Caltech received a total of $245,609,608 in new gifts and pledges from private donors in fiscal year 2008. Foundations made $166.4 million in new gifts and pledges in fiscal year 2008. Caltech received nearly $11.7 million from the estates of 22 individuals, along with 24 life-income gifts with a total value of $15.9 million. More than $24 million came from 1,257 members of the Caltech Associates, including many Caltech trustees. Corporations committed $8.5 million (not including corporate matching gifts) for Caltech research and other programs. Thirty-one percent of all contactable alumni gave a total of $3.5 million to the Alumni Fund in support of current-use projects.

The “There’s only one. Caltech” campaign concluded December 31, 2007, surpassing its $1.4-billion goal (see http://one.caltech.edu). Nearly $684 million of the campaign proceeds will support Caltech research and programs, more than $470 million will bolster Caltech’s endowment, and nearly $270 million will be dedicated to new facilities and renovations. Individuals gave $753 million, including $133.8 million in realized bequests, and foundations and corporations provided the balance of the $1.424 billion. More than half of all living alumni contributed.
Planned Gifts
Caltech welcomed 20 new Torchbearers (donors who have made a commitment to support the Institute through bequests and deferred gifts) in fiscal year 2008. With a combined value of $15.9 million, 24 new life-income gifts included five trusts, six gift annuities, 10 trust additions, two outside-managed trusts, and one retained life estate. Thirty-six estate distributions from 22 benefactors provided almost $11.7 million for Caltech research and programs.

Caltech Associates
The Caltech Associates welcomed 100 new members, with 17 new President’s Circle memberships and 15 new Provost’s Circle memberships. Of the group’s 1,478 members, 1,059 collectively contributed more than $24 million in fiscal year 2008, including more than $10 million from alumni Associates and nearly $90,000 from faculty Associates. The group’s campaign to fund a new Caltech Associates Global Environmental Science Graduate Fellowship surpassed its goal of $600,000.

Alumni Fund
In fiscal year 2008, more alumni contributed to the Alumni Fund than in any of the previous five years, with 5,654 providing approximately $3.5 million in current-use gifts. Thirty-one percent of all contactable alumni contributed, with 36 percent of undergraduate alumni and 27 percent of graduate alumni giving.

Selected gifts and new commitments made in fiscal year 2008:

► Caltech received a $100-million commitment from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation toward further development and construction of the Thirty-Meter Telescope, which, when built, will be the largest telescope in the world.

► The W.M. Keck Foundation awarded $24 million to the Keck Institute for Space Studies, led by Professor of Physics Tom Prince, which brings leading scientists and engineers together for sustained interaction aimed at developing new space-mission concepts and technology. The foundation also awarded $2.3 million to the Keck Array and the corresponding research initiative led by Goldberger Professor Andrew Lange, "Imaging the Beginning of Time."
The Gates Frontiers Fund pledged $10 million to support the establishment of the Charles C. Gates Center for Mechanical Engineering.

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) awarded Caltech researcher Brian Stoltz $10 million, one of KAUST’s 12 Global Research Partnership Investigator awards.

Through grants totaling $5.1 million, Foster and Coco Stanback endowed a discovery fund, a postdoctoral fellowship, and a graduate fellowship, all in global environmental science.

A second distribution of $4.67 million from the estate of John Minor Robinson supported research in cosmology by Goldberger Professor Andrew Lange, Feynman Professor Kip Thorne (PhD ’65), and Robinson Professor Marc Kamionkowski.

Trustee David Lee (PhD ’74) and Trustee Si Ramo (PhD ’36) established the Lee-Ramo Conference Endowment, which will provide $3 million for public and private forums focused on scientific and engineering aspects of pressing national issues.

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation granted more than $2.8 million for the Beckman Institute Director’s Fund.

Professor of Theoretical Physics Emeritus Steven Frautschi and his wife, Mie, made a real-estate gift valued at $1.5 million to support band and orchestra programs at Caltech.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation made two gifts totaling nearly $1.3 million to support faculty research and postdoctoral fellowships in the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Trustee Stephen D. Bechtel Jr. awarded $1 million to support of the final stages of construction of the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Center for Information Science and Technology.

The late Dr. Chester McCloskey and his wife, Olive McCloskey, established the NORAC Discretionary Fund for Chemistry with a $1 million gift from their company.

Accelerator Corporation gave $1 million for research in G-Protein coupled receptors by Ferkel Professor William Goddard (PhD ’65).

For more information or to discuss giving opportunities, please contact Caltech Development and Alumni Relations at 877.CALTECH (877.225.8324). Visit the Caltech Alumni Association at alumni.caltech.edu.