



ANNUAL REPORT 2012

The President's Report

This past year at Andrews has been marked by planning, expansion and integration. A new strategic plan for the University has been developed, processed and approved by the Board of Trustees. It focuses on the core values of an Andrews education—among them, strong undergraduate teaching and learning, research in support of graduate education, and a revitalized campus ministry and faith development program. We are also working with our School of Architecture, Art & Design on planning for the physical campus, including its buildings, walkways and parking, as well as the beautiful surrounding wooded ravines with miles of trails that are becoming popular with our students. We have received a great inheritance in this beautiful campus on the banks of the St. Joseph River, and we want to care for it as though it were a gift from the Creator Himself.

Griggs University and Griggs International Academy have moved to campus and its people are well integrated into campus life. We are learning from Griggs about distance education, and now have to integrate the educational programs more fully into Andrews so that our off-campus Griggs students will receive the same efficient service and attention to details that we seek to provide to our on-campus students. It is an expectation of our accreditation agencies and we hope to get there in the next couple of years. The presence of Griggs University and International Academy with us means that we are caring for up to 12,000 students, many of them part-time of course. Andrews is becoming a major provider of Adventist education.

Finally, we are talking a lot about health and wellness on campus.



It is a national discussion too. Not every American, young and old, is in good health, and that leads to unnecessary illness and enormous costs. It is generally agreed that good public health requires public health education, and that is also an old Adventist idea which we want to resurrect at Andrews: “The harmonious development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers” of our students along with faculty and staff, of course. We are working hard on developing a new Health and Wellness Center and program for the campus. Look for details in the future.

On behalf of all of us here at Andrews, I wish to thank you, our alumni and friends, for the steady and inspiring support you continue to give to this good University and the exemplary education we provide.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Niels-Erik Andraesen, president

Advancement Report

This year our total voluntary support reached \$9,158,713, which is the largest in recent years. We want to thank our alumni and friends for supporting our University.

We have added five new endowments bringing our total number to 429. The total value of our endowment is now \$36 million. In addition, 220 families have notified Andrews University that they included us in their estate plans, bringing the value of planned gifts to \$52 million. The University also received generous support from church organizations, including individual conferences, the Lake Union Conference, North American Division and General Conference, totaling \$10 million.

The Howard Performing Arts Center has been abuzz with more than 230 events during the last season, meaning there is hardly a free weekend on the Howard Center calendar. Touching base with our 80,000+ alums keeps our Alumni Services busy with approximately 100 events around the world each year.

The big buzz on campus deals with the issue of wellness, both the plans to build a new Fitness & Wellness Center and to inspire the health of our students, faculty, staff and community. The President's Council is a major player in this endeavor. Cochairs Paul Stokstad and Charles Randall have been touring the country visiting friends and alums, finding great support for our new initiatives.

These are just a few ways in which the mission of Andrews



University is advancing around the world through the generosity of some of our most important constituents—our alumni and donors. Your support gives Andrews the opportunity to continue to expand on the vision of our founders who recognized the need for the highest quality Adventist education. That need is just as strong today as it was in 1874.

Thank you again for partnering with us to make Andrews University the flagship school of the Adventist educational system.

Sincerely,

David A. Faehner, vice president
University Advancement