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Hills assume leadership role with Richard Furman Society

ROBERT AND MARGARET PLATT HILL have been active alumni and strong financial supporters of Furman since graduating from the university in 1983.

The Hills, who live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., have volunteered as class agents and served on the university’s Parents Council. When their son Marshall ’12 enrolled at Furman, they joined the Parents Council. Today Robert serves on the Parents Council.

Now they have agreed to speak on another major topic: co-chairing the Richard Furman Society Executive Committee. The group directs the efforts of Furman’s top gift society, which consists of individuals who make annual gifts of $10,000 or more to the university.

In assuming this role, the Hills join a short list of RFS Chair’s who have been among the university’s most active and generous supporters: Jim Hanafin ’70, Gordon Herxing ’93, Bob Pinson ’68, Jim W4 and Carol Nichols W2 ’Ney, and B.K. Bryan.

Since 1995, when it began with 15 members, the Richard Furman Society has grown to include 120 members who collectively donate more than $2 million to support annual operational needs, ranging from financial aid to internships and undergraduate research.

In turning over the chairmanship to the Hills, Jim Ney said, “Margaret and Robert Hill are marvellous examples of emerging alumni leaders. With their added perspective as Furman parents and Robert’s involvement as a trustee, they are exceptionally well suited to head this effort and will do a great job leading the Richard Furman Society to even greater success.”

Contact John Kemp, (864) 294-3717, to learn more about the Richard Furman Society.