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After spending much of her life aiding others through philanthropy, Dorothy MacKenzie Price continued that legacy after she passed.

Mrs. Price, who supported many causes and organizations in the Toledo area, died in July at age 90. Through her estate, she contributed \$1.4 million to The University of Toledo, to benefit the UT Department of Music, UT Libraries, and medical missions.

Her library designation of \$500,000 is the largest gift in the libraries' history. The new endowment will create and maintain a state-of-the-art classroom in the William S. Carlson Library, providing a space for instructing students on accessing and using library resources for research. A second library endowment will support staffing in the library's Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, which houses unique manuscripts, archival material, and rare books.

Another \$100,000 of her planned gift will provide scholarships for UT students



The late Dorothy MacKenzie Price contributed more than \$2.5 million to The University of Toledo.

traveling on overseas health missions with a focus of developing healthy living conditions. The medical mission scholarships are open to upper division

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undergraduate or graduate students studying public health, foreign language, pharmacy, and early childhood and elementary education.

In addition, \$100,000 was designated for scholarships for music majors, based on performance skill, musicianship, and academic achievement.

Over the years, Mrs. Price established a number of endowments with the UT Foundation. In addition to being an advocate for music programs, medical missions, and the UT Libraries, she also supported UT's Women and Philanthropy, as well as the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. Her estate gift brings her cumulative giving to UT over \$2.5 million.

This past fall, she was honored at a concert featuring the inaugural public performance on a Steinway grand piano purchased through her contributions. The event, part of the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series, included performances by UT music faculty, alumni, graduate students, and special guests.

Mrs. Price graduated from UT in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in secretarial science from the College of Business. She was named "Outstanding Woman of the Year" in her graduating class. She was also a charter member and president of Zeta Tau Alpha at UT and was the first Certified Professional Secretary in Toledo.

"I understand Mrs. Price shied away from receiving publicity for her incredibly generous philanthropy. Rather than having her name on brick and mortar, she preferred her legacy be built on creating exceptional educational opportunities for youth," said UT President Sharon L. Gaber.

"The indelible mark she's left on UT—through funding myriad student scholarships; medical mission trips overseas; several endowments, including for the William S. Carlson Library; a piano series and more—indicate her unbridled passion for education and serving others," Dr. Gaber said. "Dorothy's rich legacy will continue ensuring student success for generations to come, and for that we are deeply grateful."

MICHAEL HARDERS JOINS UT AS NEW VP FOR ADVANCEMENT

A fundraiser with more than 15 years of experience in higher education development has joined The University of Toledo as vice president for Advancement.

Michael Harders comes to UT from Kennesaw State University in Georgia, where he served as vice president of university advancement and development.

"The work that the Division of Advancement does to elevate UT's fundraising and messaging to our campus, alumni, and external communities is important to the University's success in achieving our goals," said UT President Sharon L. Gaber. "Mike's experience and commitment to building a culture of philanthropy will provide strong leadership in this area, which is focused on elevating UT's reputation."

The UT Division of Advancement includes Alumni Relations, Development, Marketing and Communications, and Special Events. The division was created in 2015 with the merger of UT's Institutional Advancement Division and External Affairs Division.

Mr. Harders will also work closely with the UT Foundation and its president, Brenda Lee.

"I am honored for the opportunity to work with President Gaber and the entire University of Toledo community to advance the vision and strategic priorities of this outstanding university at this important moment in the institution's history," Mr. Harders said. "It's an exciting time at UT as it completes its strategic plan and continues efforts to grow fundraising and alumni engagement for the University."

"I look forward to collaborating with the campus community, to learning the philanthropic interests of the supporters of the institution, and to working with



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the talented professionals in the Division of Advancement as we strive together to support our students and faculty and enhance our facilities and programs."

During his time at Kennesaw State since 2012, Mr. Harders tripled the amount of annual support to the university with significant growth in annual giving and alumni participation and donations.

He previously served as executive director of development for Missouri State University, where he coordinated its "Our Promise" comprehensive campaign, which exceeded its \$125 million fundraising goal.

He also was senior director of development for the Kansas State University Foundation.

Mr. Harders earned his bachelor's degree in history and political science from Kansas State University. He and his wife, Leigh, have two children, Josephine and Henry.

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WHY I GIVE: RAMON GONZALEZ

Name: Ramon E. Gonzalez III

Profession: Retired AVP, Merrill Lynch and Co., stock broker

Residence: San Antonio, Texas

UT Degree: Bachelor of business, 1961

Best UT Memory/Experience: My best experience was the quality of the professors at the University. I received great guidance from each of them throughout my stay at UT, which guided me well for the rest of my life.

UT Area of Support: The College of Business and Innovation's Edward H. Schmidt School of Professional Sales

Why I Give: I have begun to focus on funding education for young Hispanic high school graduates because my own college education was so important to my life. I think of those needy Hispanic students, both young men and women, in the Toledo area, who need that extra push early in life to be able to succeed. My junior year, I remember seeing a few underprivileged Hispanic students sitting in a small group at the UT dining facilities, feeling out of place. They didn't last the school year before they left. Out of about 10,000 Hispanics in Toledo at that time, I believe my sister and I were the only full-time Hispanic students who graduated from UT. I want to assist worthy young Hispanics at UT to make a dramatic good change in their lives.



The Rudolph Libbe Group Inc. and GEM Inc. recently established a scholarship with the UT Foundation to honor former GEM president Hussien Y. Shousher for his dedication and leadership. The Hussien Y. Shousher and Dr. Randa M. Shousher Engineering Scholarship Fund, created through the company's \$25,000 gift, will benefit incoming freshmen in the College of Engineering. Mr. Shousher, who received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1981, is also a former chair of the UT Foundation Board of Trustees. Pictured above at the Feb. 9 check presentation are, from left, Dr. Randa Shousher, wife of Hussien; Hussien Shousher; Bill Rudolph, chair of the Rudolph Libbe Group; Dr. Steve LeBlanc, interim dean of the College of Engineering; and Steven Johnson, president of GEM.

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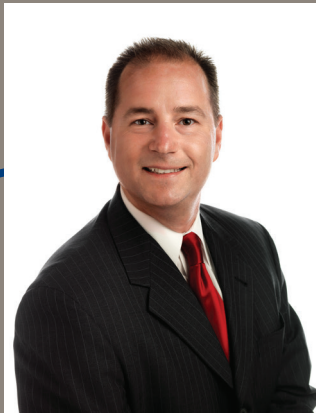
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