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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- The generosity of Cedarville University alumni and friends was overwhelming during the university's "CU Give Hope Day" Wednesday, April 8, as 475 individuals contributed \$214,907 for scholarships for students who have been hit the hardest by the coronavirus pandemic.

The giving total and number of donors far exceeded expectations. The initial goal was to raise \$100,000, and the number of donors surpassed the 328 people who participated during the university's annual Giving Tuesday campaign in the fall.

"These gifts will provide scholarships and emergency funding to students who are facing financial hardship during this uncertain time and will make it possible for students to return to Cedarville in the future," commented Dr. Thomas White, president of Cedarville University.

"We thank the Lord for the amazing generosity of Cedarville family and friends. He has shown once again that he is able to do more than all we ask or imagine."

The fundraising effort happened all-online. Although the campaign has officially concluded, the university is still accepting financial contributions until June 30 at cedarville.edu/CUGiveHope.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,380 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.