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 84 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 63 percent of giving totals in the 2017 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 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

Young Alumni Leadership Giving Societies

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Leadership Recognition

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

- Access to a campus liaison to answer your giving questions and to keep you informed about what’s new at Rice.
- Recognition in the Annual Fund Donor Honor Roll.
- Special and strategic communications throughout the year.
- An invitation to a special event in honor of leadership donors.
- Guaranteed, preferred seating at the President’s Lecture Series when available.
- Donors at the level of Brown Society and higher are invited to meet a student scholarship recipient.
- Donors at the level of Lovett Society and higher support the Rice Annual Fund Scholars program and have the opportunity to meet student ambassadors who have benefited from their support and see the impact of their gifts first-hand.
**Ways to Give**

**CREDIT CARD**
You may make a leadership gift online at giving.rice.edu. Should you decide to make a recurring credit card gift, you may 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 to Rice rather than to sell them and then donate the proceeds.

For more information about how to donate securities or stocks, please contact Melanie Boyd at 713-348-5800 or mboyd@rice.edu.

**IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**
Congress has passed legislation that permanently allows qualified charitable distributions (of up to $100,000 from the IRA of a donor who is at least age 70 1/2) directly to public charities like Rice. This provision is sometimes referred to as the “IRA Charitable Rollover.” This direct distribution from your IRA counts toward your minimum required distribution and does not trigger income tax for you. While you cannot claim an income tax charitable deduction for an IRA charitable rollover gift, it is a tax-free transfer that is not included in your adjusted gross income. If your spouse has IRA accounts and is also at least age 70 1/2, you may each make qualified charitable distributions of up to $100,000 from your respective IRA accounts.

For more information about how to take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover, please contact Jill Hughes ’79, gift planning officer, at 713-348-6206 or jillhughes@rice.edu.

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**Enhance Your Impact**

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

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“We feel like one of the most rewarding ways to give back and make an impact on one’s community is to help young people receive a good education.”

— Joe and Harriet ’58 Foster

“My interaction with Rice Annual Fund donors strengthened my understanding of what it means to give back. Not only are they involved in student scholarships, they are involved with a long list of other initiatives in the Rice, Houston and Texas communities. It reminded me that I should not forget to develop a spirit of philanthropy.”

— Naoki Shiba ’17 (Hanszen)
Majors: Chemical engineering and computational and applied mathematics