideas that may not be so easily evaluated by output and impact factors.

Giving does not only have to be measured by narrow deliverables. Giving also needs to be visionary."

STORY 3

Giving to Science

- Wilson Wong Professorship in Plant Biotechnology -Chye Mee-Len
- "With combined interest in engineering and agriculture, we aspire to improve the use of technology in crop production with our support of this Professorship, which is essential to ensure the supply of food, fiber and fuel for a sustainable future."

Lipid metabolism; completely new family of six acyl-CoA-binding proteins (ACBPs) which transfer lipids in the model plant, Arabidopsis

Giving to McGill – 10M

....."City with a Heart 情義之都", p. 165

Thank you.

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