Despite the continued challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, UNC-Chapel Hill recorded another exceptional fundraising year in fiscal year 2021. Commitments totaled $601.7 million, a 6.6% increase over the prior year. Cash gifts set a new record at $455.6 million, breaking the previous record – set just one year earlier – by more than $30 million. Contributed by almost 63,000 donors, these cash gifts are available immediately to grow the University’s endowment or be put to work on campus, making an impact right away to further Carolina’s mission of teaching, research and public service. And GiveUNC, Carolina’s annual giving day, received a record $12.2 million, with 10,936 gifts.

The year kept the Campaign for Carolina ahead of pace to reach its $4.25 billion goal by the campaign’s end on Dec. 31, 2022. The campaign is the University’s most ambitious inhistry and among the nation’s largest public university fundraising campaigns on record.

By the Numbers

[Graphs and charts showing sources of revenue, commitments by purpose, and donors.]

[Bar graph showing commitment totals from FY 2010 to FY 2021.]

[Pie chart showing commitments: capital, current & endowment.]

[Another pie chart showing campaign progress as of 6/30/2021.]

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