

# The Spirit of Giving: Making a Difference through the A.R.E.



**From Development Director Patrick Belisle**

## ***It HAS Begun! Brick Upon Brick...***

Thanks to our donors and members—YOU—we are now renovating the original Cayce Hospital building and creating the Cayce/Miller Café! (See A.R.E. News.) Demolition began in September with the re-siding and construction of the building's first-ever elevator shaft beginning soon thereafter. What a change!

A \$250,000 matching gift fund has been a real motivating force for hundreds of donations through December 31, 2013. Thanks to all; especially to Laurie Sands Harrison and Hazel Zachar who each pledged \$100,000 to the project! As of November 30, we had raised nearly \$1.65 million of the project's \$2 million goal! Depending on how additional donations come in, you may watch your mail for a possible second match this winter for the "Café Completion Fund."

As you may recall, the Café will sport a commercial-grade kitchen and seating for more than 100. This includes the adjoining Copeland Dining Room which will be a more formal space which can be used for weddings and Board meetings as well as everyday dining. It'll be a great place for conferees, visitors, staff, students, and volunteers to congregate and connect.

## **How Does this Café Project Fit into the CREATE Campaign?**

Good question! This building project will cost approximately \$2 million. That is part of **CREATE's** Capital Projects goal of \$7.5 million (you've already provided nearly \$3 million for our new Education Center and Houston renovations!) which is all part of **CREATE's** overall goal of \$30 million. That's a lot to keep track of.

In addition to capital projects included in **CREATE**, we are looking to raise \$4.5 million for our endowments and \$18



million for our programs by the end of 2015. Remember that *all* fundraising that we do during these years of the Campaign are included in the totals. And I'm very happy to report that we are well beyond \$22 million already. Thank you for continuing to support these projects and all the good work we do.

For more information about our **CREATE** Campaign and how you can help, visit [EdgarCayce.org/CREATE](http://EdgarCayce.org/CREATE)

## **We Need All Our Members' Energy, Not Only the Lottery Winners'**

You would not believe how often our devoted members say to me, "Pat, I would love to help the A.R.E. and when I win the lottery, I'm going to do it!" I know they are expressing their deep desire to help in a way that will make a big splash and a lasting difference in this world. If you have a little bit of that thinking in you, let me share a Cayce reading I recently discovered and let me know what you think:

*Rather know that the meek, the patient, those that are of one mind in Him shall—shall—inheritor the earth, the possessions thereof!*

*Learn ye what to do with them. For if you say, "Had I much, I would give to the poor; had I plenty, I would be kind to the unfortunate," and you do not do the same with your mite, you would not do it if you had much! (254-95)*

## **Your Mite Matters**

Please know that, while we do often ask for, and depend on, gifts of \$500 or \$1,000 or sometimes many thousands to achieve our ambitious goals, we do need and are grateful for every donation we receive, no matter the size. We really are. A.R.E.'s and Mr. Cayce's own humble beginnings are not lost on us. We run lean here. Every dollar matters and is put to good use. Thank you for streaming some of your financial energy our way.

## **Café Grand Opening—Friday, June 27, 2014**

Mark your calendar for the afternoon of June 27. You are invited to A.R.E.'s "Upper 67th Street Grand Opening" party! That day, the last day of our annual Member Congress, we will be offering tours of all the new and newly renovated buildings "up on the hill"—the Cayce Hospital building and Cayce/Miller Café, the de Laski Family Education Center, the Wynne building and the Gibbons House—and we will unveil our donor recognition terrace, the Stairway to Heaven. Come celebrate with us!

*Prepare for a meeting place, yes—when consistent with the needs of those who are through this channel seeking to know themselves and their Maker the better. Let each contribute according to the dictates of his [or her] own conscience. (254-115)*



**Q. What should be the attitude of the officers in seeking donations to the Institute?  
A. Attitude of service to man(kind)... (257-20)**