The Rice Annual Fund raised $7.9 million in 2016-2017 to help support the Rice student experience.

**Areas of Support**

**UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**
The Rice Annual Fund provided nearly $4.9 million in competitive financial aid packages, which helped attract talented and bright students of every background.

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LIFE**
Gifts to the Rice Annual Fund fuel residential college life, student development and retention activities, academic advising and recreation and wellness resources, helping the university strike the perfect balance between academic excellence, a cohesive support system and vibrant extracurricular activities. Rice spent nearly $6.3 million supporting these functions and the Annual Fund provided approximately $700,000.

**CAMPUS SAFETY AND BEAUTY**
The Rice Annual Fund provided $377,000 of the $3.4 million spent on campus beautification, campus security and emergency medical services programs that help the university maintain a safe and secure, yet friendly campus environment.

**GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT**
$440,000 was provided by the Rice Annual Fund as a flexible and immediate-use source of funding that cultivated the potential of every graduate student across a remarkable array of endeavors.

**ACADEMIC INITIATIVES**
The Gateway Program, Center for Teaching Excellence, Program in Writing and Communication and Center for Civic Leadership are examples of initiatives and experiential learning opportunities that enhance the academic experience. The Rice Annual Fund provided approximately $380,000 of the $3.4 million that was spent in support of these programs.

**LIBRARY RESOURCES**
Each year, the library purchases an estimated 32,000 books, while providing access to more than 150,000 serials and online services, which cost nearly $14 million. The Rice Annual Fund supported approximately $1.1 million of this total.