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Fred and Elizabeth Fountain Donate to the Mount's Teaching, Learning and Research Centre

May 12, 2009, Halifax- Mount Saint Vincent University has received a significant boost toward its *Building Tomorrow Together* capital campaign. Fred and Elizabeth Fountain have generously donated \$500,000 to the future Teaching, Learning and Research Centre, the first new academic building to be constructed on campus since the E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre in 1993.

The gift, announced today, will support the University's \$16 million capital campaign, *Building Tomorrow Together*.

Elizabeth, Mount alumna and Fred Fountain have supported several community initiatives including the Working Miracles Campaign – Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre Foundation, King's-Edgehill and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, to name a few.

"We are thrilled that Elizabeth and Fred Fountain have invested in this exciting initiative," said Kathryn Laurin, President and Vice-Chancellor of the Mount. "This building will provide the highest quality teaching, learning and research space for our students, faculty and community."

The Fountain's leadership gift will be recognized in the atrium on the first level of the new building as the *Fred and Elizabeth Fountain Atrium* – a welcoming entranceway surrounded by glass that will provide an inviting area for students to gather and socialize. "We are truly grateful that the Fountains have shared our vision by helping us build tomorrow together."

The Teaching, Learning and Research Centre is part of the University's \$16 million capital campaign which is also raising funds for an endowed Chair in Learning Disabilities, scholarships, bursaries, research assistantships, and student travel abroad awards.

The building will be home to the Department of Business Administration & Tourism and Hospitality Management, Department of Public Relations, the Co-operative Education Centre, the Institute for the Study of Women, the Centre for Women in Business and the Nova Scotia Centre on Aging.

The campaign is only the third of its kind in the Mount's 135 year history.

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