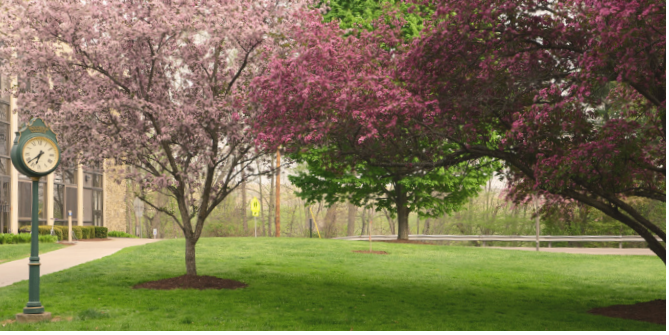


THE PLANNED GIVING NEWSLETTER OF HOUGHTON COLLEGE AND THE JAMES S. LUCKEY SOCIETY

Madeline (Woodhams '58) Stewart: The Legacy of a Revocable Living Trust

When Madeline (Woodhams '58) Stewart arrived at Houghton College in 1954 all the way from the Belgian Congo (today, the Democratic Republic of the Congo), she had little idea of what a significant role Houghton would play in her life.

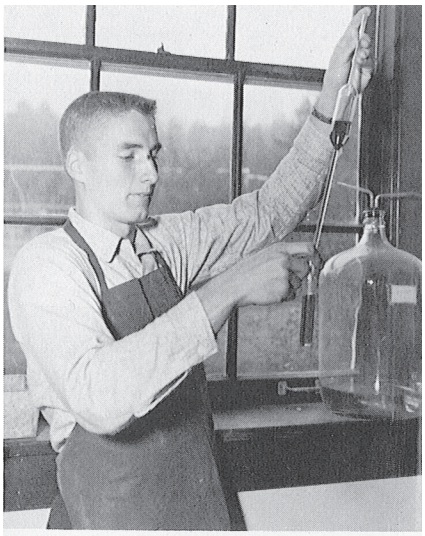
Madeline had a $250 scholarship from the American School and worked in the college kitchen to pay for the rest of her tuition, room and board. Through her work, she met John Stewart '56, a Chemistry and Zoology double-major intending on a career in medical research. Madeline and John became fast friends, a relationship that eventually led to their engagement and, ultimately, over 46 years of marriage.

Due to a significant injury as the result of a tobogganing accident, Madeline never finished her studies, although John did. He pursued a career as an independent researcher with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and dedicated volunteer hours to Camp Hope, a summer camp where he worked with junior high students. Although Madeline did not graduate from Houghton, she had a deep love and gratitude for the place where she and John had studied and met.

After John passed away unexpectedly in 2003, Madeline used the proceeds from the sale of her home to create a revocable living trust. In that trust, she designated a portion of her estate be given to Houghton College to create a fully endowed student scholarship to benefit Pre-Med or Biology majors, hopefully those who express an interest in missions work. To start experiencing the impact of her gift during her lifetime, Madeline is utilizing her monthly giving to ensure that the Dr. John A. Stewart Scholarship can be awarded annually.

Creating a legacy in honor of someone you love, as Madeline has done, is a powerful way to support the Lord's work here at Houghton College. Madeline encourages other supporters to "prayerfully ask the Lord how to use your resources well. He will burden you for causes He would have you support."

From the 1956 Boulder:



John Stewart—Efficient in sports and government . . . has science down pat . . . known and respected.

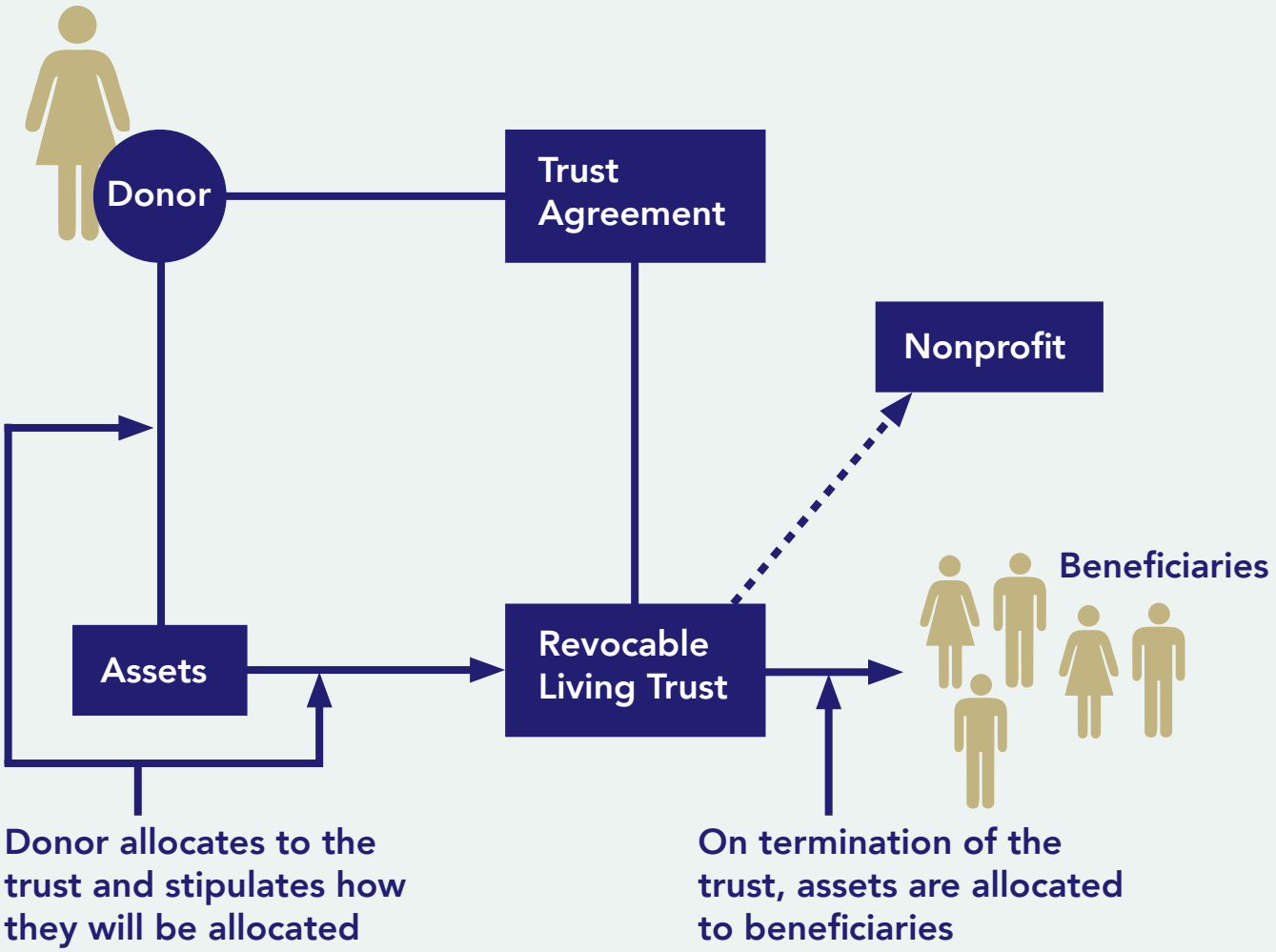
How Can My Revocable Living Trust Benefit Houghton College?

Revocable Living Trusts (RLTs) are a highly convenient way to manage your assets during your lifetime, avoid probate and provide for your heirs. Like other estate planning vehicles, you can use your Revocable Living Trust to benefit the causes you've supported during your lifetime, including Houghton College.

Whether you are just establishing your RLT or already have one, the trust is flexible and changeable, allowing you to add beneficiaries throughout the life of the trust. By naming Houghton College as a beneficiary of your RLT, you can ensure your legacy gift will be transferred to Houghton quickly rather than waiting the months or years sometimes required by probate. It is also an ideal way to give a legacy gift anonymously, if you prefer, as avoiding probate means your trust's assets are not a matter of public record.

If you have a Revocable Living Trust or are considering creating one that names Houghton College as a beneficiary, please contact the Office of Advancement today, and ask to speak to a representative: 585-567-9430 or advancement@houghton.edu.

How a Revocable Living Trust Works:



JAMES S. LUCKEY SOCIETY

The James S. Luckey Society was established in 2010 to honor those donors whose gift plans set a firm foundation for the long-term financial health of Houghton College and its continued ability to support Houghton students as they pursue God's call on their lives.

Like these legacy donors, James S. Luckey—aptly remembered as "The Builder" —demonstrated such qualities as faithfulness, hard work and deep concern for students. As Houghton's first official president, Dr. Luckey set his nearly inexhaustible energy to the task of raising a relatively unknown seminary to a fully accredited college with a reputation for academic excellence and faith.

Even as he pursued this vision, Dr. Luckey attended to the young people God put in his care, often quietly paying their tuition or finding them jobs that would provide room and board to ensure their stay.

Members of the James S. Luckey Society share a similar vision. They give wisely for the long term, whether it is through will bequests, charitable trusts and annuities, insurance policies, or the creation of endowments. They have the big picture in mind, yet their gifts attend to the details. Their support has a major impact on the future of Houghton College, but it also touches the lives of individual students—students who will become the future servant-leaders of our world.

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☐ Please call. I/we want to learn more about giving to Houghton through my Revocable Living Trust.

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Name(s): _____

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Please mail this completed form to:
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Building with Creek Stones

Did you ever wonder why James S. Luckey Society members receive a creek stone to celebrate their legacy gift? Here's the story behind the creek stone.

Houghton College's creek stone buildings are a striking and fundamental part of our identity. The story of the stones begins in 1940, when the Houghton College campus consisted of only seven buildings. There was no library and no administrative building.

Dr. Stephen Paine, the college president at the time, believed it was important for the school to have both a library and an administration building. Gifts totaling $35,000 were given to make these projects a reality. But in 1940, brick and steel were in high demand due to World War II. The College couldn't afford war-time prices to build brick buildings.

Chester York, the college facilities manager, was not deterred by the lack of traditional supplies for the new building projects. He had just built his personal home—"Yorkwood"—using native creek stone. Creek stone was inexpensive, available and easy to work with. Dr. Paine and Mr. York were convinced they could "get their building from the creek." And they did.

The creek stone idea was borne out of the disappointment and creativity of one undeterred man who believed God would provide another way. The creek stones speak to us of the investment of an entire community open to God's work. The creek stones we admire today were handpicked from the creeks around Houghton. College students earned money picking up and loading creek stone. These students did not just come to college at Houghton; they helped build the college. They built a part of themselves into the college as the college was building itself into them.

The Houghton College creek stones speak to us not only of physical buildings and God's faithfulness but also of Houghton College as a spiritual building, made up of living stones of each of our lives, and of Jesus Christ the Cornerstone who anchors and stabilizes and holds together everything on this campus that is worthy of being held together.

As you think of the stones of Houghton Creek, now built into the buildings of our campus, let them call out to you. Let them remind you that you are part of a Community of Investment—one that invests in you as you invest in others.

Spotlight on a Houghton Scholar

Emilia Blakeslee is the 2017-2018 recipient of the John A. Stewart Scholarship. A sophomore from Lebanon, Connecticut, Emilia is majoring in Biology and double-minoring in Chemistry and Equestrian studies. She intends to go to veterinary school after graduation. Emilia says, "I made the decision to pursue veterinary medicine because of my love of animals of all kinds and the passion that I have for caring for God's wonderful creation."