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A two-time graduate and a true blue—and gold—Rockets fan, Paul Hotmer is a longtime supporter of UT. And as he recently considered making a major gift, a couple of buildings on the east edge of campus caught his interest.

“I worked at the former Owens Illinois Technical Center for 32 years,” said Mr. Hotmer (Eng ’55, MEng ’61). After retiring in 1987 as manager of O-I’s CAD/CAM computer technology, he worked part-time in the same location as a computer software specialist for the building’s next tenant, Edison Industrial Systems Center.

In all, Mr. Hotmer spent 40 years at 1700 N. Westwood Ave. It was there he met and later married Sandra Wilson Hotmer (Bus ’58), a secretary in O-I’s glass container engineering department.

His sister, Arlene Hotmer, also worked at the center, as an industrial nurse. In addition, his son, Douglas (Eng ’92), later joined O-I as a CAD/CAM services technician in the very same building.

That building and the adjacent one are now part of UT: North Engineering and Palmer Hall.

“All these ties between my family and the former O-I site and the College of Engineering gave me a strong sense that my next gift could be a good fit, with the right program,” said Mr. Hotmer.

O-I provided years of challenging work, with opportunity for career changes and improvement. He also witnessed and took part in the major evolution of computer technology. “In the early days, all the computing functions were done offsite at the O-I building in downtown Toledo. All programming was done via punched cards and carried in metal cases to the



Paul Hotmer’s recent gifts will benefit UT’s College of Engineering and Athletics.

computing site, most often after hours, late at night.”

He was heavily involved in the company’s shift from manual drawings and manufacturing to computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing.

Computer technology continues to grow, he noted, with robotics, gaming, and drones, as well as the security issues that surround new technology.

“The area of support that most interests me and fits my criteria for reaching undergraduates as well as high school students,” he said, “is training through gaming and simulation, cyber security competitions, cyber attacks, and defenses and forensics.”

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PAUL HOTMER HONORS PAST, LOOKS TO FUTURE

His contributions created the Paul A. and Sandra J. Hotmer Cyber Security Research Gaming Laboratory Fund, which will support the Hotmer Family CSTAR (Cyber Security and TeAming Research) Lab in North Engineering.

“The Hotmer Family CSTAR Lab will be a resource for recruitment and retention of incoming freshman as well as for graduate students in the Electrical Engineering/Computer Science Department,” said Dr. Steven LeBlanc, interim dean of UT’s College of Engineering. “It will also provide a strong resource for grants and research projects in the cyber security area.”

In addition to his engineering contribution, Mr. Hotmer made a major gift to UT Athletics.

A long-time season ticket holder for football and both men’s and women’s basketball, he is a member of the Downtown Coaches Association and Women’s Basketball Fan Club (Igniters). His family, including his son, Douglas; daughters, Paula Hotmer-Prediger (Ed ’88) and Pamela Grantham; and his grandchildren, often accompany him to UT games.

“My grandchildren’s participation in organized sports and in attendance at UT games influenced why I wanted something permanent for them to see,” he said. “It became my goal to donate to an area of interest to me and the Athletics program.”

He chose to contribute to the new Rocket Fund Legacy Program, which allows donors to direct their annual Rocket Fund contribution toward an endowment, to provide perpetual income. His gift for UT’s new basketball office complex will result in the entrance area being named the “Paul and Sandra Hotmer Lobby.”

“We sincerely appreciate this generous gift from Paul and his family,” said UT vice-president and athletic director Mike O’Brien. “Their contribution has helped to make our basketball offices among the very finest in the Mid-American Conference. We cannot thank them enough for their longtime support of Rocket Athletics.”

To make a gift in support of UT Athletics, contact Dave Nottke at david.nottke@utoledo.edu or 419-530-2510. For contributions to the College of Engineering, contact Kris Theisen at kristyn.theisen@utoledo.edu or 419-530-6175.

NEW UT CENTER FOCUSES ON TARGETED VIOLENCE AND SUICIDE

Dr. Lisa Pescara-Kovach remembers, vividly, April 20, 1999: the day 12 Columbine students and a teacher were killed at the hands of two adolescent boys.

“I watched the scene unfold all day on TV and heard the 911 calls being played,” she said, “and I felt my heart break for the students, teachers, and parents as well as the law enforcement officers who seemed confused as to what to do in response.”

That began Dr. Pescara-Kovach’s years of work centered on school violence, which subsequently resulted in her role as director of UT’s new Center for Education in Targeted Violence and Suicide.

According to a recent study, mass shootings in the United States tripled from 2011 to 2014, occurring an average of every 64 days. The nation’s suicide rate has also grown: A person dies from suicide every 13 minutes, and suicide is attempted about one million times each year.

The Center addresses these timely issues through a holistic approach, she said. “We focus on prevention, intervention, active response, and recovery.”

Many social, school, family, and personality dynamics are involved in such incidents, but one factor that arises in nearly all the reports is that the majority of school shooters had been bullied. And if that experience didn’t lead them to later target violence toward others, it sometimes led them to taking their own life.

The Center has developed partnerships with schools, law enforcement agencies, the UT Medical Center, fire and EMS services, and others, focusing on “behavioral threat assessment.” This identifies at-risk children, adolescents, or adults before they complete acts of intrapersonal or interpersonal violence.

“I speak to teachers and parents on the causes and consequences of bullying. Children typically internalize or externalize their pain. Suicide is the worst form of internalizing, and targeted violence is the worst form of externalizing.”

In the past, she said, fear of FERPA and HIPAA violations has led to senseless deaths, since mental health personnel and others withheld information about a suicidal or homicidal student or co-worker. After the Sandy Hook shootings, the Department of Health and Human

Services released a statement encouraging professionals to share information about an individual’s mental health if they feel the individual poses a serious threat to the health or safety of others.

The Center also trains key school and workplace personnel on how to respond to and recover from the suicide of a student or colleague. “We educate them on how to prevent suicide contagion, cluster suicides, and secondary trauma stress.”

One of the most important lessons learned in analyses of mass shootings is that students should not sit and wait if they can escape. Dr. Pescara-Kovach noted that ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) is saving lives throughout the U.S.

“The foundation of ALICE is there is a time when passive positions and actions are not proper,” she said. “That holds true to every critical moment or event, including bullying.” The bottom line is: If students can leave, let them escape. If they cannot leave, be sure they are on their feet, ready to counter if a shooter enters the room.

Perhaps the least studied aspect of a mass shooting, she noted, is “postvention.” She mentioned a presentation by Chief Michael Kehoe, one of the first officers into Sandy Hook. “His life changed in a heartbeat, and since that day, he has dealt with the unimaginable,” she said. “We must offer post-trauma treatment to the survivors, witnesses, families, and first responders. These incidents have long-term consequences, and we are losing these people to post-traumatic stress disorder, even suicide.”

The Center, along with UTPD, will host training in March for a Critical Incident Stress Management Team in northwestern Ohio.

Funding is key to the Center’s success. Dr. Pescara-Kovach volunteers many of her services, and she is seeking financial support to fund a graduate assistant, travel expenditures, and other expenditures.

Through its outreach, partnerships, and programs, the new Center hopes to make Northwest Ohio—and the world—a safer place.

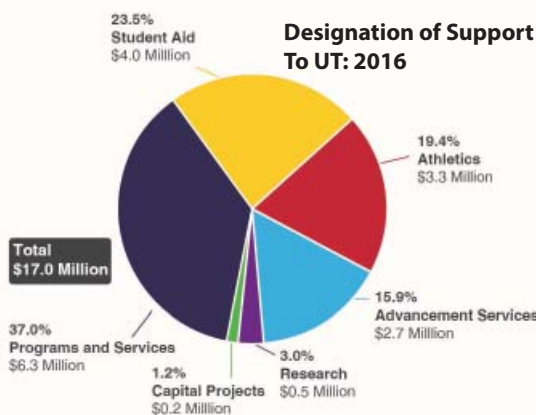
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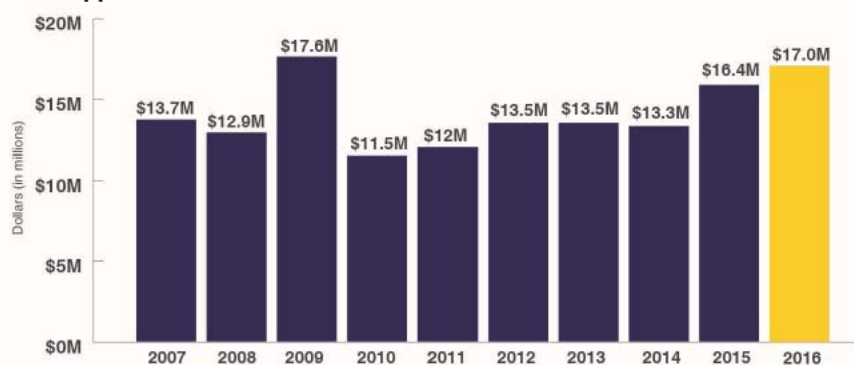
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Year in Review: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Total UTF Assets	\$278.9M
Endowment	\$393.2M
Investments	
Under Management	\$427.3M
Total Contributions	\$ 15.1M
Total Support Provided to UT	\$ 17.0M



UTF Support to UT 2007-2016



WHY I GIVE: JAN EPPARD

Name: Jan Eppard

Profession: Retired clinical director and chief executive officer at Rescue Mental Health Services

Residence: Oregon, Ohio

UT Degree: Bachelor of nursing in 1983 and master of science and nursing in 1986

Best UT Memory: I entered UT's nursing program as a registered nurse with an associate's degree from a community college. Although I had the required technical skills of an RN, I found the academics exciting and challenging: chemistry, statistics, literature, philosophy, etc. These classes opened up a new world to me! I couldn't stop at a bachelor's degree, but went on to receive a master's. I loved the atmosphere, professors, peers, and my ability to work with clients in a more enlightened way.

UT Areas of Support: The College of Nursing and Rocket Athletics

Why I Give: Nursing has changed my life for the better in countless ways. When entering my master program, I was awarded a tuition grant by the Ohio Department of Mental Health with my commitment to intern with the severely mentally ill at the local state hospital. This led me to choose to continue work with this needy population. My hope in giving to the College of Nursing is to assist future nurses toward fulfilling careers. Go Rockets!



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