Dear Alumni Corporation Presidents and Treasurers and FSILG Stakeholders,

As mentioned at Wednesday’s AILG Plenary, FSILG-related giving for MIT fiscal year 2014 - which ended this past June 30th - is again very substantial. Here are the details.

**FSILG Direct Donors.**
In 2009, the MIT Alumni Association began the [FSILG Direct Donor Recognition program](#). Twenty-three FSILGs chapters participated, and reported 1105 alumni/ae donated directly to their chapters in the last fiscal year. These totals are a just under last year's mark, due primarily to the fact that a few major capital campaigns were successfully completed the prior year. Every donor, for this and the two preceding fiscal years, is listed at [this web page](#). Direct donors who are also members of MIT’s William Barton Rogers Society receive additional recognition in the Society’s Annual Report. (You can read more about the Society [here](#)). Please remember the donor names are furnished by the Alumni Corporation Treasurers of each participating chapter. The Treasurers work hard, as we do, to make sure the lists are accurate and the donor wishes to be listed. However, if you do note an error, please let one of us or your Alumni Treasurer know and we will quickly correct it.

**IRDF Donors.**
For the past four decades the Independent Residence Development Fund (IRDF) has been an essential part of the financial bedrock which sustains our FSILGs. Besides the low-interest loans for capital projects, the IRDF supports our FSILGs through grants in support of education and safety. Every FSILG housing MIT students has been a beneficiary of these grants. Several important FSILG community-wide initiatives have also been made possible by the IRDF, including the recent fiber optic network upgrades, and the installation of next generation wireless equipment in all FSILG this coming term.

This past fiscal year, the IRDF set new records for number of donors – close to 900. This was especially fitting as the 50th Anniversary of the IRDF was celebrated this past April. The day included a variety of educational seminars and an evening Jubilee dinner, honoring some special members of the FSILG community, including IRDF co-founder Reid Weedon ’41 and Pam Gannon ’84, who helped found MIT’s sorority community. Thanks to 15 organizational sponsors, the event netted over $30K for the IRDF. A video was just completed and is now available on [TechTV](#) and [YouTube](#).

A few years ago, the Alumni Association developed a new [IRDF Donor Recognition](#) web site, where all the generous alumni/ae are now listed. Because their gifts are made through MIT, IRDF donors also receive all the usual benefits that come from making a gift to the Institute. Other than Unrestricted Gifts, the IRDF already has the broadest donor base of any MIT fund. Let’s hope this recognition helps in encouraging even more to donate. Today, we rely on the IRDF more than ever before.

Thanks again to all of you who make this possible, and who work so hard on behalf of this remarkable FSILG community at MIT.

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