Faculty and Staff Giving
For Rice. By Rice.

As a Rice employee (past or present), you are one of the university’s greatest advocates. Now, through the “For Rice. By Rice.” initiative, you can play an even larger role in the life of the university. We invite you to learn more about Development and Alumni Relations and discover how, with other faculty and staff members, you can help ensure Rice continues to be one of the top places to both study and work.

The Impact of Faculty and Staff Giving

In fiscal year 2015, 836 Rice faculty, staff and retirees joined together to contribute more than $3.5 million to Rice University. By making a gift, you express your belief in Rice’s mission and actively support our long-standing culture of excellence. Faculty and staff participation plays an important role in ensuring the university’s success.

2014-2015 Faculty and Staff Support by the Numbers

220: The number of gifts from faculty members.
490: The number of gifts from staff members.
126: The number of gifts from retirees.
452: The number of gifts made to the Rice Annual Fund.
384: The number of gifts designated to other areas of the university.
$178,017: The total dollar amount contributed to the Rice Annual Fund.
$3,344,702: The total dollar amount contributed to other areas of the university.

Ways to Give

ONLINE: Visit our online giving site at giving.rice.edu/facultystaff to make a credit card gift.
MAIL: Submit a form by campus mail to Faculty and Staff Giving – MS 83
PHONE: Contact Sara Rice Shafer, associate director of the Rice Annual Fund, at 713-348-5848 or sarar@rice.edu.
PAYROLL DEDUCTION: Give conveniently through one-time or ongoing payroll deduction by visiting Esther or giving.rice.edu.

To discuss future gifts to Rice of your retirement plan assets, life insurance or gifts through your will or revocable trust, contact the Office of Gift Planning at 713-348-4624 or visit rice.planyourlegacy.org.
Matching Gifts
You can enhance your giving if you or your spouse’s employer offers a gift-matching program, and you will receive credit for the total amount. To find out what companies match gifts to higher education, visit giving.rice.edu/match.

The Rice Annual Fund
The Rice Annual Fund is the university’s most powerful giving vehicle, providing immediate-use funding for academic initiatives, financial assistance, campus life and student success. The majority of employees who make gifts to Rice choose to do so through the Rice Annual Fund.

Why Does My Gift Matter?

Does my gift really make a difference?
Yes! The more people who choose to give, the greater the collective impact will be. In Rice’s 2015 fiscal year, over 9,900 donors made gifts of $250 or less to the Rice Annual Fund, which contributed more than $824,000 in support.

I work at Rice; why should I also give money to the university?
Gifts to Rice have a powerful effect on the university’s ability to remain a top tier institution. It is hard to ask the community to support Rice if we don’t believe in our work enough to invest in it ourselves.

Corporations and foundations look for high levels of support from our faculty and staff when making funding decisions, as well.

Please note: Rice is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all gifts are tax-deductible.

Students pay tuition. Why does Rice need charitable support?
It may be surprising, but tuition covers less than half of the actual cost of a Rice education. Rice’s endowment and gifts to Rice help cover much of the remaining cost. You might think of donations as silent scholarships provided by generations of Rice alumni, parents and friends, and even those who pay full tuition have benefited.

Become part of the team
Each year, passionate current and retired Rice employees volunteer their time as “Voices for Rice” to support student life and learning.

If you are interested in getting more involved, contact Sara Rice Shafer, associate director of the Rice Annual Fund at 713-348-5848 or sarar@rice.edu.

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Rice’s endowment is so large. Why should I give?
Rice is fortunate to have a large endowment, but endowment earnings cover less than half of the university’s annual operating budget. To provide the highest quality education for current students while ensuring the long-term stability of the university, Rice must utilize only a portion of the endowment’s value each year rather than spending it down over time. So while the endowment does a lot of the heavy lifting, the philanthropic support of alumni, employees and friends continues to play a significant role in maintaining Rice’s excellence.

I donated during the United Way Campaign. Is this counted in the Faculty/Staff campaign totals?
The United Way campaign supports nonprofits in the Houston community. Gifts made during the United Way campaign are not included in the “For Rice. By Rice.” totals.