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## State's big givers are full of heart!

Daryl Passmore and Mitch Gaynor QUEENSLAND'S 20 biggest givers made donations or pledges that totalled nearly \$60 million in the past year. Wotif.com online booking company co-founder Graeme Wood's \$15 million donation to the University of Queensland easily tops the list. The money will be used to establish the Global Change Institute, a research centre focused on international issues such as population growth and energy innovation. He and Wotif.com cofounder Andrew Brice earlier committed \$18 million to a UQ endowment fund. Mr Brice, 66, and his wife, Jennifer, also gave \$600,000 this year for 100 scholarships for students who would otherwise struggle to attend UQ. The Irwin family pumps all profits from Australia Zoo back into conservation projects. International programs receive about 40 per cent, and 60 per cent is directed to developing the zoo and their own conservation initiatives. About \$2 million of the total goes to the charity Steve and Tern Irwin set up in 2002 Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors covering all administrative. In May, mining billionaire Clive Palmer promised \$6 million over six years to expanding the Duke of Edinburgh Award youth development and leadership program. Coal tycoon Ken Talbot who was killed in a plane crash in June set up a family foundation with wife, Amanda, which gives away more than \$2 million a year. Linc Energy boss Peter Bond appeared on Channel 9's Secret Millionaire show, donating \$100,000 to a drop-in centre for indigenous kids in Sydney's Redfern where he volunteered for a week. The experience has inspired him to create his own philanthropic foundation. Toowoomba Developer Clive Berghofer has long been one of Queensland's most generous businessmen. He donates about \$1.5 million a year including \$1 million to the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. Darling Downs farmers and Wotif.com investors Lyn and Bobbie Brazil contributed. Kenton Campbell Gold Coast-based founder of the, Zarraffa's Coffee franchise chain has donated more than \$200,000, including \$175,000 to Ecoforce his non-profit environmental and conservation organisation.