

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

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Sharing Time and Talent



Fran Crown Sims '65 is a hunter-gatherer who devotes her time to reconnecting Austin College alumni with their classmates and the College. From her home in St. Petersburg, Florida, she mines information and helps close the gap for alumni who may have lost touch with the College.

She's been interested in genealogical research and has developed resources since long before the internet was a "thing." Winner of the 2016 Heywood Clemons Service Award, she has shared her research skills with Austin College, not only for her own Golden 'Roo celebration in 2015, but also for other alumni research.

Fran says she attended Austin College as a "cradle Presbyterian" whose grandfather, father, and two uncles were ministers. Her mother and three aunts all graduated from Austin College, and it was understood that she would, too.

As a minister's child, Fran received reduced tuition and a scholarship from the Women of the Church at First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

On campus, she worked as an accompanist for voice and music lessons and in the Green Room, which she remembers as a heels-and-hose, coat-and-tie section of the dining service at the College.

Involvement in the Education Department, religious activities, and traveling with the A Cappella Choir also filled Fran's days. She majored in elementary education and went on to earn a master's degree in Christian Education from Union Theological Seminary in 1968.

Fran credits her Austin College education with helping her excel in a career in leadership and management education. She has traveled all over the world, and still enjoys friendships with former classmates.

Now, Fran is extending her love for the College with a planned estate gift. She wants to pay it forward for a future 'Roo. "People did this for me, so I could go to Austin College. I hope future students receive the same benefits that I enjoyed: a broad education, friendships, and a 'Roo magic you can't put your finger on."

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Your Legacy Can Endure

The greatest gift we can pass down to the next generation is to instill the value of giving back. Showing loved ones that we are part of a larger world—and that what we put into it is what we get out—ensures the next generation understands the importance of philanthropy.

By talking with family members now about your charitable goals, and engaging in acts of service, you become a role model and inspire others to follow your lead.

Start the Conversation

Set aside time or use everyday moments to talk about what it means to be charitable.

- Share your hopes and dreams for Austin College and other causes you are passionate about.

- Ask family members which causes are important to them and how they show support.
- Request that your family share in supporting your charitable plans.

Take the Next Step

Discuss taking your commitment to the next level.

- Consider volunteer opportunities with organizations you support and invite your family to join you.
- Start charitable family traditions.

Solidify Your Plans

Discuss ways to fulfill your philanthropic aspirations beyond your lifetime.

- Consider leaving a legacy gift through your estate to Austin College.

For more ideas about how to engage younger generations in the act of philanthropy,

contact Suzanne Crouch, Senior Associate Vice President, at 903.813.2059 or scrouch@austincollege.edu.

John D. and Sara Bernice Moseley Covenant Society

Austin College has provided transformational education for generations of students since its founding in 1849. An initial bequest from Emily Austin, sister of Texas settler Stephen F. Austin, helped lay the financial foundation for the College. Her legacy gift, and those of numerous donors who have followed, ensures Austin College's place among today's acclaimed colleges.

The John D. and Sara Bernice Moseley Covenant Society acknowledges all of the College's friends who have named Austin College as a beneficiary in their legacy plans. Through their future estate gifts, the members of this special society will ensure the future financial well-being of the College. From one generation to another, Austin College remains grateful that so many families have entrusted it with these special gifts.

We look forward to welcoming you into the John D. and Sara Bernice Moseley Covenant Society! Your legacy matters here!



Your Gift to Austin College Can Impact Future Generations!

By including Austin College in your charitable estate plans, you can make a powerful testament of your priorities. Through careful estate planning today, you can accomplish this goal in a variety of ways. One legacy gift option you may wish to consider is a charitable gift annuity, a gift that allows you to create a legacy for future generations of 'Roos while at the same time receiving fixed, dependable payments for your lifetime.

How It Works

The concept of a charitable gift annuity is simple. You make a donation using cash, marketable securities or other assets. In exchange for your gift, you receive fixed payments for life. The rate of payment you receive doesn't fluctuate with the stock market, interest rates or inflation. It is firmly set at the time of

your gift and never changes. After your lifetime, the remaining balance becomes a generous gift to the mission of Austin College.

Your Benefits

- You receive lifetime income.
- You are eligible for a potential income tax deduction for a portion of the gift.
- A portion of your payment is income tax-free throughout your estimated life expectancy.
- After your lifetime, the remaining portion of your gift will support the mission of Austin College.



Feel free to contact us with questions about charitable gift annuities and to discuss current payment rates.

California residents: Annuities are subject to regulation by the State of California. Payments under such agreements, however, are not protected or otherwise guaranteed by any government agency or the California Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association. Oklahoma residents: A charitable gift annuity is not regulated by the Oklahoma Insurance Department and is not protected by a guaranty association affiliated with the Oklahoma Insurance Department. **South Dakota residents: Charitable gift annuities are not regulated by and are not under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Division of Insurance.**



Build Upon Your Generosity

Many of us routinely write checks to important causes that are close to our hearts. By doing so, we see the benefits of our generosity firsthand.

Giving every year helps Austin College meet its most immediate, pressing needs. On the other hand, when you make a future gift, you ensure the success of Austin College for generations to come.

Here are a few options to consider:

Remember Austin College in your will or living trust.

You can leave Austin College either a specific amount or a percentage of your estate.

A gift of retirement plan assets. Retirement plans make up a large portion of our wealth. Consider naming Austin College as a beneficiary of all or part of your assets. Simply request a change-of-beneficiary form from your plan administrator.

A gift of a life insurance policy. Select Austin College as the beneficiary of a policy you no longer need.

With a little planning, your legacy gift can help ensure the mission of Austin College into the future. Plus, making a future gift is an affordable way to provide support to Austin College, regardless of your income or estate size.

Among the benefits of making a future gift:

- You can make your gift through a simple process.
- You are free to use the assets during your lifetime.
- You can enjoy tax benefits.
- You can continue to benefit Austin College long after your lifetime.



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