**A Class Act**

The Class of 1953 Endowed Scholarship Fund

The inspiration to give comes in many forms. For Norman “Jesse” James ’53, it came in the form of class pride, lifelong friendships and a desire to establish a legacy on College Hill.

When Norm reflects on his past, he feels that he “was phenomenally lucky coming to Brown.” Upon returning to Rhode Island after a stint in Okinawa with the service, he volunteered as a Brown fraternity alumni advisor in honor of Al Buckley ’49, his former advisor. Twenty years as class president followed, which enabled him to keep in touch with old friends and to make new ones.

Norm’s desire to establish a legacy with future generations led him to spearhead the creation of the Class of 1953 Endowed Scholarship Fund. The merged classes of Brown ’53 and Pembroke ’53 responded generously. Since 1996, 18 undergraduate students have joined fellow Brunonians on College Hill supported by the generosity of members of the Class of 1953.

Norm, whose support of Brown includes a gift in his will designated to this endowed scholarship fund, says he’s pleased to “further (his) legacy at the University.” In keeping with his other legacy of volunteering, Norm currently chairs the Class of 1953 Scholarship committee. Each semester, the committee treats the scholarship recipients to lunch and presents them with a class-created DVD that includes campus footage from 1953.

All things considered, Norm says that he’s not sure who has benefited the most. “Brown has meant an awful lot to me,” he says. “It’s been the source of wonderful experiences and lifelong friendships.”

Follow in Norm and the Class of 1953’s footsteps and support the educational aspirations of future Brown students. Contact David Coon at 401-863-9119 or Planned_Giving@brown.edu to learn more.
A Gift in Your Estate Plan Is Right for You If:

- You want the opportunity to guide decisions about the future ownership of your possessions and the legacy you leave behind.
- You have a will or living trust or are ready to create one.
- You want to make sure your support of Brown University is still available after your lifetime.
- You want to balance your generosity to Brown with an assurance that loved ones are taken care of first.
- You want to maintain the flexibility to change your mind about your gift at any time.

A Family-First Approach to Charitable Giving

Remember Brown in Your Will or Living Trust

In addition to passing assets to loved ones, your will or living trust can also be used to define your legacy at Brown University. When you remember Brown with a gift in your estate plan, you join a special group of people who have made stimulating programs and life-shaping educational opportunities possible for our students.

Advantages

- Simplicity. As little as one sentence in your will or living trust is all that is needed to complete your gift.
- Flexibility. Until your will or trust goes into effect, you are free to alter your plans.
- Versatility. You can give a specific item, an amount of money, a gift contingent upon certain events or a percentage of your estate.

How a Gift in Your Will Works

Your estate planning attorney can help you structure a gift so your loved ones will be taken care of first after you’re gone. He or she will include our sample language in a will or living trust you create, or add it to existing documents through an amendment. A popular option is to leave a percentage of what is left in your estate after other beneficiaries have received their shares so your gift will remain proportionate to the size of your estate, no matter how it fluctuates.

Return the enclosed survey for sample language to take to your estate planning attorney to add to your will or living trust.
No Two Brown Legacies Are Alike
Create Your Unique Pathway to Philanthropy

Everyone has different things that they must account for in their budgets, and juggling it all can make it hard to be as charitable as you would like. The good news is that your support doesn’t have to come all at once.

By combining a current gift with a future gift, you can make a big impact at Brown University—both today and tomorrow. Your generosity will help us meet critical needs today and allow us to plan for the future with confidence.

Get Started Today
You can support educational opportunities at Brown today and put the wheels in motion for creating your philanthropic legacy. Here’s how to make an immediate impact:

- Donate cash. You can give a little every year or one lump sum to help us provide operational necessities.
- Make a gift of other assets. Stocks, bonds, real estate and other property that have grown in value since you first purchased them make it possible to give a larger donation for less cost—and provide you with tax benefits.

Plan a Future Gift
It costs you nothing today to include Brown in your future charitable plans. You’ll leave your legacy and support tomorrow’s leaders and innovators. Here are some ways to support our future that won’t affect your financial situation today:

- Include Brown in your will or trust. This is an easy and flexible way to extend your support. You can give a specific amount or leave a percentage of your estate. As little as one sentence in your will is all it takes to complete your gift.
- Donate retirement plan assets. By making a simple designation on your plan’s beneficiary designation form, you can save your loved ones from a significant tax burden while helping fellow Brunonians.
- Donate a life insurance policy. You can donate a no-longer-needed policy or simply name Brown University as the beneficiary.

Uncover more information about the variety of ways to support Brown’s students and programs at plannedgiving.brown.edu.

A Simple Way to Support Brown
You can make a big difference with just a little effort by including a gift to benefit Brown University in your will or living trust. Learn more about this easy way to make a difference by requesting our FREE guide Make Your Impact at Brown by returning the enclosed survey.
Alumni Legacies on College Hill

There are numerous ways that you can support the Brown community with a charitable gift in your estate plan. Here are a few examples of how our generous alumni have provided for the University’s future.

Beatrice “Bea” C. Minkins ’36, a graduate of Pembroke College and a lifelong resident of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, died in January of 2014 at the age of 100. One of five sisters who attended Brown, Bea was one of the earliest alumnae of color. During World War II, she worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and later joined the Employment Service, where she worked for 37 years. Bea created a trust during her lifetime with Brown as a beneficiary. After her lifetime, Brown received a gift of $1.5 million, which the University is using for its most pressing current needs.

Dr. Harold S. Gold ’51, P’81, P’82, P’86 named Brown as the beneficiary of his IRA. While not an athlete himself, Harold was an avid fan of Brown sports, attending many athletic events and Sports Foundation meetings. When he died in February of 2014, his IRA proceeds resulted in a gift to Brown of more than $625,000. As he had directed, the University used the money to create a permanently endowed fund, The Harold S. Gold Family Fund, to support Brown football, women’s ice hockey and women’s crew.

Dr. Marjorie J. Lightfoot ’55 attended Brown on a full scholarship and went on to teach literature at Arizona State University. To show her appreciation, she designated Brown as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. After she died in September of 2014, Brown received $546,000 from the insurance policy, which the University added to the President’s Discretionary Fund, a source for funding the President’s key initiatives.

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