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### Haber Gift Leads to Unprecedented Growth

William M. Haber first became interested in bats during a family outing several years ago to Carlsbad Caverns National Park where he was captivated by the bat emergence. After reading an article in *People* magazine about BCI and Dr. Merlin Tuttle's personal efforts on behalf of bat conservation, he wrote BCI that he wanted "to help convince America that the bats' bad rap is a bum rap," and he has been helping ever since.

Early in 1987 he generously offered his financial assistance in support of membership development and additional staff expertise, his goal being to help increase BCI's efficiency and broaden its base of continuing support. His contributions played a pivotal role in enabling BCI to expand from fewer than 2,000 to nearly 7,000 members since January 1987. With just two additional staff specialists and a custom designed membership system, BCI is now able to serve more than three times as many members in a fraction of the time previously required, freeing substantial resources for increasing conservation efforts.

Bill Haber is a founding partner of Creative Artists Agency, Inc. His talent agency handles some of the most celebrated actors, directors and writers in the world. Prior to starting Creative Artists Agency, Haber was with William Morris Agency. In 1975, he and four of his colleagues from the Morris Agency formed CAA, which has since become one of the three largest talent agencies in the United States.

After graduating from U.C.L.A., Haber attended Loyola University's School of Law. He is a voting member of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and serves on the Board of Directors for the Foundation for the Junior Blind and the Hollywood Radio and Television Society. He is also President of the Ivers Foundation and an American Counselor Member for the American College for Classical Studies of Athens. Haber lives in Los Angeles with his two children and wife, who is a lecturer and travel writer.

Bat Conservation International is extremely appreciative of Bill Haber's timely assistance and is proud to acknowledge his participation. He has played a key role in enabling BCI to build a strong organizational foundation that will have major impact in furthering conservation initiatives and educational efforts long into the future.

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Bill Haber portrait

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