A famed aerialist once walked a tightrope across Niagara Falls in a gory wind. Needless to say, he was relieved to finally reach the other side where several people were gathered to congratulate him, among them a man with a wheelbarrow: “I believe you could walk back across pushing this wheelbarrow,” the fan told him.

The aerialist was flattered but told the man firmly that he was far better suited to make it across once. That answer didn’t suit the fan, though, and he persisted: “I know you can do it if you try,” he kept insisting.

Finally, the tightrope walker relented. “You really believe in me, don’t you?” he asked.

“Oh, yes, I do,” said the fan. “Okay,” the aerialist said, “get in the wheelbarrow and we’ll start.”

The UI employees continue tradition of caring

Campus Charitable Fund Drive

Dear Colleagues:

During my time as chancellor of this campus, I have learned much about the quality that is synonymous with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. And I have learned the source of that excellence is not simply the state-of-the-art facilities or the world-class programming. Instead, it is the people who make this campus a community – and a wonderful place to live.

One of the missions of this campus is to reach out to people beyond our geographic borders and share the knowledge and ideas that are generated here. So, it seems quite fitting that each of us, as individuals, also reach out to the organizations of our choice, and share our time and resources with those less fortunate.

Many of you have been participating in the Campus Charitable Fund Drive for a number of years. On behalf of the campus, I thank you for your leadership in this important effort. To those of you who have not taken the opportunity to be a part of CCFD in the past, I invite you to join us as we work to improve the lives of deserving people in this community, this state, the nation and the world.

The theme for this year’s campaign is U & I: Caring and Sharing in 2000. As we enter the new millennium, I hope each of you will make a commitment to playing a role in ensuring that the 21st century is a time when we not only dream of a better life, but do what we can to make sure it happens. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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These 400 or so of your fellow employees are charged with distributing materials, answering questions and collecting donations to ensure the success of the annual fund drive. Historically, their efforts have helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to assist hundreds of non-profit agencies fulfill their mission of serving people in need. Their work on behalf of the Campus Charitable Fund is recognized here. (Those indicated with an * are section leaders.)

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