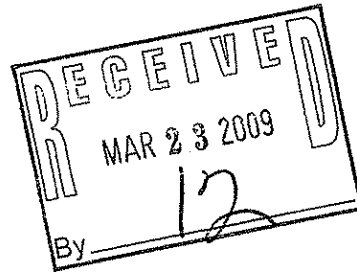




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Chancellor Holden Thorp & Patty Thorp
Office of the Chancellor
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Dear Chancellor and Mrs. Thorp,

On behalf of the Employee Forum, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of you for your recent contributions to the Employee Assistance Fund. Your attempt to cushion the impact that layoffs would have on hundreds of long-time staff employees at Carolina is very much appreciated.

We know that without the hard work of the Development Office, the unrestricted funds that Chancellor Thorp was able to designate for this purpose would not have been available. We appreciate both his willingness to do so and the willingness of him and his wife, Patty, to make a personal donation to the fund. The generosity of the Department of Athletics in this situation, knowing that the State budget cuts do not directly affect them or their staff, is equally heart-warming.

The Forum's priority is to avoid the massive layoffs that seem to be headed our way due to the budget; failing that, our priority is to share the burdens of the budget cuts in such a way as to minimize the loss of jobs. But if loss of jobs must come, then it is good to know that there are resources in place to help those who are affected in every way we can.

Sincerely,

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