



Planning Matters

One Gift – Many Futures

Every year, 100 new medical students begin their training at the University of Manitoba.

Scholarships and bursaries play an essential role in helping students achieve their goals—and that is where the generosity of donors like the late Hilda Elizabeth James make a difference in the lives of medical students.

James, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1927, established a bursary by leaving a bequest in her will to the University of Manitoba for the generous amount of \$40,000 to be divided between the faculties of science and medicine. The interest from this gift provides two student awards of \$1,000 each year. James' generosity is making a difference every day, especially for second year medical student, Sasha Hanks.


Hanks received her student award this

year and is extremely grateful because the bursary helps her focus on her studies. "It's very hard to hold a part time job when in medicine," says Hanks.

Hanks attends class full time and volunteers at the medical student community initiative, Jacob Penner Park. This community program strives to be a safe haven for children in Winnipeg's core area. Her volunteer work with children is part of the reason why she is considering a career in pediatrics or family medicine.

"I like the patient interaction with both children and

adults. I like the idea that I will be able to build relationships with my patients. It's why I wanted to become a doctor," says Hanks.

Gifts like the Hilda Elizabeth James Bursary in Medicine are gifts in action. 

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Medical student Sasha Hanks, recipient of the Hilda Elizabeth James Bursary in Medicine.



Isbister Legacy Society Luncheon

Thursday, September 13, 2007

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University of Manitoba Chancellor Emeritus and founder of the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College

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Chairs and Professorships

Why Are They Important?

Chairs and professorships enhance the academic environment and reputation of the university while helping attract and retain top academics, specialists and scholars. Appointments are usually made on a term basis, and appointees are recognized specialists in their fields of study. These types of appointments allow for a concentration on research, scholarship and creative works. Appointees also teach and conduct public lectures. The overall goal is to expose students to scholars, role models and leaders and to introduce new ideas into faculties and departments.

Guidelines for Establishment

- Chairs or professorships can be funded either annually for a period of no less than five years, or they can be funded “in perpetuity” through the establishment of an endowment.
- Chairs and professorships are ideal legacy gifts, and can be established through a bequest in a will or through another type of planned gift.
- Chairs or professorships can be named, and this is encouraged as a means of conveying an honour or to leave a personal legacy.



Dr. John Bingham (MD/40)

The Bingham Chair in Gastroenterology was named for the generosity of John Bingham who graduated from the Faculty of Medicine in 1940 and who donated \$1 million in MD Management stock to the university in his 90th year. Bingham says the donation comes as a form of repayment for the education that he received. “I feel that any graduate who has gone on to success is indebted to the university for their education.”

Chair Campaigns

The Chair in Health Services and Quality Improvement campaign recently met its \$3 million endowment goal. The following campaigns are currently underway for faculty chairs:

Chair	Endowment Goal	Raised to Date
Bingham Chair in Gastroenterology	\$3 million	\$2.1 million
Chair in Renal Transplantation	\$3 million	\$1.8 million
Chair in Asthma and Allergies	\$3 million	\$0.8 million

Chairs and professorships in the health sciences have allowed the University of Manitoba to attract these top chair appointees, each of whom are specialists in their fields conducting much-needed research that directly results in better understanding of diseases and the care and treatment of people with these illnesses and conditions. Listed below are some of the health sciences chairs and professorships. 🐾

Chair/Professorship	Held by:	Faculty/Field of Study	Donor
Margaret Sellers Chair in Cell Biology	James Davie	Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology/Department of Medical Microbiology, markers for cancer.	Margaret Sellers
Chair in Rheumatology	Hani El-Gabalawy	Internal Medicine/ arthritis.	Merck Frosst Canada Inc., Pfizer Canada Inc., The Arthritis Society – Manitoba Division, The Murphy Foundation and four private donors
Alexander Gibson Chair in Orthopedic Surgery	William Rennie	Internal Medicine/Upper extremities-hand, shoulder and elbow problems.	Alexander Gibson Funds at the Winnipeg Foundation
Professorship in Trauma Surgery	Roger Saadia	Trauma Surgery	Jim Burns

Chair: funded from sources outside of the university’s regular operating budget. It covers the full salary and benefits of the incumbent and an appropriate level of unrestricted research/scholarly support.

Professorship: funded from sources outside the university’s regular operating budget. It normally covers at least 20 percent of the salary and benefits of the incumbent and an appropriate level of unrestricted research/scholarly support.

Commemorative Scholarship

Future pharmacy students will benefit from a new award and honour a young man's legacy when a scholarship in memory of a University of Manitoba alumna's son takes effect.

Lesley Buhr (BScPharm/73) and her husband Randy recently established bequests in their wills to set up the scholarship fund at the Faculty of Pharmacy as a tribute to their son, Corey Hasselfield, who

died in a motorcycle accident in 2003 when he was hit by a drunk driver. The fund will reward phar-

macy students with high academic standings through a scholarship that will become active when the Buhr's estate is realized.

Now living in Surrey, B.C., the Buhrs chose to direct their bequest to University of Manitoba partially because of Leslie's strong ties to her *alma mater*, but also because they wanted to reach out to aspiring young people like Corey, who was 24 when he died. They hope the scholarship will encourage pharmacy students to excel in their studies, and they want to attract dedicated, well-rounded students who are involved in their communities.

"My ideal candidate would be someone just like Corey," Leslie says, adding that while her son

was never able to pursue his dreams, this gift will ensure other students have an opportunity to achieve theirs.

Scholarships like this one are particularly beneficial because they help attract high-achieving students to the University of Manitoba.

The Buhr's bequest comes on the heels of another \$25,000 contribution they made towards the construction of the new Faculty of Pharmacy building, the Apotex Centre, which will open at the Bannatyne Campus in September 2008.

"I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing now if not for pharmacy," Leslie says of the reasoning behind her gifts to the university. 📖



Corey Hasselfield was killed by a drunk driver at the age of 24. His parents, Leslie (BSc Pharm/73) and Randy Buhr have established bequests in their wills for a scholarship in his name.

Legacy Gift to Benefit Students Headed for the Front Lines of Health Care

Kay Ruane dedicated her life to helping others, and her generosity will live on well into the future, thanks to a \$450,000 bequest in her will she left the University of Manitoba for nursing student bursaries.

Each year, the interest from Ruane's legacy gift will fund bursaries for 15 students to enter the Faculty of Nursing. The award will allow students with high marks to focus on their studies by taking some of the pressure off of their financial concerns. It will also assist in getting more students through the program and into the field.

Because only the interest from the fund will be used for the awards, Ruane's generosity will be felt for generations to come, both by stu-

dents and the public who rely on nurses when they are ill.

Ruane, who recently passed away at the age of 101, dreamed of becoming a nurse and graduated from the Misericordia School of Nursing in Winnipeg, moving on to work at the Children's Hospital in Toronto. After a bout with tuberculosis, which brought her back to Manitoba and left her with one lung, Ruane recognized the importance of education as the best way to support herself. With the help of a provin-



Kay Ruane in 1944 upon her graduation from the Faculty of Nursing. She died on March 25, 2007 at the age of 101.

cial government grant, she was one of the first students to enter the School of Nursing administration program at the University of Manitoba in 1944. That education provided a strong foundation for her future career in hospital administration. She held many positions, including head nurse at the Winnipeg Children's Hospital and director at the University of Saskatchewan Hospital. Through the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek Michigan, she also trained hospital administrators from all over the world.

Ruane's legacy can be felt through the many lives she touched during her nursing career, and her generous gift will ensure that legacy lives on, as future nurses strive to provide their patients with high-quality health care for generations to come. 📖

Walking in her footsteps


Throughout Marjorie Spence's (BA/33) long and exciting career in rehabilitative medicine she would display both an innovative spirit and devotion to learning. She had a lifelong passion for her work in rehabilitation.

Spence had a varied career. As a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp, she was one of the first female physiotherapists to serve in World War II.

Throughout her life, Spence believed physiotherapists needed to be trained to serve the growing demands and understand the new treatments being developed. In 1952, the notion of rehabilitation was still being formed as was the physiotherapy profession itself. That year, in her role as the president of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association, Spence advocated and worked so that qualified teachers staffed new and existing courses in physical and occupational therapy across Canada.

Spence established Manitoba's first Physiotherapy Division in the School of Medical Rehabilitation at the University of Manitoba in 1960. By this time, she already had a distinguished career teaching physiotherapy in two leading universities in Canada.

Upon her retirement, Spence went on to promote the profession both in Iceland, where she started the School of Physiotherapy in Reykjavik, and Nigeria, where she worked as an examiner.

When she died in May 2003, Spence ensured that her passion for her work would continue through the establishment of two endowed funds: the Marjorie Spence Physical Therapy Achievement Prize and the Marjorie Spence Physiotherapy Entry Level Scholarship. Every year, Spence's passion and commitment live on in the students who receive her award and follow in her footsteps. 



Marjorie Spence (BA/33) parlayed her passion for rehabilitation into two awards in Physiotherapy at the University of Manitoba through a planned gift of life insurance.

“Nothing is truly of value until you give it away.”



Do you have income in your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) or a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) that you cannot use? Would you like to stop

paying income tax on money that you are not spending? A planned gift using your RRIF or RRSP might be the solution.

Make a list of what is really important to you. Ask yourself what are your five-year and lifetime goals.

What if you gave your surplus RRIF withdrawal as a donation to a scholarship or bursary endowment? For every gift you would receive a charitable tax receipt that will help to offset taxes payable on the RRIF withdrawal. Ten years later you could have an endowment fund worth tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars that pays out substantial and much-needed student awards each year.

I have had the privilege of working with Winnipeg families that have done this very thing. This is not a dream, but can be a dream come true for both students and for benefactors. Helping students achieve their dreams can be a truly rewarding experience. Who would have thought that your extra unneeded money from RRSPs or RRIFs could do so much good?



Did You Know

... that only 30% of Canadians have a will? Make it your goal to prepare a will, and don't forget to leave a legacy.

Sample Will Clause

I direct my Executor or Trustee to pay to the University of Manitoba at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (___ percent (%) of my Estate; or the sum of \$___, the residue of my estate) for the general use and purposes of the University of Manitoba in its absolute discretion. The Receipt of the Comptroller or other designated officer of the University of Manitoba shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executor or Trustee.

Humanitarian Mission Abroad

A University of Manitoba team of oral health professionals recently returned from a humanitarian mission to Africa where they provided over \$50,000 of free dental care for some of Ghana's poorest communities.



The team of three dentists, one dental hygienist, a dental therapist and two dental assistants volunteered their time and expertise for Project Ghana—the first international outreach trip for the Centre for Community Oral Health (CCOH).

The team visited the impoverished Eastern and Ashanti region of Ghana, and set up portable dental clinics in Komenda and Amasaman. They provided dental care to 786 people, most of them children, during the trip from February 23 to March 11, 2007.

CCOH Director, Doug Brothwell, explained that Ghanians have a considerably lower rate

of tooth decay than Canadians, due to their traditional diet, which is generally free of sugars and carbohydrates. But because they have extremely limited access to dental care—with only one dentist for every 175,000 citizens compared to one dentist for every 1,788 people in Canada—the cases of decay are much more severe.

“While the dental school in Ghana has been graduating dentists since 1997, the slow rate of training dentists means it will take decades for meaningful improvement in access to dental care. Humanitarian outreach missions like this one help to fill that void in professional care,” Brothwell explained.

Local Designers Unite for Sight

A group of interior design students has been getting some practical experience in more ways than one. The masters of interior design students have been working with Architects Without Borders to design an eye hospital for Vision Foundation and Unite for Sight. The hospital will be built near Chennai, India in 2007. The Vision Foundation doctors and volunteers currently work out of temporary facilities to provide free eye care to 25 low-income rural communities.

Working on a medical facility for the visually impaired gave the students added elements to consider in the design, incorporating everything from the texture of the building materials to the use of sound to give the visually impaired different options for navigating through the building. Other challenges for the students include the culture, construction and climate. The new 10,000 square-foot hospital will have in-patient and out-patient facilities complete with state-of-the-art technology and ophthalmic surgeons.



A look at one of the design concepts developed by the University of Manitoba interior design students.

Medicine with a Difference

In November 1883, a group of dedicated volunteer doctors made history when the first lecture was given at the University of Manitoba's new Faculty of Medicine. The professors opened western Canada's first medical school to serve the needs of prospective medical students, who were equally dedicated to building a medical school so they could train at home on the prairies.

That dedication to learning and hard work has never wavered. The University of Manitoba has graduated some of the world's top physicians and researchers who have gone on to play significant roles in the community. Graduates have also made significant discoveries including: eliminating Rh disease of the newborn; providing fundamental contributions to the understanding HIV/AIDS

transmission, prevention and treatment, and discovering the gene responsible for limb girdle muscular dystrophy.

The Faculty of Medicine's priorities are to provide the best educational opportunities possible and state-of-the-art teaching technologies for students.

The following fundraising initiatives will support these priorities:

- Clinical Learning & Simulation Facility;
- Centre for Innovation in Health Care System Design for Quality and Safety; and
- Scholarships and bursaries for students.

A gift to the *Medicine with a Difference* Fund will help ensure the delivery of excellence in medical education and quality patient care.



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Prize-Winning Team Unlocks Secrets of Viruses and Other Biomolecules

A team of University of Manitoba researchers, along with their collaborators at MDS Sciex and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, have won the third annual Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering. Named after Nobel laureate Bertram Brockhouse, the prize includes \$250,000 in funding for future research.

Members of the team have spent more than a decade refining proteomics techniques and studying how proteins carry out the work of cells, work that can be applied to a wide range of problems in medicine and biology. One of their greatest successes came in 2003 when team members, led by Professor Emeritus Kenneth Standing, physics and astronomy, were the first in the world to determine the structure of the protein component of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus.



Back row: (left to right), Igor Chernushevich, MDS Sciex; Bruce Thomson, MDS Sciex; Hélène Perreault, Chemistry; Steve Haber, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada; Alexandre Loboda, MDS Sciex; Harry Duckworth, Chemistry; Oleg Krokhin, Physics & Astronomy

Front row: (left to right), John Wilkins, Immunology/Internal Medicine; Ken Standing, Physics & Astronomy; Mark Whitmore, Dean of Science; Werner Ens, Physics and Astronomy