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Mr. Ed Fritz, along with David Rice, President of Indiana State University Evansville and Ralph E. McDonald, Dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry are pleased to announce a significant grant to the Indiana State University Evansville Foundation.

Mr. Fritz reported that his firm, the Chayse-Virginia Corporation (named Virginia Corporation after Mr. Fritz's wife's first name), the second largest manufacturer of dental chairs in the world, is very concerned about dental health care manpower shortages. The Chayse-Virginia Corporation has worked extensively with dental education programs in communities in the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, and Illinois. Mr. Fritz has become acutely aware of the unmet dental health care for large sectors of our population. Because of an awareness of the dental health care manpower needs and the efforts to establish programs in other states and areas, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz felt it desirable to make a significant contribution of \$60,000 to encourage continued development of the dental health care education programs in the Evansville region.

Dean Ralph McDonald of the Indiana University School of Dentistry explained that we have a serious dental manpower shortage in Indiana and that by the joint efforts of the Evansville campus and community and the Indiana University School of Dentistry, significant strides could be made in the years ahead in alleviating the dental manpower shortage and attracting minority

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students and students from rural areas into the program who would return to those areas where the critical manpower shortages exist.

President Rice and Dean McDonald expressed gratitude for the stimulation grant and pledged the cooperation of the Evansville Campus and the School of Dentistry to extend the dental auxiliary programs and, through the grant and additional donations and funds, to provide educational programs in the Evansville region for fourth-year students in the dentistry curriculum of the School of Dentistry and, as soon as program funding and developments are available, to expand the first-year capabilities for dental students. Dean McDonald noted that the Fritz contribution is the largest contribution given to the field of dentistry in the State of Indiana.

Mr. Fritz, in cooperation with the First District Dental Society Advisory Committee to the Evansville Campus Dental Auxiliary Program, provided much of the stimulation to initiate the present dental auxiliary education programs on the ISUE campus. An important component of the ISUE campus instructional program in dental hygiene is the operation of a dental hygiene clinic which provides dental hygiene care which hygienists can perform as an instructionally related community service. The dental programs now offered at ISUE, are offered in co-operation with the Indiana University School of Dentistry.