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(Pictured left to right: Dr. Chander Kohli, Karen Kohli, Nisha Kohli and YSU President Jim Tressel)

Dr. Chander M. Kohli, a prominent local neurosurgeon and former Chair of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees, and his wife, Karen, are donating \$1.1 million to YSU's "We See Tomorrow" Fundraising Campaign. The gift will create 18 "Classrooms of the Future" at YSU, fully equipped with state-of-the-art Cisco Spark Stations – a cutting edge, cloud-based system for wireless presentation, white-boarding, and video conferencing.

"This generous gift from the Kohli's will help bring the latest in teaching and learning technology to our campus," President Jim Tressel said. "We thank Chander and Karen for their continued support of YSU, our students and the entire Mahoning Valley community."

Each of the classrooms will be named the "Aneal Mohan Classroom of the Future", after Kohli's late son.

"The Classroom of the Future is here today, and I am proud to be a part of it," said Kohli, a member of the YSU Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2005. He also is a member of the Board of Trustees at the Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown, Ohio, where he served as Board Chair from 2013 to 2015.

Recreation Center Named in Honor of Trustee Atkinson



A dedication ceremony was held November 16, to name the Arlington Heights Recreational Center, the “Eugenia Atkinson Recreational Center”. The recreation center opened in January 2009 and is a centerpiece of the \$13.5 million Village at Arlington, a mixed-income revitalized neighborhood and housing community that features a park, rental units and owner-occupied townhouses.

Since the late 1980s, Trustee Atkinson served in several capacities at the Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority, including human-resources director and executive director. Many of the speakers at the dedication credited Trustee Atkinson for securing numerous federal grants that paved the way for the Village at Arlington and the Atkinson Recreation Center.

“I feel so blessed. I’ve always wanted to be the person who makes things happen for other people,” said Trustee Atkinson, who retired in 2007 after having worked nearly 20 years for the Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority.

The Atkinson Recreational Center has a large gym, fitness center, meeting rooms and a kitchen for receptions and other events. It’s also used by a variety of YMHA partners such as the Community Initiative to Reduce Violence Organization and the Youngstown City Health District.

December at the YSU Foundation

Philanthropic activity at the YSU Foundation, on behalf of YSU and the YSU Foundation, during the month of December was as follows:

New cash gifts received: \$617,545
New pledges received: \$613,856
Total new philanthropy: \$1,231,401
Total number of gifts: 1032

Total new signed expectancies: \$1,310,000

In addition to the above totals, \$499,982 cash on existing pledges was received.

Annual Fund on Record Pace

The Annual Fund was mailed on October 16, 2017. This year’s annual Fund is far out performing any previous year and has greatly out performed last year’s mailing. As of November 24, annual fund performance as compared to last fiscal year:

2016: Number of Gifts 483, Revenue generated \$59,811.19

2017: Number of Gifts 961, Revenue generated \$135,982.20

Save the Date 2018 Youngstown Day Florida

The annual Youngstown Day in Florida will be held this year on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the Hyatt Sarasota. This annual event typically draws 500 Floridians and snowbirds to an annual celebration of our Mahoning Valley and Valley traditions. Invitation to this event will be sent to you via email.

Additionally, several regional events are being planned for Florida the week of February 4th, information in regard to these events will be sent to you when available.