***A Hand-Up for a Step Forward***

**Do** **you remember?** You wrote that short application for a UMKC Travel Grant to go to that national meeting. You presented a talk and met researchers that defined your research focus for years to come.

**Do you remember?** You asked senior colleagues, known personally through meetings and collaborations, for a support letter when you came up for tenure. They were delighted to write their letters on your behalf. You made tenure!

**Do you remember?** Your graduate student walks up to the podium for the major keynote address to this national conference. You travelled with 2 other lab fellows, using travel funds from your grant. There your research discovery was presented to the world. Success. How proud you were.

**Do you remember?** The publishing house will print the book that culminates years of collaboration with two colleagues at that other university with their great library resources. How many trips back and forth? So many miles, meals and meetings, and those bills. You made it work, with the help offered.

**Can you imagine?** You stand at the start of your career. You are selected for your new university position because your ideas are big, bold and innovative. You ask around for that little bit of money, that matching grant, that support to go to a regional or national conference. The answers you receive are disappointing, unacceptable. The money is not available.

The funds at the University to support travel and other ventures for faculty early in their career no longer exist. The budgetary constraints and cuts at our University over years have dried up the small support opportunities that many of us used to great effect and success.

UMKC emeriti faculty recognize the needs of our younger peers and want to remedy, as much as we can, existing needs. An ***Early  Career  Faculty  Award*** program was created by the UMKC Emeritus College. We have committed our endowment of $25,000, built from dues and donations, to support Early Career Faculty at UMKC. Will you help build this to $75,000? Please help us to give more support to more faculty.

***Pay it Forward***

We ask you, faculty and former faculty, to contribute in a significant and substantial way to address the need. We are faculty helping faculty. The Emeritus College has been supported by the UMKC Foundation in our campaign, also to ask others to help us.

How valuable was the support you received? How many dollars will give others the same fair chance?

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