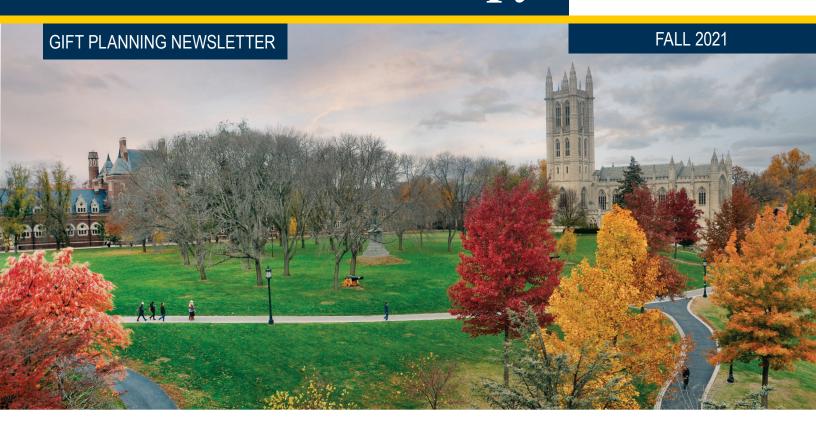
## **Focus on Philanthropy**





# "Impact Now and Later" Peter Donovan '75

"For me Trinity was the right school at the right time with the right kind of support," Peter Donovan '75 stated reflecting upon his time and experiences at the college. Trinity allowed him to do things that he wouldn't have been able to do elsewhere. Some of his fondest memories were made playing on the soccer team, studying away at Rome, and engaging with professors in an intimate and energizing way. Of these experiences, Rome was lifechanging for Peter, opening his eyes to a larger world and building friendships that he still enjoys today.

In making philanthropic decisions, one of the factors Peter and his wife, Louise, take into consideration is where their contributions will have the most impact. Trinity has compelling and worthy needs, particularly when it comes to financial aid initiatives and current-use support, both of which they give to generously. Tuition is the baseline of support for Trinity. Anything we can do to ease that burden for someone, we are happy to assist.



Peter Donovan '75 pictured with daughter, Jessica Donovan '15

Support from the Donovan family will extend beyond their lifetimes in the form of a bequest. "It was very important to our family to have Trinity as a beneficiary in our estate plans. Think of the gift you had of a Trinity education, the experiences you had, the relationships you formed, how that has stayed with you throughout your life. What better way to acknowledge that than with a planned gift?"



#### "Keep the Path Open" Robert Coykendall '59

As a neighborhood kid growing up on Brownell Avenue, Robert Coykendall '59 remembers sneaking under a fence on Broad Street to frolic in the baseball fields and catch a sight of the chapel. Years later he would become a Trinity student thanks to a generous financial aid package and his supportive parents who prepared him to take on the academic rigor of a Trinity experience. As a way to pay both forward, Robert established a scholarship fund in honor of his parents, with a preference for greater Hartford students.

Having enjoyed decades of meeting Coykendall Scholars, Robert used gift planning to further enhance his commitment to access for Hartford students. He transferred appreciated assets to Trinity, which were then sold to establish a charitable remainder unitrust as a way to avoid capital gains. He now enjoys a life income stream, and the satisfaction of augmenting his scholarship upon expiration of the trust. In addition to the charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) Robert has made the scholarship a beneficiary of his estate.

That path under the fence on Broad Street is a metaphor for Robert. He sees his fund as a means to "keep the path open" for those who are academically capable, regardless of their financial situation. "If you want to ensure an economically diverse student body, avoid capital gains, and honor someone special in your life, consider a gift of scholarship by way of a planned gift."

I cannot begin to describe what this scholarship means to me. How can you quantify how grateful you are for the past years of memories and opportunities that have been given to me? I've been intensely challenged at Trinity and have met people who have completely changed my life. I'm extremely happy and grateful for everything; I can say with utmost confidence that I can look back to these years with nothing but fondness. \*\*

SKYE GASATAYA, CLASS OF 2021 LINLEY R. AND HELLEN P. COYKENDALL SCHOLAR



Robert pictured with Coykendall Scholar

### The "Blended Gift Plan" – Good For You, Good For Trinity

Do your wish you could do more for Trinity students, but your financial circumstances make it impractical? Perhaps you can realize your goals – for both you and Trinity – with a "blended gift."

Trinity provides a number of charitable gift options that can be assembled, like the pieces of a puzzle, to create a gift plan that makes sense for your unique situation. Once we know your philanthropic and financial priorities, we can help put the pieces of the puzzle together. We call this a "blended gift plan," because you will use various gift vehicles to strategically achieve your desired outcome.

For example, perhaps you would like to endow a scholarship to honor a loved one or favorite professor, but your current financial resources preclude a contribution of \$100,000 to fund an endowed scholarship. A three-part blended gift could make it possible: a pledge of \$5,000 or more per

year to provide immediate scholarships; along with a \$50,000 deferred charitable gift annuity to provide payments to you as a part of your retirement plan; and finally, a commitment in your estate to fully fund your endowed scholarship.

This example is only one of the many ways to fund an endowed scholarship. We can tailor the blended gift plan to your unique circumstances and financial priorities.

Linda Minoff, Trinity's Director of Gift Planning, would welcome the opportunity to explore how a blended gift plan can benefit you and Trinity.

#### **Linda Minoff**

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#### The Charitable Remainder Unitrust

A charitable remainder unitrust is a great way to secure a lifetime income for you — or others you choose — while you support Trinity College. Your charitable remainder unitrust will pay you a fixed percentage each year. As the value of the trust grows, so will your annual payments. You will be entitled to an immediate income tax charitable deduction for the charitable value of your gift.

You create your charitable remainder trust by giving money or property to a trustee with instructions to invest the funds, pay a percentage to you or someone else each year for life, and then give the remainder of the trust fund to Trinity. You select the percentage to be paid and name the income beneficiaries when you create your trust. These choices are irrevocable and cannot be changed once your trust has been established.

The amount of the income tax charitable deduction for your contribution is the estimated present value of the future amount to be received by Trinity. The deduction amount takes into consideration the ages of the income beneficiaries and the percentage to be paid to them. In general, the deduction is larger if your beneficiaries are older.

You will not pay capital gains tax when you give appreciated property to your charitable remainder unitrust. However part of the income paid to the income beneficiaries may be taxed as capital gain income – a distinct advantage because capital gains tax rates are lower than the tax rates for ordinary income.

We would be pleased to answer your questions or send you a personalized, no-obligation illustration. Visit **legacy.trincoll.edu/crut** or contact Linda Minoff, Director of Gift Planning.