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A planned gift from Chuck and Jackie Sullivan has provided a significant contribution to The University of Toledo—while also resulting in a significant giving milestone for the UT Foundation.

The Sullivans' \$1.6 million charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT), established in 1996, is the first UT Foundation CRUT to have reached maturity and provide available funds to fulfill its designated purpose at UT.

A CRUT is a deferred gift option that benefits the donor, his or her personal beneficiaries, and a named charitable organization, like the UT Foundation. After creating a trust to benefit the organization, the donor receives an immediate charitable income tax deduction.

"The donor's designated beneficiaries—such as family members—then receive income for a specified

amount of time, after which the remainder of the trust reverts to the charitable organization," explained Brett Loney, UT associate vice president for development.

For the Sullivans, this giving vehicle helped them provide for loved ones as well as The University of Toledo.

"This unitrust enabled my children to have money coming in through the years that they could use for extra expenses, such as repairs to their homes or to save for their retirements," Mr. Sullivan (Bus '59) explained. "We are very pleased that the University now has the remaining funds to help current and future students in the Jesup Scott Honors College."

Mr. Sullivan's giving to UT began after his first wife, Patricia, passed away at age 47. As she was dying of cancer, she said she was afraid no one would remember her. Although her husband assured her that he and their children would always remember her, he wanted to do more.



"As I was sitting alone one evening, I thought that if I established a scholarship at UT in her name, she would always be memorialized and appreciated beyond our family and friends," Mr. Sullivan said.

Chuck and Jackie Sullivan's charitable remainder unitrust provided for the Sullivan children before reverting to UT to benefit the Honors College.

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That gift was the first from Mr. Sullivan, who later served as chair of the UT Foundation Board of Trustees and co-chair of the UT40 Campaign. He and his current wife, Jackie—who has adopted UT as her “unofficial alma mater”—have donated more than \$14 million across campus, including the Honors College, the College of Business and Innovation, academic scholarships, and several UT athletics programs and facilities.

Supporting The University of Toledo was a natural decision for Mr. Sullivan, who remains grateful for the education he received. “I was one of nine children, so I had to work my way through UT,” he said. “Having a hometown college was the only way I could have gotten a college education, and I received a fine one at UT.” That UT degree led to a successful career for Mr. Sullivan, the retired chair and CEO of Interstate Bakeries.

The Sullivans stressed the importance of supporting the University. “I would strongly encourage alumni and others in the Toledo community, who appreciate the important role UT plays in so many lives, to contribute to UT if they are in a position to do so,” he said.

“We’ve been proud to provide Sullivan Awards to our students for many years,” said Dr. Heidi Appel, dean of UT’s Jesup Scott Honors College. “We’re thrilled to continue their legacy through additional support for student experiential learning.”

“We are always grateful for donors who think of The University of Toledo and our students, patients, and community when making their financial and estate plans,” said Mr. Loney.

“This gift will have a lasting impact on generations of students, and we deeply appreciate the Sullivans’ forethought when creating this gift 22 years ago. There are many ways to support UT and we welcome the chance to discuss the right opportunity for each donor. It’s a wonderful way to leave a legacy that will benefit UT today and tomorrow.”

For information on CRUTs and other planned giving options, contact Brett Loney, at [brett.loney@utoledo.edu](mailto:brett.loney@utoledo.edu) or 419-530-2408.

## WOMEN & PHILANTHROPY SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE UT PROJECTS

A grassroots effort begun 10 years ago has become a driving force in uniting local women in their mutual interest to advance the mission of The University of Toledo.

Women & Philanthropy, founded in 2005, supports and promotes UT while building relationships among a community of generous and forward-thinking women. The group’s 80 members have provided more than \$424,000 to UT initiatives.

A recent grant funded the UT Women & Philanthropy NSM Active Learning Classroom, with a match from the Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM) Student Technology Fee.

The classroom resulted from several studies, including one that showed a third of all students fail a typical college science course. Another study indicated 60 percent of science or math majors ultimately fail to earn a science or math degree.

Yet, research also offered solutions. “Studies show students retain information much better through what is known as active learning,” said Dr. John Plenefisch, associate dean of UT’s College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. “This includes practicing or doing, small discussion groups, teaching others, and working together collaboratively—rather than traditional classroom formats of lecture, reading, or demonstrations.”

Through the W&P grant, a research lab was converted to an active learning

classroom, with seating for small groups at tables with embedded media sharing tools.

“The new classroom promotes student interaction and collaborative learning through seating design and the use of both simple and tech-assisted collaborative tools,” said Dr. Plenefisch. The classroom has proven popular with instructors, and demand for the space is high.

Students have responded positively, too. “It has made it easier to interact with the professor and other students and has really enhanced my learning,” noted one.

In addition to the new classroom, W&P—along with the Judith Herb College of Education—recently donated 1,000 books to Toledo Public Schools.

The group’s 2017 Holiday Project provided books to 33 second-grade classes in 19 schools. This year, they hope to raise enough to donate books to every second-grade classroom in all 40 TPS schools.

“Women & Philanthropy brings together philanthropic women from our community who understand the importance of having—and supporting—a strong, public, research university in northwest Ohio,” noted Jodi Farschman, UT assistant director of development. “As Helen Keller said, ‘Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.’”

To learn about joining or supporting one of these initiatives, contact Jodi Farschman at [jodi.farschman@utoledo.edu](mailto:jodi.farschman@utoledo.edu) or 419-530-2646.



Recent initiatives of UT’s Women & Philanthropy include providing books for TPS second-grade classes, as well as the conversion of a UT research lab into an active learning classroom.

## WHY I GIVE: ANN L. MEIER



**Name:** Ann L. Meier

**Profession:** Clinical supervisor at the UT Speech/  
Language/Hearing Clinic

**Residence:** Sylvania, Ohio

**Degrees:** Bachelor's in Speech Pathology from Ohio Wesleyan University, Master's in Speech Pathology from Bowling Green State University

**Best UT Experience:** A mother shared with me—10 years after her son was discharged from therapy—that he thanked her for taking him to the clinic to work on his speech. Imagine how proud she and her

husband were when this same young man stood up in front of 900 students and parents to deliver the senior commencement address. What we do *does* make a difference.

**UT Areas of Support:** Summer clinics at the Speech/Language Hearing Clinic

**Why I Give:** Someone once wrote that “Giving is not just about making a donation. It’s about making a difference.” My entire career has focused on helping others with speech challenges—getting adults back on their feet with the confidence they need and offering children the tools they need to communicate effectively. My graduate students leave UT with the knowledge they have accumulated to accomplish these goals. Why would I not want to pay this forward to enable others to benefit from our clinic and our knowledge? Communication should be the backbone of our lives. Speaking fluently and clearly is not always a given for children or adults. Our clinic addresses these challenges and offers tools to augment deficits, if need be. I am proud to be a part of this clinic and a part of The University of Toledo.

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In her second State of the University address on April 18, UT President Sharon L. Gaber shared accomplishments that are building a positive momentum on campus and also encouraged the Toledo community to uplift its university by showing its Rocket pride. More than 400 students, faculty, staff, and community members attended the speech.

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