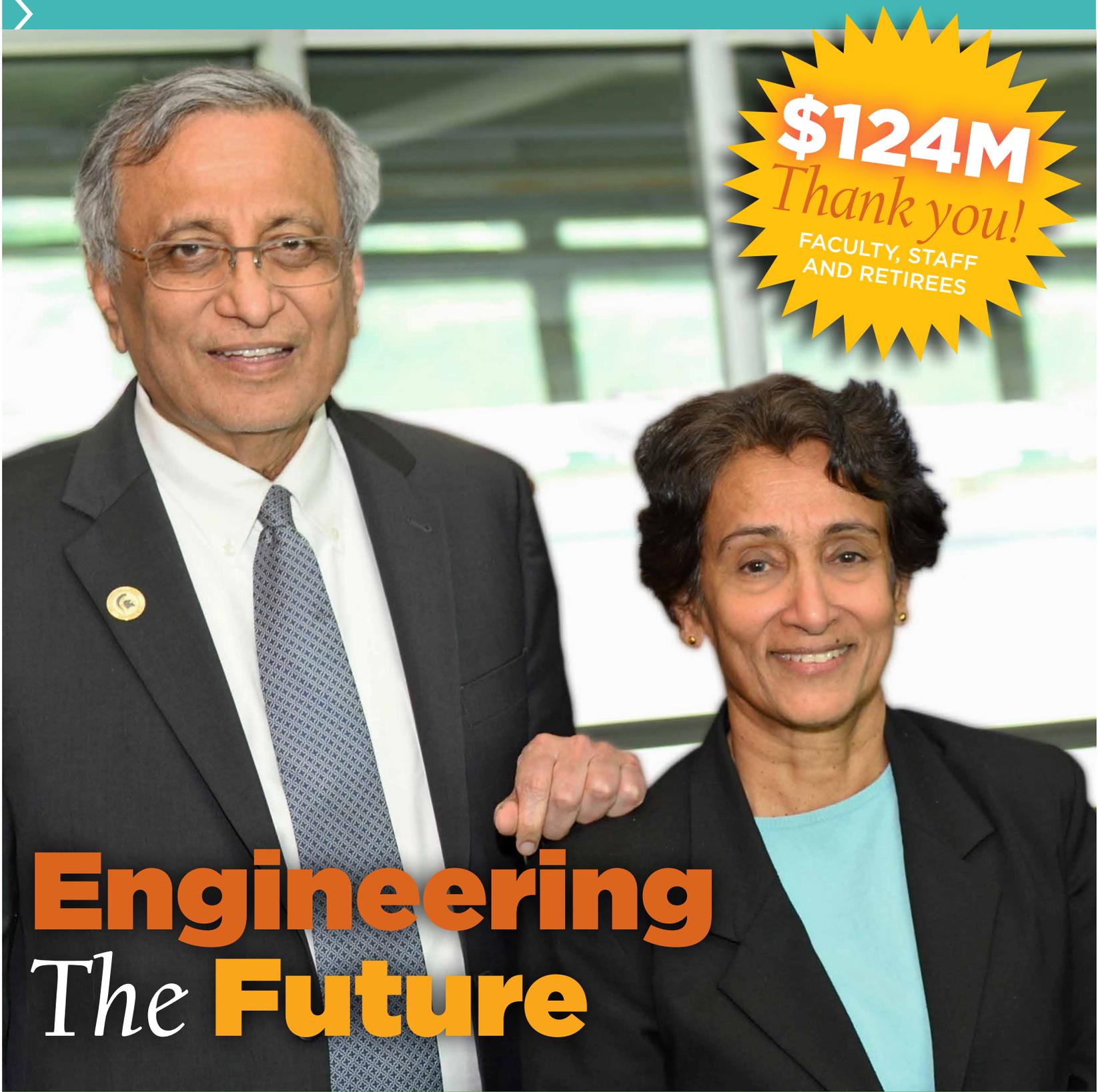


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AND RETIREES

**Engineering**  
*The* **Future**

IZZO GIFT FOR MUNN TRANSFORMATION • ENDOWED POSITIONS BY MSU FAMILIES

## Engineering *the* Future

### *\$1.001M gift supports Engineering students*

A gift valued at \$1,001,000 from Acting President Satish Udpa and his wife, Lalita Udpa, a professor of electrical and computer engineering, will benefit College of Engineering students.

The gift, which the couple made before Satish Udpa's appointment as acting president, will create the Satish and Lalita Udpa Endowed Graduate Fellowship and the Satish and Lalita Udpa Endowed Scholarship.

Several years ago the Udpas created endowments to honor their parents—Vasanthi and S. Ramamohan Udpa, and Janaki and S.V. Srinivasan.

"They were our first teachers and mentors and the first to introduce the notion that knowledge is valuable for its own sake," Satish Udpa says. "Throughout the years, their belief in lifelong education never flagged."

Lalita Udpa notes that "their selfless commitment to education and their insistence on doing one's duty greatly influenced the character of their children and grandchildren."

Engineering Dean Leo Kempel says the college is "extremely grateful for the contributions by both Satish and Lalita to the college—their leadership and service, conscientious education of our students and for their financial support. Dedicated faculty

such as Lalita and Satish are part of the core fabric of the college,

part of what makes Spartan engineers exceptional," Kempel adds.

Both Udpas work in the area of Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE).

Satish Udpa most recently served as executive vice president for administration. He is a University Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and the former dean of the College of Engineering and chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

He has published extensively, is a fellow of four academic societies, holds several patents and serves as editor of several journals.

Lalita Udpa is a University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. She was one of only nine women in the country featured in a 2018 story on "Women in NDT" in *Materials Evaluation*, the scientific journal of the American Society for Nondestructive Testing. Her MSU awards include the William J. Beal Outstanding Faculty Award and the Ralph H. Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs.

### GIVING TO MSU

There's meaning behind the specified amount of their gift, says Stephen Bates, senior director of development for the College of Engineering.

"As we were finalizing the documents, Satish kept quoting a number that was a bit higher than what we had agreed," Bates says. "I didn't want to seem ungrateful, and I didn't want to question his mathematical skills, but I needed to get this right. I asked him about the discrepancy, and he informed me of an Indian tradition to always give more than you were asked for, thus the extra \$1,000 in the gift."

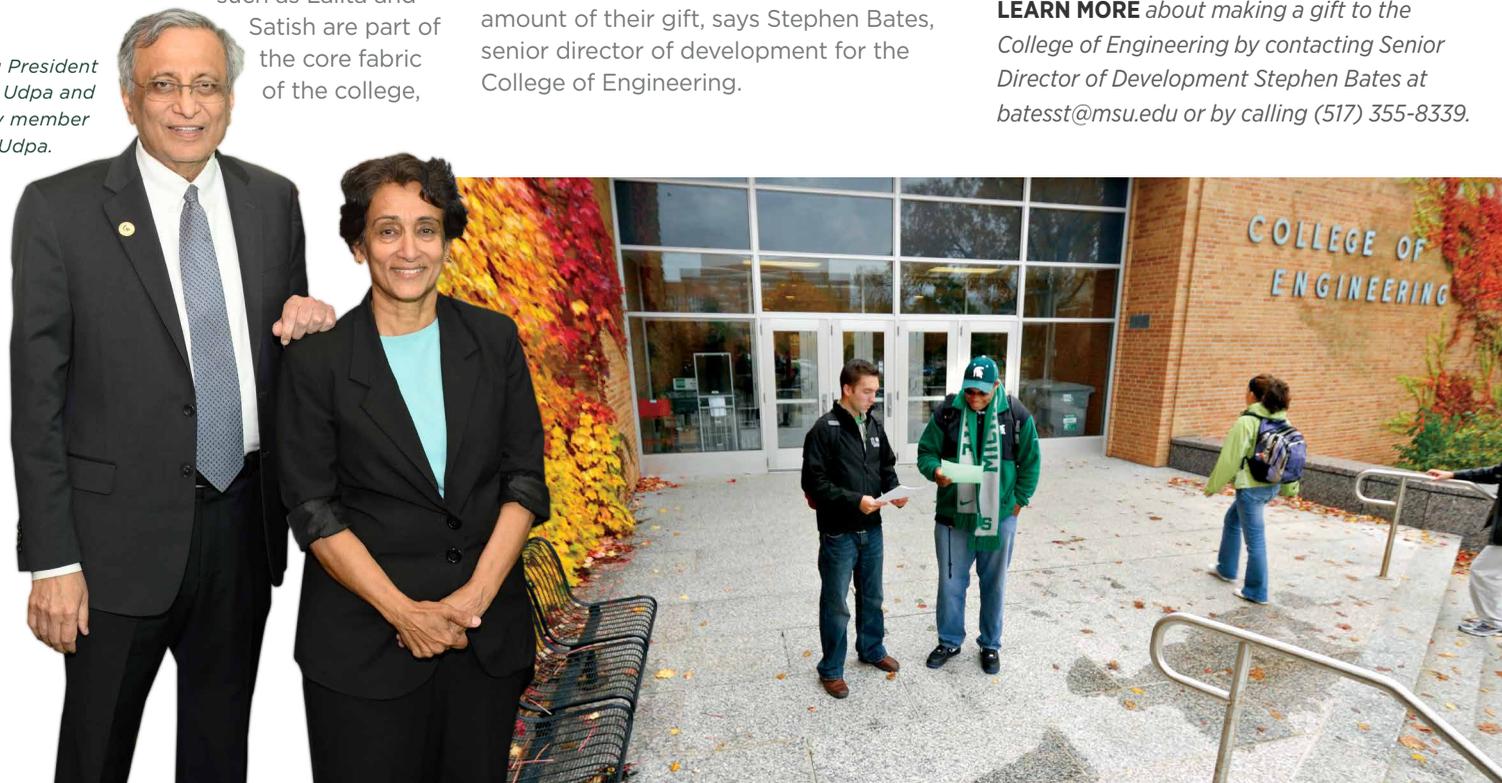
To create the gift, the Udpas signed a retained life estate agreement and a bequest during MSU's *Empower Extraordinary* campaign that closed in December 2018 and raised \$1.83 billion.

The arrangement transfers ownership of their home to MSU but allows them to continue living in the home through their lifetimes, while remaining responsible for upkeep and expenses. MSU then sells the property and invests in the endowed accounts as a provision of the estate plan.

"This is just one of the many creative ways that donors support MSU," says MSU Office of Gift Planning Senior Director Deanna Gast. "That the Udpas found this way to pass on their values and make an investment in future students will have a lasting effect on generations to come."

**LEARN MORE** about making a gift to the College of Engineering by contacting Senior Director of Development Stephen Bates at [batesst@msu.edu](mailto:batesst@msu.edu) or by calling (517) 355-8339.

Acting President Satish Udpa and faculty member Lalita Udpa.





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# MUNN ICE ARENA SET FOR TRANSFORMATION

## *Izzo Family's \$1.1 Million gift puts project in motion*



The Izzo family (from left): Steven, Tom, Raquel and Lupe. Architectural rendering of Munn (right).



Philanthropy is fueling a transformation of Munn Ice Arena, and along with it, MSU Hockey.

At their June meeting, Michigan State's Board of Trustees approved an \$18.8 million budget for an addition to the south entrance of Munn. The move followed a fundraising effort that secured more than \$10 million in support for the project.

Lead donors include Men's Basketball Head Coach Tom Izzo and his family who made a \$1.1M gift, with a portion for the Spartan Marching Band and academic services.

"Our basketball program is so very fortunate to have the support of many individuals and donors who understand how important facilities and scholarships are to recruiting and competing for championships," Tom says. "I've been going to hockey games since I came to Michigan State, and those games are some of my greatest memories. The Spartan family is fortunate to have Danton Cole leading the hockey program and we (Lupe and I) are grateful to be able to support our hockey program that is about to take off."

MSU Hockey Head Coach Danton Cole says he is humbled by the Izzos' generosity. "This facility is a game-changer for us, and I could not ask for a more meaningful endorsement than to have Coach Izzo and Lupe supporting our program," he says.

Dedicated in 1974 as the home for MSU Hockey, Munn was built into a natural slope that gives it the impression of being underground. Hidden exterior walls and an angular roof belie the true scale of the facility. Once inside, the massive arena comes as a surprise that offers excellent sight lines of the ice all around.

Over the years, strategic investments from the Athletics Department kept Munn on the list of the finest hockey facilities. At the end of the 2014 season, aging ice-making equipment and the building's heating and cooling system were replaced. More recently, new video boards and scoreboards, seating, club boxes and lighting significantly upscaled the game experience for fans.

The upcoming renovations will turn to the external portion of Munn, providing a "front door" that will project an inviting and positive image for the hockey program. Additionally, an expanded concourse will connect a Hall of Honor—highlighting individual and team accomplishments—to an enhanced pro/apparel shop.

## Munn Ice Arena is inarguably one of the most unique buildings on campus—or anywhere.

Meanwhile, much-needed improvements inside will help attract elite student-athletes, including an updated locker room, shooting bays and a players' lounge. A state-of-the-art weight room will mean hockey players no longer have to trek down the street to the football building to train.

The gift from the Izzos helped kick off the renovations that officially began last month and are expected to be completed by December 2020.

It is the second gift of more than \$1 million for the Izzos since 2011. They also donated \$500,000 for the media center in their name as part of the North End Zone expansion to Spartan Stadium in 2014.

"Tom and Lupe are both extraordinary individuals who epitomize what it means to be team players," MSU Executive Associate AD for Development Chuck Sleeper says. "It is unique to find a head coach who contributes to a program other than his or her own and that's what makes Tom so special. The entire Izzo family, just like many of our donors, cares deeply about the success of Michigan State."

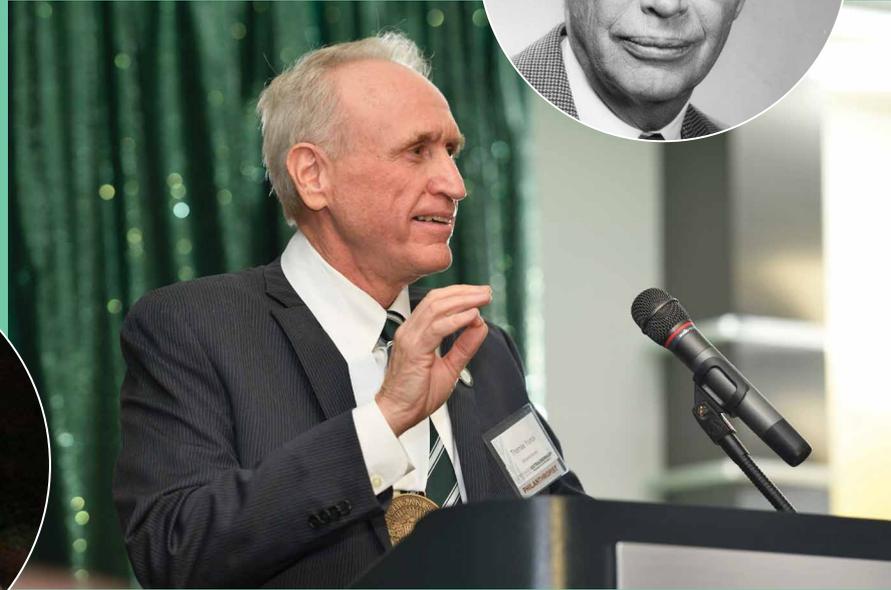
**LEARN MORE** about supporting MSU Athletics through the Spartan Fund, including the Munn Ice Arena expansion, at [SpartanFund.net](http://SpartanFund.net)



**Left:** Lei Tung (left) and Chien-Peng Yuan, the inaugural Wu-Ki Tung Endowed Professor.



**Right:** John Yunck in his 1974 faculty portrait.



**Above:** Tom Yunck, the son of former faculty member John Yunck, was MSU's Philanthropist of the Year in 2017.

**Right:** Wu-Ki Tung spent 25 years on the MSU faculty.

## ENDOWED POSITIONS THAT ARE PART OF MSU's "children" honor their parents' MSU ca

**A**s employees of Michigan State University, we know our work is part of something bigger that has a positive and profound effect in the world at large. But sometimes the impact of our work hits a lot closer to home.

Many children, grandchildren and spouses of current and former faculty and staff look for ways to honor the contributions of MSU leaders who also happen to be members of their own families. In the *Empower Extraordinary* campaign, that led two families to create seven endowed faculty positions to carry on their families' MSU legacy.

Late physics professor Wu-Ki Tung's family—wife Beatrice, sons Lei and Bruce, daughter-in-law Cecilia and grandchildren Allie and Max—established:

- Dr. Wu-Ki Tung Endowed Professorship in Particle Physics

And, Tom Yunck, the son of the late 40-year English professor John Yunck and East Lansing journalist Ruth Yunck, established three endowments to fund future positions in honor of his parents:

- Yunck Family Endowed Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies
- Yunck Endowed Professor for Comparative Literature
- John and Ruth Yunck Family Endowed Professorship in Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering (which will fund four positions)

Tung, who died in 2009, considered MSU to be his spiritual and academic home. He is best known for creating the Coordinated Theoretical-Experimental Project on Quantum Chromodynamics, or CTEQ, which brought particle physicists from two camps—experimental and theoretical—together into one research program.

Lei Tung says the family had talked about creating the endowment even before his father retired in 2007. "He wanted it established at MSU, where he found such strong support for his principles and aspirations."

Chien-Peng (C.P.) Yuan was named the inaugural Wu-Ki Tung Professor in 2017. Yuan is a

prominent member of CTEQ and worked closely with Wu-Ki Tung for many years.

Tom Yunck, the founder, chairman and chief technical officer of GeoOptics Inc., says he grew up in the shadow of MSU's campus.

"I didn't so much have a hometown as a home campus. There were always Spartans around, like a permanent family," Tom says.

Tom attended Princeton and Yale universities. He was a research manager for NASA before founding GeoOptics which developed technology to greatly reduce the cost of collecting data from satellites for use in weather predictions.

Yet his roots remained here at Michigan State, and he has a long history of giving back to the place that still feels like home.

He previously created a faculty chair and scholarship endowments in the Department of English named for his parents. In 2016, he made a \$10.5 million charitable bequest to fund future faculty positions as well as postdoctoral research and support for Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering.

## SUPPORTING OUR OWN

# 112

New endowed positions created in the Empower Extraordinary Campaign

# 7

Thanks to the children of former faculty

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**Below:** Randy Cowen (center) with the Jerry Cowen Endowed Chair in Experimental Physics holders: Johannes Pollanen (left) and Matthew Comstock (right).



## THE FAMILY

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### SONS OF MSU INSPIRED OTHERS

The Yunck and Tung gifts echo several previously established by children of MSU faculty:

- The Jerry Cowen Endowed Chair in Experimental Physics, created in 2001 by Randolph (Randy) Cowen ('74, Arts and Letters/Honors College), former CIO at Goldman Sachs, and his wife, Phyllis Green, in memory of his father's life and physics career at MSU.
- The Dr. Herman E. and Ruth J. Koenig Electrical and Computer Engineering Endowed Chair, created in 2000 by Roger L. Koenig ('76, Engineering), honors Herman's service to MSU as professor and chairperson of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

The Cowen chair has expanded to fund two positions currently held by Johannes Pollanen and Matthew Comstock, both assistant professors of physics and astronomy. The inaugural Koenig chair holder is Kalyanmoy Deb, a College of Engineering professor and



**Above:** Roger Koenig (left) with Kalyanmoy Deb, the inaugural Dr. Herman E. and Ruth J. Koenig Endowed Chair holder.

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Both Randy Cowen and Roger Koenig were active *Empower Extraordinary* volunteers, helping to inspire many of the donors who created endowments for the 112 new endowed faculty positions created in the campaign.

**LEARN MORE** about supporting faculty positions by contacting Executive Director for Constituency Programs at University Development Suzette Hittner at [hittner@msu.edu](mailto:hittner@msu.edu); (517) 884-7430.

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for your contributions.

You are an **EXTRAORDINARY**  
part of our success!

**M**SU's most ambitious fundraising campaign in its history, *Empower Extraordinary*, concluded on December 31, 2018 with \$1,834,145,673 raised.

Faculty, staff and retirees proved to be an important source of support. A total of **10,891** of those closest to MSU contributed more than **\$124 million** in the form of cash, pledges and future gifts.

Nearly 600 faculty, staff and retiree donors attended a special *Empower Extraordinary* campaign edition of the annual Thanks for Giving Luncheon last fall.

Suzu Merchant, women's basketball coach and honorary chair of the MSU Faculty, Staff and Retiree Giving Advisory Board, welcomed the crowd as the event unfolded on the Breslin Center arena floor.

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