Dear Carolina Supporters,

What a wonderfully transformational year of giving at Carolina! The University received a record $543.3 million in commitments from nearly 68,000 of you in 2017. This is the third-straight record year, and we topped 2016’s total of $495 million by nearly $50 million.

This 2017 Annual Report chronicles how your generosity helped propel Carolina’s success, providing us with the resources needed to create educational, research and service opportunities that continue to transform our state, nation and world. I am also grateful for the development team’s dedication to sharing stories about Carolina’s amazing students, faculty and staff, and I am grateful for the development team’s dedication to sharing stories about Carolina’s amazing students, faculty and staff.

South Carolina's record fundraising year paved the way for the public launch of our most ambitious fundraising campaign ever — "For All Kind: the Campaign for Carolina." We kicked off this bold effort on Oct. 6, 2017, with fanfare and a commitment: Our goal is to raise $4.25 billion by December 2022. With this enormous opportunity to create the Carolina of tomorrow, we also accepted the responsibility of ensuring that every single dollar is dedicated to the public good. Your belief in Carolina helps us invest in student potential, faculty excellence, innovative teaching, experience-based learning and pioneering research. You help us fuel dreams, achieve aspirations, and fulfill our promise to provide opportunities for our students and service to others that start in North Carolina and then move well beyond our state's borders.

Thank you for a fantastic year, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together during the year to come.

Carol L. Folt

UNC received $543.3 million in commitments in fiscal year 2017 (concluding June 30, 2017) from nearly 68,000 donors, marking Carolina's third-straight fundraising record and first time topping $500 million. The total surpassed fiscal year 2016's previous record of $495 million by nearly $50 million.

Commitments from 15 donors of $5 million or more accounted for $198.2 million of the $543.3 million total, with support ranging from faculty enrichment funds and student scholarships to the visual and performing arts, entrepreneurship and innovation.

Commitments helped the University create one endowed professorship, as well as 55 undergraduate scholarships and 23 graduate fellowships.

Committed to serving students, Carolina and the state, our donors are committed to ensuring that education and opportunity are within reach of all students, regardless of background.

Carol L. Folt