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A \$1 million donation from a two-time graduate of The University of Toledo Judith Herb College of Education will support generations of future teachers.

Janet Keller, who received a bachelor of education degree in 1960 and a master of education degree in 1964, made the gift “because I love the University.”

The former high school Spanish teacher said she and her husband, the Rev. Gerald Keller, were inspired to advance the college’s strong reputation as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

“We wanted to do something to help others,” Mrs. Keller said. “I had a wonderful career as a teacher, and I want

to help others have that opportunity. We want to see more students become good teachers.”

This \$1 million gift builds upon previous generosity from the Kellers, of Wadsworth, Ohio. In 1985, they established the A. Martin and Ruth Zucker Fund in memory of her parents. That fund, along with this additional contribution to it, is designated to support student scholarships and other priorities of the Judith Herb College of Education.

“The thank you notes from the students are a delight to both of us, even

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The Rev. Gerald and Janet Keller’s recent \$1 million contribution will honor the Judith Herb College of Education’s 100th anniversary and build upon a fund they established in 1985.

KELLERS HOPE TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO GIVE

my husband who is not a graduate of The University of Toledo,” said Mrs. Keller. “The notes have been overwhelming. It says a lot about the UT students and the culture.”

“The generosity of the Keller family will not only benefit our students here in the Judith Herb College of Education, but also the future students they touch as educators, for an impact that will last generations,” said Dr. Virginia Keil, interim dean of the college. “I cannot think of a more exciting way to celebrate 100 years of our college than for a graduate to make this type of gift to support our strong future.”

Mrs. Keller, who taught at Whitmer High School in the late sixties to early seventies, said she was inspired by others who have made donations to the University. She hopes that their gift will encourage more people to invest in the future of UT’s students through a gift to the UT Foundation.

“I certainly want those who need that extra support through a scholarship to have the opportunity to continue their education,” she said. “It’s such an important investment.”

As part of the college’s 100-year anniversary, a student scholarship drive launched this month to engage alumni in supporting future educators.

“The Kellers’ generosity is a fantastic example of the loyalty and generosity of UT alumni, and the important role that graduates play in supporting current and future students,” UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. “We are grateful for this gift and the Kellers’ willingness to tell their story to inspire others to follow their lead and contribute to the University’s future.”

To make a gift commemorating the Judith Herb College of Education’s 100th anniversary, contact Brett Loney at brett.loney@utoledo.edu or 419-530-2408, or visit <https://give2ut.utoledo.edu/JHCOE100.asp>

LOVE OF ROCKET BASKETBALL RESULTS IN CHAPMAN GIFT

George Chapman has enjoyed watching six decades of Rocket basketball. Now, he and his wife, Leslie, have shown their appreciation for the UT basketball program through a major contribution.

Their \$1 million gift is targeted for the construction of a new basketball office complex in Savage Arena. The complex, which opened in mid-October, will be named the Chapman Basketball Complex, pending final approval of the UT Board of Trustees.

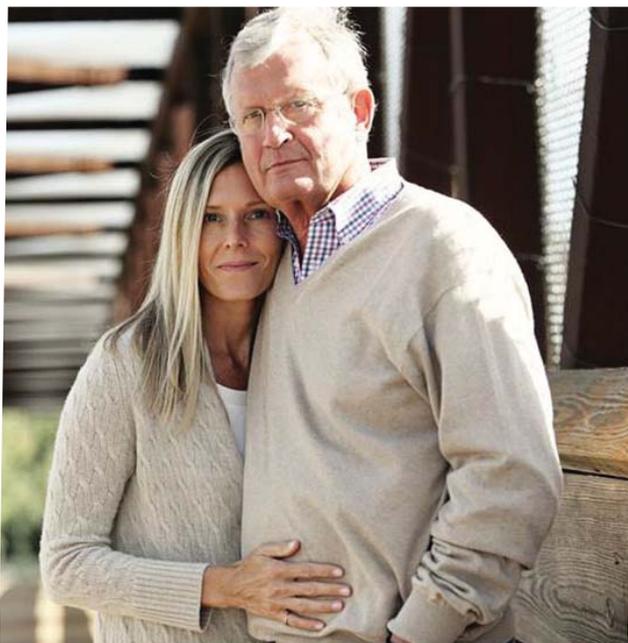
“We are very grateful to George and Leslie for this very generous gift,” said UT vice president and athletic director Mike O’Brien. “Their donation will not only have a positive impact on our basketball programs, it will also benefit our athletic department as a whole.”

Mr. O’Brien said the new basketball complex will address the great need for additional office space. “This will give our coaches an improved working environment as they lead their teams in the quest for Mid-American Conference championships.”

The Chapman Basketball Complex will include coaches’ offices, meeting rooms, and a video room. The new basketball complex is located at the concourse level on the south end of the arena, directly beneath the Joe Grogan Room, which has been expanded, substantially increasing its current size and capacity on game day.

“All the student-athletes, coaches, and support staff within our programs are tremendously thankful for the generosity of George and Leslie in helping our office complex become a reality,” said UT head men’s basketball coach Tod Kowalczyk. “Since my arrival as the Rockets’ coach, George and Leslie have become dear friends of ours and we are extremely appreciative of their support of the University and Toledo community.”

UT head women’s basketball coach Tricia Cullop echoed that appreciation.



A Rocket basketball fan for 60 years, George Chapman and his wife, Leslie, have made a \$1 million gift to the program.

“Words can’t express the gratitude everyone in our program feels toward George and Leslie for their generous donation. We are excited to utilize our video room and everything our new state-of-the-art office complex has to offer.”

The Chapmans are long-time Rocket basketball supporters. Mr. Chapman is the former chairman, president and CEO of Health Care REIT (now Welltower,) a real estate investment trust that invests in health care facilities. Mrs. Chapman is a yoga instructor and owns/operates Toledo Yoga.

“For over 60 years I have watched Toledo basketball, including the great teams of Eddie Melvin and Bobby Nichols,” said Mr. Chapman. “Today we’re fortunate to have our men’s and women’s teams led by Tod Kowalczyk and Tricia Cullop. They follow in a great tradition of excellent coaching. Their dedication to building terrific teams with outstanding student-athletes and exemplary leaders is what it’s all about. Leslie and I are honored to be able to contribute our share to such an outstanding program.”

For more information about making a gift to support UT athletics, contact Dave Nottke at dave.nottke@utoledo.edu or 419-530-2510, or Matt McKinney at matt.mckinney@utoledo.edu or 419-530-5347.

NOV. 6 PIANO RECITAL TO HONOR LATE UT BENEFACTOR

The late Dorothy MacKenzie Price will be honored at a concert featuring the inaugural public performance on a Steinway grand piano purchased through her contributions.

The event, part of the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series, will be held Sunday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m., at the UT Center for Performing Arts. Performances will include UT music faculty, alumni, graduate students, and special guests.

Mrs. Price, who passed away in July, was a long-time Toledo area philanthropist who supported the UT Department of Music, the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, Women and Philanthropy, and



The late Dorothy MacKenzie Price, pictured with Vern Snyder, former UT vice president for Institutional Advancement, will be honored with a concert on Nov. 6.

UT Libraries. She established a number of endowments with the UT Foundation.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at www.utoledoTix.com or by calling 419-530-ARTS (2787).

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WHY I GIVE: JOHN ADAMS

Name: John Adams

Profession: associate director for dual credit and undergraduate admission at The University of Toledo

Residence: Toledo, Ohio

UT Degree: Bachelor of business with an emphasis in marketing in 1976, and currently completing a master of liberal studies degree

Best UT Memory: Happy students and the opportunity to interact with faculty, staff, and students at all events

UT Areas of Support: Research in cancer, neurology, and cardiology



Why I Give: My parents, in-laws, sister-in-law, and I have been patients at the UT Medical Center. All of us received great care. The only way we can continue to heal is to provide the highest quality of care and advance through research. Drs. Larry Elmer, Samer Khouri, Blair Grubb, Mark Burkett, Iman Mohamed, Roland Skeel, James Willey, Gretchen Tietjen, Joan Duggan, Kris Brickman, Jeffrey Hammersley, Dawn Hernandez, Youngsook Yoon-Krawczyk and healthcare professionals like Jan Tipton, Sue Carter, and many others are the reasons I give.

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