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What do North Dakota, Colorado, Indiana, Taiwan, Texas, Arizona, Missouri, Virginia, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Ohio have in common? These are all places I have called home. Growing up as an “Air Force brat,” home for me is everywhere. How happy and excited I am to add Greenville and Furman University to the list! Since my husband, Bill, and I arrived in the Upstate in June, we have felt warmly welcomed. We cannot wait to show off our new community to our two adult children, our daughter Kirin and her spouse Matthew, and our son Austin, both who enjoyed the enriching experience of attending small, liberal arts colleges.

What has crystallized for me since I arrived is how much everyone wants to be here. The excitement around and for Furman at this moment is palpable. Liberal arts and small private colleges are two of my passions. Chocolate, dogs, gardening, old houses, sports, reading and travel are just a few others. The opportunity to be part of Furman’s compelling mission and bright future brings me both a sense of inspired joy and one of tremendous responsibility. Small colleges



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and universities are special places, and a liberal arts and sciences education is more necessary and valuable than ever. The work of helping to strengthen our mission, expand The Furman Advantage and engage our students, faculty and staff in the life of the university and the broader Greenville community – all in service to enriching the world through education – is why I love my job!

When people say, “Give ‘til it hurts,” a little piece

of my soul dies. Making a charitable gift is the ultimate expression of optimism, a testament to our belief that a better tomorrow is possible and the critical role we each can play in making that more vibrant future a reality. As a member of this community, I hope you will join me in giving until it feels good ... until you know the satisfaction of a student’s life forever changed because of a Furman education and a scholarship ... until you are inspired by the work

of a faculty member who is partnering with a student on research, discovering new questions to ask and new knowledge to share, thanks to a gift for summer research ... until you experience the pride of making the university more vital every day, in every way, thanks to an unrestricted annual operating gift.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know more of the Furman family as we build on our success of philanthropic and volunteer support. Being a development professional is an incredible privilege because I have the honor of interacting with donors at some of the best moments of their lives – when they are being generous and making a positive impact on the lives of our students, and through our students and alumni, the world. There is no better work than that. And no better place to do that work than here at Furman.

Hope to see you soon, on campus or at a Furman event near you. Look for me – I will be the one with the indistinguishable accent and the purple scarf! ●

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi Hansen McCrory".

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