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LONGTIME SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS OF SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, JOE AND TERRI GAFFNEY.

## THE TIES THAT BIND: JOE AND TERRI GAFFNEY BUILD A LEGACY AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

“Seattle University is  
educating people who will  
make this world better.”

– Joe Gaffney

They met at Seattle University, Terri as a dorm student, Joe as a town student, and as Terri said, “there was instant chemistry.” Both held positions in student government, and they found Seattle University intellectually stimulating. “We used to talk about philosophy and politics all the time,” Joe said.

In his freshman and sophomore years Joe worked part-time at Pacific Fruit Produce as an “office boy” and “night manifest clerk”; in his junior and senior years he worked in a law firm. Those were years of happy memories, and they recalled with special fondness the Jesuits whom they had known: Fr. Lemieux was president; Fr. Costello, academic vice president, and Fathers Frank Morton, Joe McGuire, and Joe Bussey, to name a few.

They graduated in 1967; got married in 1968 and became parents to three fine children in 1973, 1975 and 1979. The years rolled by but Terri and Joe never rolled very far from Seattle University.

As a matter of fact, Terri returned to Seattle University to earn a graduate degree in 1989 from the newly founded School of Theology and Ministry. She established a spiritual directive practice and joined the STM faculty as an adjunct professor. She also has served as chair of the Institute for Catholic Theological Studies and currently serves on the Stewardship



“We were both motivated by SU and its core values of developing the whole person and acting on what you believed.”

– Joe and Terri Gaffney

Committee of STM’s Capital Campaign. Today she is wholly caught up in the mission of the School of Theology and Ministry. In her words, “the interfaith aspects of spirituality and tradition in religion are very important to me. I am very passionate about that.”

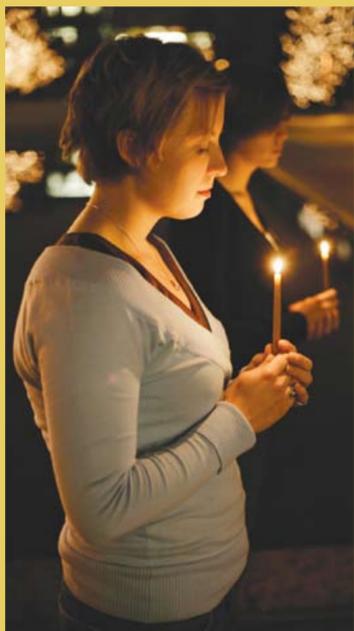
Joe, an estate planning attorney at the Seattle office of Dorsey and Whitney LLP, an international law firm, is no less passionate about Seattle University. His interests and work are with the Board of Trustees and its committees. He works at promoting the university in the downtown community, and more recently has taken a leadership position in the university’s fund raising activities. In Joe’s words, “Seattle University is educating people who will make this a better world. I like being involved in that, so I’ve been on every university capital campaign in recent memory.”

Joe became a Seattle University Trustee about 20 years ago. Prior to that he was on the Board of Regents. He was recently appointed chairman of the Planned Giving Committee to which, from his legal background, he brings a world of knowledge and enthusiasm. Speaking of planned giving he said, “I see it as an opportunity to give back and make a difference. Once you graduate from this life, it’s a nice way to continue helping other people.” To which Terri added, “you have to really want to do it. But knowing Seattle University as we do, and valuing its mission and its people, why would we not share our resources after we are gone?”

Well, Terri and Joe really want to do it, and in fact have already done it! Last year they put together a planned gift as part of their wills. They expressed it this way, “We go over our wills every few years to update them. We have designated our bequest to create an endowment specifically for students attending the School of Theology and Ministry. The main thing is that we are committed to the university’s mission and goals.”

Nothing could be more Jesuit. As Father Kolvenbach, the recently retired Jesuit General Superior said, “Mediocrity has no place in Ignatius’s world view; he demands leaders in building the Kingdom of God in the market place of business and ideas, of service, of law and justice, of economics, theology and all areas of human life. The world desperately needs men and women of competence and conscience who generously give of themselves for others.”

Thank you, Terri and Joe Gaffney for your competence and conscience, and your dedication to this lofty ideal.



## For the Difference YOU Make: How Your Support for Endowed Scholarships Can Transform Students’ Lives *and* Our World

You can make a very real difference in the life of a Seattle University student and an investment in the future of our community and our world by supporting endowed scholarships. During the *For the Difference We Make* campaign, Seattle University has so far raised more than \$38 million in endowed scholarships to form a lasting legacy of student support.

Endowed scholarships allow students like recent graduate Lucas McIntyre, '06, to attend Seattle University. Lucas, a Sullivan Scholar who majored in economics, spent six months during his junior year in India working with Mother Teresa’s sisters in Calcutta. “It was a powerful experience,” he said. And he expressed profound gratitude: “What a gift I have received. Somebody has invested heavily in me; I hope I can share that investment and enrich society, whether locally, nationally or on an international level. This scholarship has shaped my thinking in so many ways. My desire to serve others has deepened in my soul.”

You can fund a named, endowed scholarship to support Seattle University students today and in the future with a gift of \$50,000 or more. Scholarship endowments may be funded by gifts of cash or securities, and through planned gifts such as gifts by will, life income trusts or annuities, life

insurance or real estate. The endowment principal is invested, and the earnings provide permanent income to fund scholarships for students.



Seventy-six percent of all Seattle University students depend on some type of financial aid to help pay for their education. Investing in scholarships is investing in the future of our students, our community and our world.

10-Year Growth of a \$50,000 Endowment Fund

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Principal Balance of the Endowment*	50,000	52,250	54,601	57,058	59,626	62,309	65,113	68,043	71,105	74,305
Earnings Available to be Spent**	2,250	2,351	2,457	2,568	2,683	2,804	2,930	3,062	3,200	3,344

\*assumes average earnings of 9% \*\*approximate 4.5% spend rate

“Seattle University offers a unique experience and it has unquestionably changed my life. These experiences and transformations will live with me forever.”

– Arica Keyser, RN, APNI '07, Recipient of the Joan Razore Nursing Scholarship Fund

FOR THE *Difference* WE MAKE

THE CAMPAIGN FOR SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

## IS A GIFT ANNUITY RIGHT FOR YOU?

The truth is, most people are surprised by the benefits of charitable tax planning. Careful planning actually makes it possible to enjoy personal (or family) benefits *and* realize philanthropic goals and dreams. The *Charitable Gift Annuity* is a perfect example of this reality. Below, we answer some common questions about gift annuities.

### What is a Charitable Gift Annuity?

In the simplest terms, the gift annuity is a contract between Seattle University and the benefactor(s). The contract provides fixed payments for life and an ultimate gift to Seattle University. A gift annuity may be funded with cash or appreciated assets.

*Example: Karen, age 75, makes a gift of \$25,000 to SU. In return, the university promises to pay Karen \$1,525 a year for as long as she lives.*

### How secure is a gift annuity? Will my rate change?

Your rate is fixed for life, with rates being highest for older individuals. Gift annuities are also very secure. Your payments are backed by all the assets of Seattle University, not just the amount contributed for any individual annuity.

### Sample Benefits of a \$25,000 Gift Annuity

Age	Payout Rate	Annual Income	Tax-Free Portion	Allowable Charitable Deduction
<b>ONE ANNUITANT</b>				
65	5.7%	\$1,425	\$822	\$8,637
70	5.7%	\$1,425	\$884	\$10,956
75	6.1%	\$1,525	\$1,013	\$12,445
80	7.6%	\$1,900	\$1,340	\$12,403
85	8.9%	\$2,225	\$1,689	\$13,521
90 and over	10.5%	\$2,625	\$2,079	\$14,813

Calculations are based on quarterly payout using a discount rate of 4.2%. Rates can vary.

If you would like to see just how a gift annuity agreement might help you realize your objectives, we would be pleased to prepare a customized illustration for you.



Bob and Gina Harmon have established two gift annuities with Seattle University. Their annuities will support the Fr. McGoldrick Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. Bob is a professor emeritus of history and Gina worked for Seattle University in the Registrar's Office for 40 years.

### What are the tax benefits of establishing a gift annuity?

A gift annuity may have three potential tax benefits: 1) you qualify for a charitable tax deduction; 2) a portion of your annual annuity payment may be tax-free; and 3) if you use appreciated assets to make your gift, you may partially bypass capital gains.

*Example: Margaret and James, 80 and 82, contribute \$50,000 for a two-life gift annuity. When they make the gift, they will qualify for a deduction of \$21,730. Each year they will get payments of \$3,350. Of that amount, \$2,335 is tax-free income.*

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