

Building Blocks



THE CRILL LEGACY CONTINUES

Legacy Twofold—Two Endowed Scholarships and Two Gift Annuities

Ninety years old and still going strong! Alice Crill turned 90 on April 15, 2004 and is living life to the fullest.

They also partnered with the community and friends to help purchase a beautiful new organ for Cooper Music Center on campus. Today, the organ is a centerpiece in the auditorium appropriately named Chester C. Crill Performance Hall. Clearly, the Crills have had a deep love for music, which they shared with PLNU and the community for many years. However, their legacy doesn't stop there!

The Crills also loved college students and wanted to assist them in their education. They did this by establishing two endowed scholarships. The Chester C. and Alice Crill Endowed Scholarship was begun in 1987. The Crill Organ Endowed Scholarship was established in 2001.

This is a portion of their legacy that will go on forever. The second part of the legacy is that during this time of investment in our school, community, church and students, the Crills took time to invest for themselves. In 1994 they formed a Charitable Gift Annuity with PLNU. Then, in 1995, Alice took out a second Charitable Gift Annuity. These annuities were done for tax purposes and for future income. Needless to say, Alice is benefiting from these gift annuities today.

ESTABLISHING AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP TAKES AS LITTLE AS \$15,000 AND THE REWARDS FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP ARE IMMEASURABLE.

The Planned Giving staff at PLNU recently had the privilege of celebrating Alice's milestone birthday with her. It was a joyous time, full of reminiscing with her about her life and her connection with PLNU.

Alice was married to Chester Crill for 56 years. They had two daughters and one son. Both Alice and Chester (who died in 1995) had a rich history in the field of music, at Point Loma Nazarene University and elsewhere.

From 1938 to 1947, they taught at Bethany Nazarene College, now known as Southern Nazarene University. Chester served as chair of the Music department and Alice as an instructor in piano and music theory. In 1947 the Crills moved to Pasadena to begin their long-time association with Pasadena College, now PLNU, and again Chester served as chair. At the same time, Chester was music director at the Bresee Church of the Nazarene and Alice was church organist, positions they held for 20 years.

When the school relocated to Point Loma, so did the Crills. Chester continued to serve on the faculty, retiring after 30 years, and Alice continued to play the organ, assisting two area churches. In addition, the Crills, along with a group of faculty and friends, provided love, hard work, leadership and dedication in establishing the Point Loma Community Church of the Nazarene on campus. During this time, they partnered with San Diego First Church of the Nazarene to purchase a new organ and piano for Brown Chapel.

Alice Crill is very thankful for all the Lord has provided to her and is still an active church member, teaches private piano lessons to more than 30 students in her own studio, and still finds time to garden.

"She is an amazing, sweet lady whose talents just keep on giving," said Steve Seelig, director of Planned Giving.

Establishing an endowed scholarship takes as little as \$15,000 and the rewards from the scholarship are immeasurable. Charitable Gift Annuities can increase your income, part of which is tax-free, and provide an immediate tax deduction. Rates are age-based. See the chart below for sample rates for a single person. For additional information or to find the nearest planned giving representative nearest you, contact the Office of Planned Giving at 619.849.2302

AGE	PAYOUT RATE
55	5.5%
65	6.0%
70	6.5%
80	8.0%
90	11.3%



COMMUNITY DAY BRINGS HUNDREDS OF NEIGHBORS TO SAN DIEGO CAMPUS

An estimated 700 people guests accepted President Bob Brower's invitation to PLNU's first annual Community Day on its main campus on July 10, 2004.

Community Day included historical, garden and campus tours, performances by a string trio and a jazz trio; free food; and crafts and games for children. There were information booths and an art show. Whittier on Wheels from the Scripps Whittier Institute, a local health care system, offered cholesterol, diabetes and body fat testing. PLNU's department of Nursing offered blood pressure screenings.

The Bartell Hotel Group was on hand with food from its restaurant menus and estimated it fed more than 500 people. (Bartell, which owns a number of local hotels, is part of PLNU's Warm Welcome program. A portion of room fees is donated to the university whenever a reservation is made using the PLNU rate.) The luncheon provided by the university had more than 400 participants.

Community Day was sponsored by the President's Community Council, a group of prominent community members and supporters of the university, as well as several corporate sponsors. Plans have already begun for next year's Community Day.

PARENTS' WEEKEND LETS PARENTS SHARE UNIVERSITY LIFE WITH THEIR STUDENTS

Parents of current PLNU students are invited to the second annual Parents' Weekend 2004, scheduled for Oct. 8-9, 2004

"We have some great events and sessions planned this year to inspire and offer parents time with their students," said Anna LePley,

Parents' Connection coordinator.

"Parents' Weekend will give

you a chance to meet other parents, faculty, staff and administrators. It will also allow time for you to enjoy concerts, a parent panel, devotional time, residence hall open house, great food and entertainment, and a chance to win some great prizes at our Silent Auction. All proceeds raised at the auction will go directly into the Student Emergency Fund."

Sydney Humphrey, who attended last year's Parents' Weekend, thanked PLNU for the experience. "We really appreciated the time and effort that was put into this weekend by the Parents' Council and the faculty. It was a success for all the time that we were able to spend with our son."

The Parents' Weekend schedule will be available and registration will begin after New Student Orientation, Aug. 22. Parents may expect more information by mail in early September. Details are also available at www.ptloma.edu/parents.

If you have any questions or would like to become involved with the Parents' Council Silent Auction, please contact Anna Le Pley at parents@ptloma.edu or 619.849.2512.



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Is your employer a matching gift company? Many companies encourage their employees' philanthropic efforts by matching their contributions. Your gift is important to PLNU and we encourage you to consider maximizing its impact through your company's matching gift program.

Matching gifts can double or triple your gift to PLNU, and you are recognized for your gift as well as your company's matching gift. Some companies will even match the donations made by retirees or spouses. These important gifts allow PLNU to fulfill the ongoing mission of providing excellence in teaching and learning in a vital Christian community.

Last year 45 donors had their gifts matched by their employers, for a total of \$19,120 in donations. This year we hope to reach \$25,000. Our goal can only be accomplished with your help! These gifts open up a world of opportunities for students through scholarships and other programs. You can truly make a difference in the life of a PLNU student!

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