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Friends, alumni and colleagues of Roy Olson have joined together to create the **Roy E. Olson Professorial Excellence Fund in Civil Engineering**. This endowment fund, which has a goal of $50,000, will be established in honor of a man who has given so much of himself to the lives of his students and colleagues.

The Department of Civil Engineering has launched a Centennial Endowment Drive, which will run from 2003-2006. Gifts made in support of the CE Centennial Campaign may be designated to the Roy Olson Endowment. All pledges made to the Olson Campaign may be paid over three calendar years.

Funds distributed from the **Roy E. Olson Professorial Excellence Fund in Civil Engineering** will be used in perpetuity to support the Geotechnical Engineering Program in the Department of Civil Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin. The use of the fund distributions will be determined by the Department Chair and may include, but not be limited to, the support of faculty activities in areas of demonstrated excellence in transportation infrastructure, support for distinguished invited lectures, support of specific departmental projects, undergraduate scholarships, graduate student fellowships, or administrative support. All initiatives supported by fund distributions from the Olson Fund will be recognized publicly (e.g. The Roy E. Olson Scholarship or Fellowship, or “thanks to the support of the Roy E. Olson Professorial Excellence Fund...”.)

Unrestricted funds of this nature are crucial in helping to department address the ever-changing needs of the faculty and the student body. In light of the extraordinary opportunity to establish a named excellence fund in honor of Roy Olson, the College of Engineering and the Department of Civil Engineering look to the alumni, friends and colleagues of Dr. Olson to support this great initiative. There is no question of his impact on the Geotechnical Engineering Program. The students he influenced number in the hundreds, perhaps thousands, and his research has forever changed the field of the foundation engineering.

Help us to honor the legacy of this great and accomplished man.

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