



Campaign Surpasses \$100 Million Goal

Having surpassed its \$100 million goal, the Thomas Jefferson Foundation concluded the most ambitious fund-raising

campaign in its 81-year history 10 months ahead of schedule.

Jefferson Lives: A Campaign for Monticello in the Twenty-first Century was publicly launched in the spring of 2000 with a goal of attaining \$100 million by April 2005. Through June 30, the final day of the campaign, a total of \$100,358,925 had been recorded.

“Reaching the \$100 million

goal for *Jefferson Lives* is significant, but reaching that goal almost a year early is truly remarkable,” said Foundation President Daniel P. Jordan. “We are deeply grateful to the many donors whose gifts have allowed us to advance significantly our Jeffersonian stewardship.”

The all-inclusive campaign was designed to raise funds to expand Monticello’s research, education, and publications programs; to support restoration, preservation, and interpretive projects; and to enhance the experience of Monticello’s visitors.

Thanks to the generosity of more than 2,700 donors, Monticello has been able to realize and advance a number of initiatives, including work on *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series*; completion of the Jefferson Library; restoration and interpretation of four dependency spaces beneath the house;
















The Jefferson Library opened its doors in April 2002.

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completion of Kemper Park, Saunders Bridge, and Saunders-Monticello Trail, the main components of the Thomas Jefferson Parkway; and preliminary work on a new visitor complex, education center, and administrative campus. Gifts received during the campaign also supported Monticello's endowment, increasing its market value to approximately \$60 million, and its day-to-day operations.

The largest single gift received during the campaign, and the largest in Monticello's history, was \$15 million from Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Smith of Arlington. The gift will endow in perpetuity the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, which was renamed in recognition of this contribution.

"Monticello hasn't stopped fund-raising," Jordan said. "We have a number of initiatives that require support. But we think it's appropriate to mark this milestone and to express thanks to our donors."



Saunders Bridge was dedicated in November 2002.

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