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OUR LEGACY GIFT TO HOUGHTON COLLEGE AS A CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST (CRUT)

Since 1960, Houghton College has held a very dear place in our hearts. It was where we met, fell in love and set out on our life journey knowing God was our Rock whom we would follow. We have fond memories and often reminisce about this special place where our faith was strengthened and confirmed by the testimony of our teachers and the lifelong friends we made.

After Neil's long and satisfying career as a pediatrician, we were in a position to give back to Houghton College in a significant manner. Selling our professional building (which housed the medical office) left us with a large amount of taxable income. As we pondered what to do, a tithe just didn't seem enough. Why not give it all to Him because He gave this and so much more to us? How could we give generously, enjoy tax advantages and know the impact our gift would have on Houghton College, our home away from home?

So we chose a Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT) as our planned gift vehicle. Since this is an income gift, it benefits both Houghton and us. We were able to supplement our retirement income and receive an immediate income tax charitable deduction.

Although we have no control over the investments of the trust, we have complete confidence in Houghton's stewardship. We are so grateful to the Office of Advancement for coming alongside us in this process.

We want to give future students the same opportunities and blessings we received. We were not seeking any recognition, but if our testimony can encourage others to consider making a planned gift to our beloved alma mater, then we are willing to tell our story. Our small but wonderful college is doing God's work, investing in the lives of students who will become Christian leaders throughout His Kingdom.

In His Name,

Neil R. Nickelsen '63 and
Vivian (Brady) '64 Nickelsen



CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST

Gift planning with the Houghton College Office of Advancement enables you to create a personalized plan for your charitable giving that fits your unique set of financial goals and individual means. Life-income gifts can provide you with an income stream as well as the satisfaction of giving Houghton College long-term resources. One of the most versatile gift vehicles is the Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT).

HOW IT WORKS

1. You create a trust agreement (gift range of \$150,000 or more) stating the terms of the trust, then transfer cash or other property to a trustee.
2. The trustee invests and manages trust assets and makes payments to income beneficiaries designated by you.
3. The remainder goes to Houghton College for purposes you specify.

BENEFITS

- Payments to one or more beneficiaries that will vary annually with the value of the trust
- A federal income-tax deduction for the charitable remainder value of your interest
- No capital-gains tax when the trust is established; property is sold by the trust
- The trust remainder will provide generous support for Houghton.
- Opportunity to continue growth of a CRUT with additional gifts.

HOW IT WORKS: A CRUT gives you the opportunity to provide income for selected beneficiaries during the trust term and lock in a gift to satisfy charitable goals. The unitrust provides for annual payments to the designated beneficiary(ies) of a specified percentage—at least 5% of the value of the trust as it is valued each year. Since the value of trust assets may vary from year to year, the payments may also vary. At the death of the last income beneficiary, the unitrust principal is distributed to Houghton College, and the assets can benefit Houghton in the manner in which you have pre-determined.

Charitable tax deduction: Unitrusts generate federal income-tax charitable deductions based

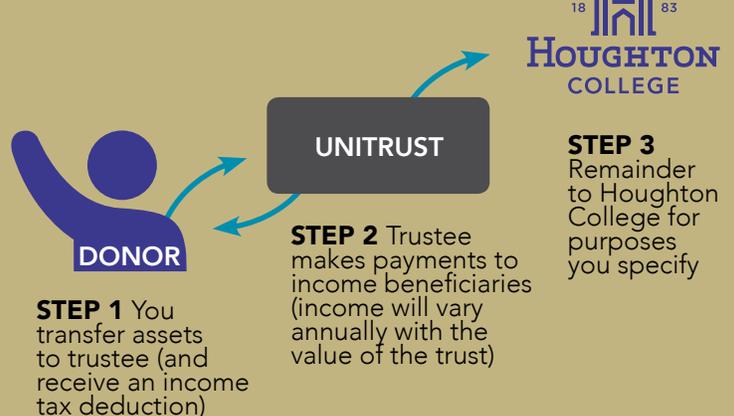
on the present value of the remainder interest that will ultimately pass to charity. The remainder interest is determined by reference to several variables. The most important of these are the value of the assets transferred to the trust, the number and ages of the beneficiaries or length of the trust term, the payout rate, and whether the trust is an annuity trust or a unitrust.

AVOIDING TAX ON CAPITAL GAIN: One of the most important features of unitrusts is that they allow a donor to fund a trust with long-term appreciated securities or real estate and avoid recognizing the paper gain upon the transfer. This powerful planning capability gives you a way to escape “locked in” positions in investments. Often, investors feel forced to hold on to some investments they would rather liquidate because of the potential capital-gains tax. A CRUT provides a way to preserve the entire value of an appreciated asset to address personal and charitable objectives without it being diminished by capital-gains taxes.

EXAMPLE: George and Mary Carlson purchased growth stock for \$50,000 ten years ago. It is now valued at \$150,000, but the annual dividends are only \$1,500. Now that they are both 65, they would like to augment their retirement income. To do this, they transfer the stock to a charitable remainder unitrust with a 6% payout rate.

In the first year, they will receive a \$9,000 payment—four times the dividends they have been receiving—and those payments will increase in time if the assets of the unitrust appreciate in value. Moreover, they avoid tax on their profit in the stock and receive an income-tax deduction of about \$27,400. In their 33% tax bracket, this saves them more than \$9,000 in income taxes (33% of \$27,400).

UNITRUST: STEP-BY-STEP



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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 supporting future students at Houghton College through a Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT) or through the creation of a planned gift.
- I/we have already included Houghton College in my/our estate plan but have yet to provide documentation. Please provide me with necessary paperwork.

Name(s): _____

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Please mail this completed form to:

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HOUGHTON COLLEGE DAILY PRAYER LIST

Your gift of prayer on behalf of Houghton College is one of the most important contributions you can make. The following list has been adapted from one originally printed in 1991 and is provided to help you pray daily throughout 2017. THANK YOU for your prayerful support.

1. Praise for what God is doing through the ministry of Houghton College
2. Counseling Center - physical, mental and emotional health
3. Houghton College Buffalo
4. Office of the President
5. Chapel and continued spiritual growth of students
6. Highlander Athletics
7. Equestrian Center
8. Admission Office and all Enrollment efforts
9. Human Resources - attraction and retention of qualified and committed faculty and staff
10. Arts and Letters Department
11. Biblical Studies, Theology, Philosophy and Intercultural Studies Departments
12. Natural Sciences and Mathematics Department
13. Education Department
14. Social and Behavioral Sciences Department
15. Greatbatch School of Music
16. The Board of Trustees and all other volunteer Board members
17. Campus Services Staff
18. Student Government Association
19. Student Programs & Clubs
20. Distance Education and expansion of online education
21. International students/children of missionary parents
22. Center for Academic Success & Advising (CASA)
23. Impact of Houghton 360 – camps and conferences on campus
24. Office of Academic Affairs
25. Launching of Houghton College Utica
26. Vocational Opportunities & Career Advising (VOCA)
27. Student and Residence Life Staff
28. The Offices of Advancement, Alumni and Community Engagement
29. Paine Science Center Capital Campaign
30. Finance and Accounting
31. Houghton's impact for Christ upon the world