



## Campaign Investments Surge to \$390,000

*Campaign Chair Kent Gaudian and Greater Burlington Partnership President Dennis Hinkle have spent the past few weeks meeting with business leaders sharing with them the Partnering for the Future economic development plan to create 1,000 new jobs over the next five years in the Greater Burlington area. "The response to Partnering for the Future has been overwhelmingly positive and our investors understand that bringing new businesses and jobs to the community will have a return on their investment. Other Iowa communities such as Dubuque and Clinton are investing in job creation programs like Partnering for the Future and we need to do the same if we are to bring new businesses and jobs to the region," said Kent.*

### Top Business Leaders Investing in and Supporting the Partnering for the Future Economic Development Campaign

#### **Mark Richardson, President/CEO - Great River Medical Center**

"Like any business, we need a growing population to sustain our growth and profitability. When we looked at Partnering for the Future, it was clear to us that we needed to invest in this program to grow our community. Unlike most programs we are asked to support, this one has a return on our investment and it benefits the whole community."



#### **Jim Olson, President - Two Rivers Financial Group**

"I am real impressed with Dennis and his team. He has done a terrific job and I wouldn't be involved in this program if I didn't believe he could make it work. We need to recognize that an increased investment is essential if we realistically expect to achieve higher levels of regional activity, The Partnering for the Future initiative is premised on turning our dreams for an improved future into reality."

#### **Lennis Kelley, General Manager - Danville Mutual Telephone**

"Our business depends on gaining new customers and job development and retention is essential to us. If you aren't growing, you don't go. We have to expand our market-share in the Greater Burlington area and beyond. Our investment in Partnering for the Future will provide additional resources the Partnership needs to enhance their efforts to bring new companies and jobs to the region. Danville Mutual Telephone is a proud supporter of the Greater Burlington Partnership and Partnering for the Future."



#### **Doug Martin, Vice President & General Manager - Dresser-Rand**

"As an existing industry in Burlington we have received outstanding support from the Chamber for many years. Economic development is just as much about supporting existing industry as it is in attracting new businesses to the community. We recognize the need to have a vital and growing community and the Partnering for the Future campaign will provide the resources to allow our Chamber to compete on a level playing field."

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