

March 17, 2009
Miami University Emergency Fund
(managed by the Family Resource Center of Oxford)

In March 2009, 60+ fellow Miami University employees were notified that their positions have been eliminated. Many of these employees have never before dealt with unemployment, lack of income, and uncertain financial futures. In order to ease the burden on our friends, a Miami University Emergency Fund has been established. To that end, we are asking for University Senate's endorsement of and commitment to promoting and supporting this Fund, which is being administered by the Family Resource Center of Oxford (FRC). The purpose of the Fund will be to serve newly laid-off Miami employees with specific help in financial emergencies.

Applicants to the Fund need proof of layoff from Miami University Human Resources department. (Each employee affected has received a reference letter for this purpose). Miami employees would also complete the FRC-established application and interview process, which will help FRC staff determine the nature of the financial emergency, the level of need, and additional types of support that they might be able to offer (including job-training funds, resume development and interviewing skills, budgeting classes, etc.). Laid-off employees applying for assistance from the Fund would become clients of the FRC, entitling them to all FRC resources. The FRC has waived its usual residency requirements and income guidelines for laid-off Miami employees applying to the Fund.

The exact amount of support given to each applicant will be dependent upon several factors, including the amount of money in the Fund.

Donations to the Fund should be made to the Family Resource Center of Oxford, with Miami University Emergency Fund in the memo line of checks. Cash is also accepted. A notation should accompany cash in order for the donation to be designated to the Fund. Donations should be mailed to: Family Resource Center, P.O. Box 108, Oxford, Ohio 45056. The FRC will then write a letter for tax purposes back to the donor (all donations are tax deductible).

Solicitation of donations can begin immediately.