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A small gift can make a big difference

Since 2004, more than 27,000 alumni, parents, friends, companies, and foundations made gifts to the Because Furman Matters campaign. Charitable foundations accounted for several multimillion-dollar gifts. But it was a $25 gift from a young alumnus that helped the University crest the $400 million mark.

Andrew Trull ’10, a public relations strategist at Greenville public relations and branding firm Ferebee Lane + Co., is a member of Furman’s Young Benefactors, a group whose members each give $500 or more annually to the University. In a separate gift this November, Trull donated $25 to the newly created Greek Life fund.

A member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity as a student, the Raleigh, North Carolina, native counts many close friends among his fraternity brothers.

Greeklife, too, helped him hone his leadership skills and fostered a greater appreciation for volunteerism and community outreach.

“Our alumni and friends are connected to Furman in many different ways,” says Mike Gatchell ’91, Vice President for Development. “At Furman they have the option of directing their gift to a program that made a difference in their life. It could be an academic discipline, Greek life, study away, or a student club.”

#WhyFurmanMatters

As an alumnus, Furman is more than an institution—it’s a defining piece of who I am. At its core, Furman is a vast community of people that have and continue to influence my journey in life, challenging and equipping me to achieve more.

—ANDREW W. TRULL ’10
Planned gifts provide bright future

The early and transformational gift of $15 million from the estate of John Hollingsworth ’93 gave the University confidence it could reach the ambitious $400 million goal of Because Furman Matters which, at the time, was one of the largest campaigns ever envisioned for a liberal arts university in the United States.

The bequest also proved to be a stimulus for significant growth in the University’s planned giving program during the campaign, which realized a total of $83.3 million in deferred gifts, up 15 percent from the $72.2 million from the Forever Furman campaign of the 1990s.

The commitments came from 450 loyal donors, 201 of whom made bequests of less than $25,000 and 67 of whom were age 45 or younger.

“Those trends are encouraging,” said Steve Perry ’78, director of Planned Giving. “People are realizing that they have the potential to make a much greater impact on the future life of the University through a planned gift.”
Parents take the lead in campaign giving

In a campaign marked by transformation, $48 million in commitments made by Furman parents was indeed transformative. Throughout the campaign, hundreds served on Parents Council, a leadership body composed of current parents across the country. Forty served on the Parents Campaign Committee, one of the first campaign leadership groups to form when Because Furman Matters launched. And eight have gone on to become Furman Trustees.

Enthusiastic parent leaders and donors proved infectious for faculty and staff involved with fundraising efforts. “Parents have continually proved to be an energized group. They love the experience their students are having at Furman and they always want to have an impact. Their influence on this campaign’s success is truly remarkable and we are incredibly grateful,” said Vice President for Development Mike Gatchell ’91.

Parent leadership set goals, opened new doors, and served as advocates for building the University’s endowment, supporting capital projects and providing more scholarship funds. The Trone Student Center, made possible by former parents David ’77 and June Trone and Robert and Margaret Hill ’83, is representative of the significant influence of philanthropic parents on this historic campaign.

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David and June Trone provided the naming gift for the Trone Student Center and early support for the men’s and women’s intercollegiate lacrosse programs. David is an alumnus of the Class of 1977, and the couple’s daughter Julia Trone graduated in 2013.
Campaign bolsters annual fund

An important part of any capital campaign is the recurring annual gifts that make the difference between a good experience for students—and a great one. Because Furman Matters spurred participation in the annual fund to more than 9,000 alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends who each year provide support for everything from scholarships and research to internships, student life activities, and high caliper professors.

More than 90 percent of donors to the annual fund contribute less than $1,000, to support an effort that today brings in over $4 million annually, a testament to the grassroots support that is vital to the success of the campaign each year. Furman boasts participation rates of more than 60 percent from its solicitable alumni, surpassing the low- to mid-30 percent national average for liberal arts universities.

Significantly, leadership gift society membership, recognizing donors who contribute $1,000 or more in support of annual operations, grew during the capital campaign to more than 800 households, up from 508 in 2004-05 when the campaign began. And membership in the Richard Furman Society recognizing annual commitments of $10,000 or more, grew by nearly 50 percent, from 103 members in 2004-05 to 150 members this year. Richard Furman Society members provide $2 million through their generosity each year.

"Annual giving continues to be vital," says John Kemp '95, director of Leadership Giving. "Whether it's a modest first-time gift or a $10,000 annual gift made by a rich Furman Society member, people are inspired by a shared vision of Furman's lasting influence on their lives, and a desire to shape the experience of each new generation of Furman students."

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About Furman magazine

Dear Reader,

If you are a faithful and attentive reader of Furman Magazine you undoubtedly will have noted several odd circumstances in the past few months.

First, we skipped the usual fall issue of the magazine. Second, the publication you have been reading is a hybrid—part magazine, part report on the Because Furman Matters capital campaign.

An explanation is in order.

At the end of August, Jim Stewart ’71 left Furman after editing the magazine for 14 years.

We decided to take stock. We suspended the fall issue to focus on two tasks: recognizing the historic significance of the capital campaign in a vehicle that would communicate to all of the University’s alumni and friends, and reimagining the magazine’s content and design.

With this blended issue we have told the stories of some of the faculty and students who have benefited from the campaign, and those of the benefactors whose gifts led us to success.

This approach will inform the magazine, as well. Our vision is to create a publication whose substance and dynamism emanate from Furman, and whose value and insights extend beyond the University. We will introduce a new section, Around the Lake, providing short and medium-length content about the people and places on campus. We will be providing in-depth articles about trends and ideas affecting Furman and higher education. Classnotes will be expanded, and we plan to include reader-submitted photographs of your children, weddings, reunions with Furman friends—all of your life’s milestones.

Our first issue will be out in early Fall.

We’re also pleased to announce that the new Editor is Brendan Tapley, a writer who comes to Furman from the Mind & Life Institute in Hadley, Mass., where he serves as Director of Communications. Tapley, who earned his Bachelor of Arts from Hamilton College and a Master of Fine Arts from Emerson College, formerly served as Director of Communications for The MacDowell Colony and has extensive experience in magazines and online media.

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