Leadership Giving

The leading philanthropic commitment level that keeps Rice, Rice.

Investing in the Rice Annual Fund

The Rice Annual Fund relies on a strong tradition of leadership giving to support the scholarships, academic resources and campus life initiatives that keep Rice unique and vibrant. Gifts to the Annual Fund at or above the leadership level make up a significant proportion of giving totals. When you give at the leadership level to the Annual Fund, you make a very real difference for our students and faculty.

Each year, more than 87 percent of Rice alumni who give to the university make unrestricted charitable gifts to the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund, in turn, rises to meet the constantly evolving needs of an exemplary university. Leadership giving comprised approximately 67 percent of giving totals in the 2015 fiscal year. The dramatic impact our leadership donors have on the Annual Fund, and therefore the entire university, is clear.

Leadership Giving Societies

Recognition at one of these levels is based on unrestricted gifts to the Rice Annual Fund, including corporate matching gifts, during one fiscal year (July 1–June 30):

- Campanile Society: $50,000 or more
- Sallyport Society: $25,000–$49,999
- Lovett Society: $10,000–$24,999
- Brown Society: $5,000–$9,999
- Charter Society: $2,500–$4,999

To reflect how important your leadership investment is to the Rice Annual Fund, we recognize leadership giving levels in the following ways:

- Recognition in the Annual Fund Donor Honor Roll.
- Special communications throughout the year.
- Access to a campus liaison to answer your giving questions and to keep you informed about what’s new at Rice.
- An invitation to a special event in honor of leadership donors.
- Guaranteed, preferred seating at the President’s Lecture Series.
- Donors at the level of Brown Society and higher are invited to an additional event on campus in their honor.
- Donors at the level of Lovett Society and higher support the Rice Annual Fund Scholars program and have the opportunity at an exclusive event to get to know their scholarship recipients.

Young Alumni Leadership Giving Societies

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Ways to Give

**CREDIT CARD**
You may make a leadership gift online at giving.rice.edu. Alternately, recurring credit card gifts allow you to divide your leadership gift into monthly or quarterly payments over the course of the fiscal year (July 1–June 30).

**CHECK**
Send a check (payable to Rice University) to:
Rice Annual Fund – MS 83
Rice University
P.O. Box 1892
Houston, TX 77251-1892

**MATCHING GIFT**
Many companies match donations to Rice University by employees, their spouses and retirees. By taking advantage of this benefit, you may double or even triple the value of your contribution. Check with your human resources office in order to learn whether your employer matches charitable gifts, or search for your employer on Rice’s gift-matching database at giving.rice.edu/match.

For additional details, contact Helen L.–Toombs ’79, associate director of the Rice Annual Fund, at 713-348-4626 or htoombs@rice.edu.

**GIFTS OF SECURITIES**
(STOCKS, BONDS, MUTUAL FUNDS)
It is almost always to your advantage to contribute appreciated long-term securities directly rather than to sell them and then donate the proceeds.

For more information about how to donate securities or stocks, please contact Sandy Wilkerson at 713-348-4696 or swilkerson@rice.edu.

In past years, federal legislation has enabled donors to direct an IRA charitable rollover to Rice. With this legislation, an owner of an IRA could instruct a manager to transfer up to $100,000 per year directly to a public charity. The distributions counted toward mandatory annual distribution and were excluded from taxable income that year. As of July 1, 2015, Congress has not reinstated the IRA charitable rollover. Rice’s staff will let you know if the extension is granted.

For more detailed and updated information about this matter, visit www.rice.planyourlegacy.org or contact Jill Hughes ’79, gift planning officer, at 713.348.6206 or jillhughes@rice.edu.

Get Involved

For more information or to discuss your leadership gift to the Rice Annual Fund, please call Emily Hilber, director of the Rice Annual Fund, today at 713-348-4666 or emilysk@rice.edu.

“I am immensely grateful to all the donors who made it possible for me to begin my undergraduate experience at Rice.

— Asena Alay, Wiess ’15
Major: Psychology

“Rice has had a big impact on my family’s lives. I met my husband, Dick Sylvan ’70, here, and our two daughters also graduated from Rice. My family gives to Rice to help today’s students find success and happiness, as our family has found through our connections with this great university.

— Linda Sylvan ’73, Class Giving Chair