Manchester College was established in 1889 by people with tenacity and a vision. While many things have changed in those 127 years, the legacy remains. Manchester University is still an institution that respects the infinite worth of every individual and graduates persons of ability and conviction who draw upon their education and faith to lead principled, productive, and compassionate lives that improve the human condition.

Many graduates and friends of Manchester want to leave their own legacy with the institution that gave them so much. One way to accomplish that goal is to include Manchester University in your estate plan. Your bequest may be made in the following ways:

- Designate a specific cash amount to Manchester University
- Give a percentage of your estate
- Give a specific asset from your estate

The types of legacies created with bequests are as diverse as the gifts our alumni bring into the world.

- More than one dozen donors have designated their estate funds to support the establishment of the Gladdys Muir Peace Studies Endowed Professorship Fund – a $1.5 million project.
- Tom and Jane Buch are directing their estate funds to create an endowed scholarship that combines their love of travel and a vision for a global education that will be awarded to first-generation students who want to study abroad for a semester or more.
- Many donors directed estate funds to a capital project like the Chime Tower and the Academic Center.
- Others, like Sara Edgerton, choose to create endowed funds. These are as diverse as an endowed fund for Education faculty development and programming, to a fund for the music program to bring innovative musical scholars and performers to campus.

Thank you for considering your Manchester legacy. If you want to know more about gift and estate planning please contact the Office of Advancement.
IRA Rollover
If you are 70 ½ or older, you can use your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year as a gift to Manchester University. You can reduce your taxable income and support Manchester’s mission at the same time.

Gifts of Appreciated Stock
You can donate the value of your appreciated stock. You can avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of those stocks, receive a charitable donation tax deduction, and benefit Manchester’s mission.

Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)
You can contribute cash, CDs or appreciated assets (but not an IRA rollover) to Manchester and we promise to make payments to you throughout your lifetime. No matter what happens with the economy, your payout rate is secure and fixed. You will receive a tax-saving charitable deduction, and a portion of your payments could be tax free.

Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)
This is similar to a CGA but offers more options. You can receive payments for your lifetime or up to 20 years. The payment amounts may vary with the trust’s performance or be fixed similar to the CGA. It is also possible for you to be involved in selecting the trust investments to maximize your return.

If any of these vehicles of giving interest you, please contact the Office of Advancement and we will be happy to answer your questions.
WHY USE A CHARITABLE BEQUEST TO CREATE YOUR LEGACY

• A bequest is flexible – You can make a gift today by including a provision in your will and change your mind anytime in the future.

• With a bequest, you can give as much or as little as you want to Manchester through your will without impacting your lifestyle today.

• You may continue to benefit from and make use of your assets (your home, stocks, IRA, etc.) during your lifetime, since the gift is made when you pass away.

• It typically costs you nothing to add a charitable bequest to your first will or at a later date when you decide to update your plan.

• If you have a taxable estate (over $5.34 million this year), your estate may benefit from estate tax savings. This means that you can preserve and give more of your estate to your family.

If you do not have a will or if your will needs updating, please call us for a free estate planning attorney referral. If you are interested in learning more about creating a plan, please visit our website. You will find a free guide to planning your will, bequest language and other tools designed specifically to help you and your attorney. Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you in your planning.
Dear Savvy Living,

Can you write a column on volunteer vacations? My husband and I are interested in taking a service-oriented vacation this summer but could use some help.

If you’re looking to do more on your vacation than relax in the sun or go sightseeing, volunteer service vacations – also known as “voluntourism” – are a great alternative that are growing in popularity. Here’s what you should know.

VOLUNTOURISM

Nowadays, you don’t need to join the Peace Corps to travel to exotic destinations and serve others. Many organizations offer short-term volunteer projects both overseas and in the U.S. These service-oriented vacations last anywhere from a few days to a few months.

Common program themes include teaching English, working with children and teens, building and repairing homes and schools and assisting with community or environmental projects. In addition, volunteer vacations also give travelers the opportunity to experience another culture more fully and to connect with the local people – much different than your run-of-the-mill sightseeing vacation.

Most volunteer vacation groups accept singles, couples and families and you don’t need to speak a foreign language. Costs typically range from around $700 to $1,500 a week (excluding transportation, such as airfare, to travel to the service location). Fees typically cover pre-trip orientation information, room and board, on-site training, ground transportation once you get there, the services of a project leader and a contribution to the local community that covers materials related to the service project. Keep in mind that if the organization running your trip is a nonprofit, the cost of your trip, including airfare, may be tax deductible.

Where to Look

While there are dozens of organizations that offer volunteer vacations, here are some commonly used organizations:

- Earthwatch.org, 800-776-0188: A global nonprofit that offers one and two-week expeditions that focus on environmental conservation and field research projects all over the world.
- Globeaware.org, 877-588-4562: Offers one-week volunteer vacations in 15 different countries.
- Globalvolunteers.org, 800-487-1074: Offers a wide variety of two and three-week service programs in 18 countries, including the U.S.
- Roadscholar.org, 800-454-5768: formally known as Elderhostel, they offer a wide variety of volunteer service programs both in the U.S. and abroad usually to the 50-plus traveler.
- Habitat.org, 800-422-4828: Offers a variety of house-building trips through its Global Village Program and RV Care-A-Vanners program.