I have always felt very privileged to have had a Williams education and that my daughters had the same opportunity. Though none of us ever received financial aid, it is clear that financial aid is critical for modern families. This led me to endow a scholarship fund at Williams for our 25th Reunion in 1994.

As retirement neared, we decided to fund a Charitable Remainder Trust with two objectives: to provide us with retirement income and to provide long-term funding for the scholarship.

We funded this Trust with appreciated securities. Williams serves as the trustee, and we benefit from a diversified portfolio managed by the college. The Trust provides us with income for life, and will ultimately be added to our family scholarship fund.

— Bob Grace ’69 and Kate Erickson

Charitable Remainder Unitrust
A flexible life income plan that benefits you and your beneficiaries and supports Teach It Forward: The Campaign for Williams

A Charitable Remainder Unitrust ("CRUT") offers a flexible way to combine a gift to Williams with an income stream for a lifetime or a term of years. You can use a variety of assets from cash to real estate to fund your CRUT, you are eligible for an immediate federal income tax charitable deduction, and you will receive gift credit for the full amount of your gift. Your CRUT can be invested in a mutual fund portfolio (minimum $100,000) or alongside the Williams endowment (minimum $250,000); it is revalued annually and beneficiary payments reflect investment returns. Upon termination of the CRUT, the balance of the account will support your designated gift purpose.

Sample Gift Illustrations 2018

One Lifetime Beneficiary: $100,000 cash gift for the immediate benefit of one 70-year-old beneficiary
- Annual Payout Rate: 5% (higher rate available)
- Annual Payout: $5,000 first year (variable thereafter)
- Federal Income Tax Charitable Deduction: approximately $52,550 (based on 3.4% IRS Discount Rate)

Two Lifetime Beneficiaries: $100,000 cash gift for the immediate benefit of two 70-year-old beneficiaries
- Annual Payout Rate: 5% (higher rate available)
- Annual Payout: $5,000 first year (variable thereafter)
- Federal Income Tax Charitable Deduction: approximately $41,336 (based on 3.4% IRS Discount Rate)

Benefits
- Payouts have potential for growth
- Capital gains tax advantages if funded with appreciated securities
- Traditional and Endowment Model investment options available
- Various trust terms and gifting assets possible
- Can make trust additions of $10,000 or more
- Receive gift credit for the Teach It Forward campaign – as well as your Reunion - for the full amount of your gift

Minimum Gift Amounts:
Traditional Model: $100,000
Williams Endowment Model: $250,000