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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 caliber 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 40 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 Richard 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.”

Donors with New Planned Gifts or Additions to Existing Estate Gifts

Maryann and Forrest* Abbott
Elizabeth Smith Alford ’40
Susan and John Allen Jr. ’73
Linda and Charlie Anderson ’82 P
Betty and Don Anderson ’66 P
Elizabeth Anderson
Julie and Neal Anderson ’84
Mac Arnold P
Sherry and Tom Atkinson ’58 P and GP
Tim Baider
Judy and Bob Bainbridge
Cortney Combs Baker ’95 and Scott Baker
Bill Bannister ’63
Graceanne Barbour ’58
Jane Arnold Barnhill ’72 P
Marie Barnett ’35
Sarah and Harry Barton Sr. ’49 P and GP
Verna Bates
Susan and Harve Baugess ’54
Judy and Bobby Bead ’79
Susan and David Becher ’79
Betty and Ray Bell ’48
Bobby Bell ’82
Phil Berman ’81
Lise Magruder Berrier ’44 and Harry Berrier
Sunny and Duane Bass ’55
Claire Bean ’72
Alan Blackmon ’64
Gig Dubose Blackwell ’73 and
Reece Blackwell Jr. ’68
HeLEN North Bleidner ’59 and
Robert Bledsoe ’59
Ellie and Dan Bode P and GP
Karen Miller Bodi ’84 and Alan Bode ’82 P
Julie Boli ’89
Anita Davis Bridges ’70 and
Tom Bridges ’71
Lauren Kinley Briles ’02 and Tim Briles ’01

* Deceased  P Parent of a Furman Student  GP Grandparent of a Furman Student

Clark Britt ’72
Cindy Ebbrey Brittain ’74 and
Bob Brittain ’71
Katherine Broach*
Cathy Peak Brown ’73 and
Chris Brown ’89 P
Chris Brown ’89
Ann Cook Brumley ’58 and John Brumley
Ann Bryan
Bob Burke
Laurie and Kevin Byrnes ’91
Sally Caldwell
Greg and Ellen Callan ’96
Jean Lenford Cane ’56
Colleen Carson ’03
Robyn Allens and Roger Casey ’83
Kimberly Chapple ’88
Nellie and Scott Childress ’47
Martha and Jimmy Clapp ’71
Jennifer and Don Clardy ’91
Patt and Jordan Clark P
Art Lee* and Harry Clemons
Wes Clarksills Jr. ’82
Regan and David Cobb ’90
Jo Ann Coleman* ’53
Bob Coley ’86
Cynthia Wolnopol Collins ’60
Megan Finkle Furman Cole ’10 and
Chris Finka ’90
Janet Cone ’78
Bev Connelly ’77
Lisa and Paul Constine Jr. ’89
Hannah and Andrew Coody ’05
Gerald Copeland*’99
Jeanette and John Cotsman Sr. ’54 P
Janet and Dan Cover
Brenda Cox Sinclair ’76 and Jim Sinclair
Dick Cross ’59
Aggie and Richard Cullen ’71 P

Susan Thompson Dauber ’74 and
Steve Dauber ’72
Joy and Todd Davidson ’85
Amy and Russ Dean, II ’86
Maurice DeFonse ’58 P and GP
Lynn Hatcher DeLisle-Tate ’75
Martha and John Duggan ’69
Edward Earl ’86
Kurt Eberle* P
Chuck Evans, II ’69
Ann Poll Enlow ’80 and Jim Ewalt ’79
Tom Farmer ’50 P
Kelly Nichols Fleming ’91 and Bill Fleming
Bristol Lacey Foster ’59 and Bob Foster
Carolyn and Don Fowler
Al Fredericks ’72
Tricia and Doug Freeman ’72 P
Leigh Brock Friend ’07 and Ryan Friend ’07
Brenda and Bill Gant Jr. ’59
Eleven and Dave Garrett Jr. ’42 GP
Lorry and Ned Gartner ’66
Rhonda and Johnny Goforth, III ’75
Donna and Steve Giadack ’83
Laura White Greer ’72 and
Charlie Greer ’70
Barbara Griffin ’83 and Clay Stufler
Sheila and Walker Gunn Jr. ’61
Melissa Guynn ’91
Margaret and Lance Hafer
June Cariando Hammond ’81 and
Bruce Hammond
Julie Wood Harbin ’58 and Joe Harbin
Mike Harvey ’82
Karen Hermon Harmon ’74
Rotan Harmon P
Christina Tolerton Harrell ’98 and
Eric Harrell ’82
Carole and John Harrison Sr. ’72 P
Becky Edwards Hash ’67
Petty and Jim Hatcher ’74

Nancy Smith Hauser ’72 and
David Hauser ’73
Al Hawkins Jr.* ’64
Ann Copeland Heatherington ’74 and
Dale Heatherington
Fian and Andy Heman
Manton and Ralph Hendricks
Jackie Waldrop Hendron* ’56 and
J. Earle Hendron
Rosalyn Cude Hibbard ’68 and
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Angela Hollis
Keeter and Sonny Horton Jr. ’52 P
Margaret Howell ’51
Tamara and Bob Howell
Mary and Bill Hovis ’59
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Martha Lattimore Hughes ’73 and
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Janet Southern Huskey ’82 and Tom Huskey
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Jackie Jackson ’72 and Joe Yates
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Jackie Nelson Jackson ’85 and
Warren Jackson
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Clayton Jennings ’95
George Johnson ’68
Cynthia and Mike Johnson ’94
Shelley and Terry Johnson
Janifer and David Johnson
Dorothy Johnson
Debbie and Mike Johnson ’73
Marguerite Whitaker Jones ’72
Kay Byers Jones ’74 and
Remie Jones ’73 P
Brenda and Ed Kay ’64
Jane and Robert Key ’80
Shana and Pete King ’06
Wayne King
Bobby King ’59
Helen and Jeff King ’71
Lacy Knight Jr. ’76 P
Clare Field Kuhl ’75 and Steve Kuhl
Claudia and Jim Laferney P
Dian and Bruce Lancaster ’79
Mary Anne Landerer ’79 and
Jaime Landerer Jr. ’79
Kathy and Berrie Lenigan ’79
Gina and Tom Lathum Jr. ’70
Janet Shearin Layne ’83 and
David Layne ’82 P
Jo Harris Layton *’39
Rosalind and Jim LeFevre ’69
Ann Beletine LeGrand ‘62 and
Spencer LeGrand ’63 P
Joy Adams Lehn ’75 and Collie Lehn ’72 P
Cal Lehn P, II ’05
Mary Lindsey Lewis ’74
Cindy and David Lind P
Pat Cole Lindsey ’75 and
Don Lindsey Jr. ’54
Mary and Tom Lynn ’61 P
Barb Goodsell Maas ’71 and
Steve Maas ’71
Jenny and Sandy MacNeil
Geravasis and Basil Manly ’47 P
Kate Marley ’12
James Martin ’79
Lois Chandler Martin ’46
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 ’74 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 pleased to announce that the new Editor is Brendan Tapeley, a writer who comes to Furman from the Mind & Life Institute in Hadley, Mass., where he serves as Director of Communications. Tapeley, 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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