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Furman University
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
Strengthening partnerships beyond the gates

The implicit promise of the liberal arts and sciences is that educated men and women will be generous in their gifts, called to go beyond narrow self-interest to serve others. So, too, will the institution seek to enliven the larger world. Because Furman Matters expanded Furman’s presence as a private college with a public mission, building upon and creating opportunities for intellectual, cultural, and economic partnerships with the larger community. In doing so, we ensured that the Furman gates are not barriers to the world; rather, they are an invitation to engage.

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An important facet of Furman’s public mission is found in the continuing education programs that offer lifelong learning, from early high school through retirement. For years, those programs were housed in various sites around campus, an impediment to those seeking a menu of ongoing educational opportunities and a barrier to the kinds of nimble, innovative thinking for programming that arises from close collaboration.

That all changed in 2012, when the 23,000-square-foot Herring Center for Continuing Education opened its doors. Featuring state-of-the-art classrooms, meeting and office spaces, ample common space, and even a demonstration kitchen, the Herring Center immediately created a welcoming place for community members and Furman faculty and staff alike.

Trustee Gordon Herring ’65 and his wife, Sarah ’66, provided the naming gift, which complemented an enduring commitment that includes scholarship support and the lead gift for the Nan Trammell Herring Music Pavilion, honoring Mr. Herring’s mother.

23,000
square feet of multi-use space in the new Herring Center

3,000
upstate business and community members attend classes at the Herring Center each year
Community-focused learning opportunities in the Herring Center:

Bridges to a Brighter Future
Corporate and Professional Development
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Undergraduate Evening Studies

$6.4 million
total cost of the Herring Center project

110
students in the Undergraduate Evening Studies program

285
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes offered annually

85
Corporate and Professional Development courses