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Office of the President
January 23, 2007

Members, Board of Trustees:

R. BRUCE BACON PLEDGE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$3,000,000 from R. Bruce Bacon of Cadillac, Michigan to create and endow the H. Otto Kaak Chair in Early Childhood Mental Health in the College of Social Work and submit this pledge of \$3,000,000 for matching funds from Kentucky's Endowment Match Program. Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines require that the Board of Trustees acknowledge its responsibility for UK's participation in the program and for all university endowment funds.

Background: Mr. Bruce Bacon attended a lecture given by Dr. Otto Kaak on childhood attachment disorders and the work of the Comprehensive Assessment and Training Services (CATS) program at the University of Kentucky. The donor was so inspired by Dr. Kaak and the CATS program that he made several trips to Lexington to learn more about their work. CATS, which focuses on early intervention in the lives of at-risk children, is a joint program of the College of Social Work and the Department of Psychiatry. Mr. Bacon is funding this Chair in Early Childhood Mental Health to further support the work of the CATS program.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____