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### **OLLI Receives Permanent Endowment**

SIOUX FALLS, SD – November 12, 2010 – The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at University Center is officially here to stay in South Dakota. The organization received word that they have been awarded a \$1 million endowment from The Bernard Osher Foundation.

OLLI at UC was established through a grant in 2007 with a mission to provide lifelong learning opportunities for adults aged 50 or better. Over the past four years, the program has grown to include more than 500 members and has offered over 200 classes, lectures, and activities in Sioux Falls and Brookings.

The endowment from the Osher Foundation permanently establishes OLLI in the state of South Dakota, ensuring that South Dakotans will continue to have access to stimulating lifelong learning opportunities.

“We are delighted to support the good work of OLLI at UC in bringing enriching educational programs to older adults in South Dakota” states David Blazeovich, Senior Program Officer with The Bernard Osher Foundation.

The \$1 million endowment also comes with a bridge grant of \$50,000 to support the program until the endowment earnings become available.

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