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PRESIDENT'S ASSOCIATES GATHER FOR DINNER

USI President H. Ray Hoops and Mrs. Linda Hoops welcomed members of the President's Associates at a gala dinner on Thursday, September 5 at the Evansville Country Club.

Over 320 guests attended the President's Associates Dinner to recognize the \$2.7 million record-setting contributions from the President's Associates, which made up 88 percent of the USI Foundation's more than \$3.1 million in charitable gifts received this past year.

Gifts to the USI Foundation to benefit the University are recognized at three distinct levels:

- Annual--gifts of \$1,000 or more
- Perpetual--single gifts of \$25,000 or more
- Lifetime Giving--cumulative lifetime gifts at giving levels from \$10,000 to \$1,000,000 or more.

The President's Associates welcomed 82 new members this year. Contributions traditionally provide support for student scholarships, faculty research and development, and a variety of academic and athletic programs.