

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



## From Development Director Patrick Belisle

We're breaking ground. That's something we haven't been able to say for over 35 years.

By the time you read this article, there is a good chance that we will have broken ground on our new "de Laski Family Foundation Education Center" in Virginia Beach. Scheduled for October 6, our Groundbreaking Ceremony (also see p.34) is symbolic in at least three ways:

1. **A.R.E. is expanding!** We need this new Education Center because we are growing.

- The **Edgar Cayce Foundation (ECF)** will occupy the ground floor with its fireproof cabinets protecting the Cayce readings, correspondence, and other precious items collected over our 80-year history. The Foundation long ago outgrew its space and will now enjoy offices three times as big. And I love the fact that this building is literally being "built on the Cayce readings" and that the Foundation is its foundation.

- The **Cayce/Reilly® School of Massotherapy**, which has seen its enrollment grow rapidly since being approved for federal financial aid, will be on the first floor. Consistently ranked among the top massage schools in the country, it has some of the least adequate facilities. This new building will completely change that.

- Finally, on the top floor of the new Education Center, you will find **Atlantic University (AU)**. Since AU has transformed into a truly "online university," *its enrollment is growing fast!* We will soon have the latest technology to connect students and faculty as never before. Just imagine the learning and transformation that will take place because of this new facility.

2. **Over the past 80 years, A.R.E. and its members have truly changed the way the world thinks.** Edgar Evans Cayce told me that when his family moved to Virginia Beach in the 1920s, no one here had ever heard of meditation, let alone chakras or colonics, or the importance of dreams. Today, the City of Virginia Beach brings busloads of tourists to our Headquarters to learn about and experience these things. *Our neighbors and political figures have supported this new expansion* and many of them have become members. Virginia Beach is just a microcosm of how the Cayce work has shifted the mindset of our country and the world. This new building is just one tangible example.

3. Most significantly, this **project bears out concepts from the Cayce readings:**

- **Mind is the Builder... the physical is the result.** This concept is everywhere in the readings and conveys exactly how this Education Center has been manifested. Beginning with A.R.E.'s strategic plan and our Board of Trustees, continuing with CEO Kevin Todeschi and the staff and, for the past year or two, our dedicated



members and donors. *You.* This project would not be happening without your assistance.

- **"This work we find is primarily educational..."** It doesn't get clearer than that. Cayce/Reilly, ECF, and AU share this common goal: to educate the people, one by one, about the principles found in the Cayce readings. *"Primarily (the readings) are for the teaching, the training for individual service or individual soul development..."* (165-22)

- **We must all put our financial energy into those things that inspire and sustain us.** "...Those who... have been convinced through that benefit received, directly or indirectly (from this work), would contribute to such." (254-33) The first two donations toward this building project—because they are convinced through their long experience about the benefits of carrying out the readings—were from our Glad Helpers Prayer Group and our CEO Kevin Todeschi. To me, that combination—pure intention and support from the top—signifies success.

We are grateful to many people who have brought us this far, but I want to thank three donors in particular—not only for their six-figure contributions to our Capital Campaign but also for their heartfelt dedication and their leadership in inspiring others to support this project as well. They are Richard Copeland of Bokeelia, Florida; Ruben Miller of Miami, Florida; and Don de Laski of Bethesda, Maryland whose family name will grace our new building in honor of their recent \$1 million donation. Between them, these three donors are responsible for raising over \$2.5 million for our building projects! Let's thank them on behalf of all our members—present and future—who will benefit from these beautiful improvements.

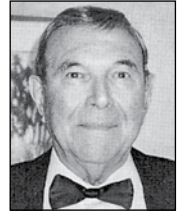
Unity Church, among many others, talks about the importance of tithing to those places that feed us spiritually and renew our souls. Whether or not you personally choose to tithe, I would ask you to consider how the A.R.E. has fed your spirit over the years... and then consider how you would most love to give something back to support the A.R.E.'s burgeoning future.

As I tell people all the time, donating money will always bring you joy and fulfillment if you are helping a cause close to your heart. I just love bringing joy and fulfillment into people's lives! I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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