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The generosity and foresight of a UT alumnus and his wife have resulted in a scholarship fund that will benefit generations of UT engineering students.

The University of Toledo Foundation has received a gift of nearly \$1.6 million from the estate of Fred Rieman (Eng '37), who died last June at the age of 95. UT received half of the Rieman estate, with the other half donated to the Toledo Museum of Art, through the wishes of Mr. Rieman's late wife, Alice.

Mr. Rieman was a design engineer for Service Combustion for over 40 years, and also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, involved in battles in Italy and North Africa.

The Riemans, who were married more than 60 years, were long-time supporters of UT and its activities, according to Mr. Rieman's niece, Bonnie Ion.

"Their only daughter, Joyce, died at the early age of 36," she said. "It was their joint decision to support The University of Toledo and the Toledo Museum of Art with the proceeds of their estate."

Mrs. Ion said the family was pleased to see the University benefit from the estate,



Fred and Alice Rieman's nearly \$1.6 million estate gift will create an endowed scholarship for UT engineering students.

especially since she and all of Mr. Rieman's nieces and his nephew attended UT for their own undergraduate degrees.

Vern Snyder, UT vice president for institutional advancement, noted that planned gifts are advantageous to donors as well as the organizations they choose to benefit. "Mr. Rieman's donation is a great example of foresight in providing our institution with a valuable and useful gift," he said. "A deferred gift allows you to

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live the life you desire, and then benefit the organizations that were meaningful during your lifetime.”

Planned gifts from donors such as the Riemans continue to have lasting impacts at UT, said Nancy Koerner, J.D., UT director for planned giving.

“Mr. Rieman and others in his generation have been instrumental in shaping UT through visible and generous contributions of time, talent and gifts,” she explained. “Mr. Rieman’s planned gift is an investment in future generations, and is a model of the power that one person holds to help others. Mr. Rieman will inspire other people by his example.”

Ms. Koerner said the Fred and Alice Rieman Scholarship Fund is particularly beneficial because the Riemans made the gift with few restrictions, allowing the College of Engineering to direct the funds toward priority needs.

“Fred Rieman showed the trust he had in the University as a good steward of his gift for student aid,” said Ms. Koerner.

“Fred Rieman’s generosity will have a global impact,” said Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of UT’s College of Engineering. “He remembered that he was once a young engineering student, and his gift will help many of our students from around the world achieve their academic and professional goals.”

“In turn,” noted Dr. Naganathan, “this gift also will support The University of Toledo’s vision to be a transformative force for the world.”

For more information on making a planned gift to benefit The University of Toledo, contact Nancy Koerner, UT’s director for planned giving, at nancy.koerner@utoledo.edu or 419-530-5412.

UT AND UT FOUNDATION AWARDED FOR COMMUNITY EFFORTS

Although The University of Toledo is best known for providing quality education and research, its community outreach efforts have not gone unnoticed.

The City of Toledo recently recognized the time and efforts of the University and the UT Foundation in improving the Toledo community. In celebration of National Community Development Week (March 24-30), the City of Toledo and its Department of Neighborhoods acknowledged the work of UT and other organizations at a special ceremony on March 25, in Toledo City Council Chambers.

The mission of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is to benefit low- to moderate-income persons and the elimination of slum and blight, according to Kattie Bond, director of the Department of Neighborhoods.

“For 33 years, the CDBG program has been an important tool to help the City of Toledo tackle serious problems that face our community,” said Ms. Bond. “But the City cannot rely upon CDBG alone. Our success requires partnerships and commitment from the community.”

The University and the Foundation have been actively involved in revitalizing areas of Dorr Street near UT’s main campus. Ms. Bond said this commitment

to improve the Dorr Street corridor is to be applauded.

“These efforts, done in partnership with three Community Development Corporations, will ensure that the adjacent residential communities participate in planning and will reap the benefit of the revitalization efforts,” she said. “This is a great example of how UT continues to invest in our community.”

UT Foundation President Brenda Lee said the award is an honor and a reaffirmation of the value of the Foundation’s work in the community.

“By improving the community near campus, our goal is not only to enhance the quality of our students’ campus experience, but to improve the quality of life for the residents of Toledo, as well,” she said.

Ms. Lee said the award is a direct reflection of the efforts by the University, the Foundation’s Real Estate Committee, and Matt Schroeder, Foundation director of business enterprises.

“These efforts have helped give the University a face and a name, and helped establish credibility with the neighbors, so they understand our wish to partner with them for everyone’s benefit,” she said.

“We hope to create and maintain a clean, safe and attractive community, built on a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration.”



Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner presents Matt Schroeder, UT Foundation director of business enterprises, with the University and UT Foundation’s community development award, as Kattie Bond, director of the City of Toledo’s Department of Neighborhoods, looks on.

GRATITUDE FOR CARE SPURS GIFT BY ALFRED AND ADELA MUNDT

The physicians and staff of The University of Toledo Medical Center derive their greatest gratification from providing personalized patient care and successful treatment.

And when that care has been particularly satisfying to the patient, it may also result in a smile of gratitude, note of thanks, or in some cases, even a financial gift of support for the hospital.

Alfred and Adela Mundt’s recent \$140,000 gift to the UT Medical Center is the result of such an experience.

Married in 1983, the couple began their marriage facing the trauma of Mr. Mundt’s first heart attack. Following a quadruple bypass, a pacemaker attempt was unsuccessful, and he was put on the list for a heart transplant.

The transplant was completed at the former Medical College of Ohio (now the UT Medical Center) in January 1998. Ten years later, Mr. Mundt is doing “wonderfully,” his wife said, thanks to the successful surgery and the ongoing care he has received through the years.

“We’ve had such wonderful treatment from the healthcare community here that we wanted to do something in return,” said Mrs. Mundt.

The Mundts, owners of Barron’s Cafe, Loma Linda and Ventura’s restaurants, believe the UT Medical Center is an important part of a vibrant Toledo community.

“There’s so much more to Toledo than many people realize,” Mrs. Mundt said. “We have a beautiful museum of art, wonderful restaurants, and a terrific university.”

She said the UT Medical Center’s physicians and staff are especially an advantage. “We have outstanding medical care here,” she said.

Beyond the clinical expertise they’ve witnessed, Mrs. Mundt said their own experience with the Medical Center staff has been like being part of a “family group.” Her husband’s care by the late heart surgeon Dr. Thomas Walsh was particularly gratifying.

“He was not just a terrific medical doctor, but also a friend who treated you like someone special,” explained Mrs. Mundt. “That’s so important, especially when you’re dealing with significant health issues.”

The Mundts’ gift, which they’ve directed to benefit the UT Medical Center’s cardiovascular program, is another important step toward providing enhanced treatment and care, said Dr. Jeffrey Gold, UT executive vice president and provost for Health Affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine.

“We are deeply grateful to the Mundt family for their ongoing support of our cardiac programs at The University of Toledo,” he said. “Their continued generosity and vision will impact generations of learners at all levels.”

Private gifts to the Medical Center are often the impetus for leading-edge treatments and solutions. “This particular gift,” Dr. Gold noted, “will impact the technical skills necessary to treat cardiac and vascular patients.”

“Al and Adela have made a transformational gift,” said Vern Snyder, UT vice president for Institutional Advancement. “Their sense of community, combined with their philanthropy, will have a significant impact on the cardiovascular program for a very long time. It is a special privilege to know Al and Adela.”

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