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Office of the President
October 29, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

KENTUCKY MEDICAL SERVICES FOUNDATION GIFT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a gift of \$50,000 from Kentucky Medical Services Foundation of Lexington, Kentucky, for the Belinda Mason Carden and Paul Mason Professorship in HIV/AIDS Research in the College of Medicine.

In accordance with the Council on Postsecondary Education guidelines, the Board of Trustees acknowledges that it has primary responsibility for the implementation of the Endowment Match Program and is responsible for providing oversight of all endowment funds.

Background: The endowed professorship was established by the Board in September, 2000 with a gift from friends and colleagues of the late Paul Mason, a state representative from Whitesburg, Kentucky, who died in December, 1998. He was an advocate for laws focused on preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and protecting those who have the disease from discrimination. His daughter, Belinda Mason Carden, died of AIDS in 1991 at the age of 33 after contracting HIV through a blood transfusion during the birth of her second child. Gifts totaling \$51,960 were matched in September, 2000 by RCTF, and this gift supplementing the endowment is eligible for matching RCTF funds.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____