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## As Primary Looms in N.H., Donor Gives Lift to Gingrich

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MANCHESTER, N.H. — As candidates spent the weekend trying to catch up to Mitt Romney in New Hampshire, with the primary just two days away, a longtime supporter of Newt Gingrich donated \$5 million to a “super PAC” backing his presidential bid, providing a major boost to Mr. Gingrich’s ailing campaign.

The donation by Sheldon Adelson was reported Saturday night by The Washington Post. He has long been a generous patron of Mr. Gingrich’s political career. The super PAC, Winning Our Future, was formed last month by Becky Burkett, who served until earlier last year as chief development officer for American Solutions, a political action committee that Mr. Gingrich founded. The cash infusion from Mr. Adelson instantly catapults Winning Our Future into the top ranks of candidate super PACs, groups that can raise unlimited amounts of money from donors and spend it all on advertisements and other efforts to back a specific candidate, so long as they do not coordinate with the campaign.

Ms. Burkett declined to comment on the donation on Saturday.

Restore Our Future, a super PAC backing Mr. Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, and run by his former aides, spent millions of dollars in Iowa on advertisements attacking Mr. Gingrich. The withering barrage was widely credited with torpedoing Mr. Gingrich’s standing in the state and opening the door for Mr. Romney to narrowly win last Tuesday’s caucuses.

The group is already running ads in Florida and South Carolina attacking Mr. Gingrich, and had spent roughly \$3.7 million by the beginning of last week.

Rick Santorum, who has emerged as the leading rival to Mr. Romney, began the weekend looking past Tuesday’s primary to the 11-day battle in South Carolina that will follow.

Mr. Santorum, a former United States senator from Pennsylvania, picked up support from an important social conservative on Saturday, and his campaign completed the purchase of

time for television commercials that will run in South Carolina from Tuesday through Jan. 17, according to Republicans who have been tracking the television market. He planned to head south to Greenville, S.C., as soon as Sunday morning's debate was over.

"We feel great about South Carolina," Mr. Santorum said.

The new commercials would be the Santorum campaign's largest commitment yet in South Carolina, which will hold its primary on Jan. 21. Mr. Santorum was already getting support from his "super PAC," the Red, White and Blue Fund. It began running a 30-second commercial titled "Pride" on Saturday, which emphasizes what his advisers believe is his best appeal to South Carolina voters who remain wary of supporting Mr. Romney: his deeply conservative record.

"He's the principled conservative," the announcer says. Then, taking an implicit shot at Mr. Romney, who has been attacked for reversing some of the more liberal positions he advocated as the governor of Massachusetts, the announcer adds, "Rick Santorum, the conservative we can trust."

Mr. Santorum was set to receive the support of Gary Bauer, the chairman of the conservative group Campaign for Working Families, who said he planned to endorse Mr. Santorum officially when he arrives in South Carolina. Mr. Bauer, who declared in an interview last week that he would not take part in a concerted effort "to try and stop Mitt Romney," said he had concluded that Mr. Santorum's middle-class background made him a stronger general election candidate against President Obama.

"It's going to be a particularly bitter, nasty general election. That's what the White House is signaling with the class warfare rhetoric," Mr. Bauer said in an interview on Saturday. "In an election like that, you want the base of your party to be on fire for the candidate."

With just three days left before voting in the New Hampshire primary, Mr. Santorum made his closing argument the one that candidates have been leveling against Mr. Romney for months — that Mr. Romney is not conservative enough to be the party's standard-bearer.

Standing on the bench of a picnic table here on a balmy afternoon outside a small delicatessen, Mr. Santorum used his sharpest language yet, saying that Mr. Romney was the candidate of the "establishment" and would only perpetuate "the status quo."

"The leader in this race fashions himself as, 'I'm a C.E.O., I'm a good manager,' " Mr. Santorum said in a near shout as he spoke without a microphone. But, he said, the country

did not need a manager. "It needs someone with a bold vision to transform Washington to limit government, not to manage the problems that are in that city," he said.

Mr. Gingrich and Ron Paul both echoed Mr. Santorum's attack against Mr. Romney.

Mr. Gingrich released a flier called "Not Romney!" that hammers the message that "Romney is not a conservative" and "Romney is not electable." Mr. Paul has said that Mr. Romney "won't stand firm" for conservative principles.

Mr. Romney continued to largely ignore his rivals. Campaigning at a rally in Derry on Saturday morning, Mr. Romney hammered away at President Obama's leadership.

"What frightens me today is we have a president I don't think who understands the nature of America, the power of opportunity and freedom," Mr. Romney said. "He said he was going to bring big things to America. Well, he did, but they came with great big price tags and they didn't work out so well. Big things, bad things, expensive things."

Polls show that Mr. Romney leads the field by a wide margin in New Hampshire. But he and his allies spent the day trying to lower expectations, even as they sought to keep his supporters motivated.

"Let me tell you: don't get too confident with those poll numbers. I've watched polls come and go," Mr. Romney said at a breakfast rally on Saturday. "Things change very quickly. It's very fluid. I need to make sure you guys get your friends to go out and vote, and you vote as well."

Also on Saturday, five former United States ambassadors to the Vatican endorsed Mr. Romney, choosing a Mormon over two Roman Catholic rivals in the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

In a statement showcased by Mr. Romney's campaign, the ambassadors said they "are united in our wholehearted support for the candidacy of Mitt Romney for the presidency of the United States because of his commitment to and support of the values that we feel are critical in a national leader."

Jon M. Huntsman Jr., a former governor of Utah, continued to campaign across New Hampshire. At stops on Saturday morning, he beseeched voters to be serious about their choice.

"The pundits come into New Hampshire, as they are now, and say, 'Here's how it's going to happen folks,'" Mr. Huntsman said at a town-hall-style meeting in North Haverhill, where

about 100 people turned out. “Then the people of New Hampshire step in and it’s a different reality. You always, always upend conventional wisdom, and I think you’re going to do it again.”

Mr. Paul had said he planned to support his party’s eventual nominee, even though most of the other Republican candidates, he believed, would hew close to the status quo.

“I will support the Republican nominee, because I think they will be better” than President Obama, he said. “But I think it will be marginally better.”

Gov. Rick Perry of Texas, who is not competing in New Hampshire but will appear in the debates here, planned to go to South Carolina on Sunday for a last effort to save his candidacy.

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## Casino mogul Sheldon Adelson's family is bankrolling Gingrich Super PAC

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Family members of Las Vegas Sands casino magnate [Sheldon Adelson](#) donated \$1 million last year to the independent committee behind presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich, in addition to the \$10 million that Adelson and his wife, Miriam, have given the super PAC this year.

Newly released federal reports show that the Winning Our Future political action committee, which backs Gingrich's campaign, is more closely tied to the Adelson family than previously known. Of the \$2 million in donations reported by the super PAC through the end of 2011, half of the money came from the daughters and son-in-law of Miriam Adelson, according to filings made to the Federal Election Commission late Tuesday.

After Gingrich's overwhelming loss to Mitt Romney in Tuesday's Florida GOP primary, Winning Our Future will likely need another infusion of cash if it plans to stay active in upcoming contests, particularly Super Tuesday, March 6, when 10 states hold primaries and caucuses. The super PAC may again turn to the Adelson family, which has single-handedly kept Gingrich's presidential bid alive with handsome donations to the group. The Adelsons are strong backers of [Gingrich's views on Israel](#), where Miriam Adelson was born.

The large donations from the Adelson family members, who had maxed out in making individual contributions to Gingrich's campaign, helped Winning our Future launch a barrage of negative advertising against Romney. Sheldon Adelson is chairman of the Las Vegas Sands Corp., operator of casino resorts worldwide, and one of the richest men in America. Miriam Adelson is a physician.

The new reported donations come from Miriam Adelson's oldest daughter, Yasmin Lukatz, and Yasmin's husband, Oren Lukatz, who gave \$250,000 each. Miriam Adelson's second daughter, Sivan Oschorn, gave \$500,000. Miriam Adelson has four children; the two daughters who donated to the PAC are from her first marriage, to a Tel Aviv physician.

The Adelsons declined to comment, but friends of the couple said that they expect them to remain loyal to Gingrich. "He will stick with Newt until Newt drops out of the race," said an associate of Adelson who spoke on condition that he not be named so he could comment frankly about his longtime friend. "I think he'll do whatever he needs to do to support Newt and do whatever he needs to do to beat Barack Obama."

Winning Our Future, whose spokesman Rick Tyler declined to comment, has spent about \$12 million to

promote Gingrich's candidacy so far, according to reports. It is unclear exactly how much the PAC has raised because the FEC has required the group to report those funds only through the end of December. The Adelsons gave \$10 million in January.

The only other major donors to the PAC listed in the report were from Texas billionaire Harold Simmons, who is a major backer of Texas Gov. Rick Perry, and Alabama commercial real estate investor W. S. Propst. Each gave \$500,000 each in December.

Super PACs, under recent court rulings, can accept unlimited amounts of donations as long as the committees do not coordinate with a campaign. Winning Our Future is run by former Gingrich associates who had previously worked for Gingrich's campaign and his similarly named 527 nonprofit organization.

Winning Our Future reported to the FEC as the address for Miriam Adelson's daughters and son-in-law — Ochshorn and the Lukatzes — as being the Venetian hotel in Las Vegas owned by Sheldon Adelson's Las Vegas Sands Corp.

Yasmin Lukatz serves on the board of trustees of the Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson Educational Campus, a school in Las Vegas. A 2008 story from the Israeli news site Haaretz.com referred to Lukatz as a high-ranking Las Vegas Sands Corp. executive, and her biography on the campus Web site states that she is special assistant to Sheldon Adelson, chairman and CEO of Las Vegas Sands. But a company spokesman said Lukatz is no longer an employee of her stepfather's firm.

Little is known about Lukatz, who began making contributions to Republicans in 2007 and is listed in federal reports by campaigns as a homemaker or an executive at the Venetian. According to Haaretz.com, Yasmin Lukatz returned to Israel "to do military service as an officer in the Israel Air Force. Afterward she stayed on, concluding cum laude a first degree in law and business administration at Tel Aviv University. "

Before Oren Lukatz married Yasmin Oschorn in 2009, he had not made a campaign contribution to a candidate to federal office, records show. Since late 2010, he has made nearly \$400,000 in donations, including the recent PAC gift.

His Twitter bio says that he was "born and raised in Israel, educated in Europe and in the United States." A graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute, Oren Lukatz's photography has been shown in U.S. galleries, according to his Web site. One recent show, "Road Closed Ahead," features "dead-end alleys, old motels, neglected buildings, empty pools and filthy streets" near the Las Vegas Strip, the Web site said.

Sivan Oschorn studied astrophysics and business administration, according to Haaretz.com, and she is married to attorney Patrick Dumont, a vice president of Las Vegas Sands, according to FEC filings. Dumont also is a major GOP contributor.

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