When you see the towering fig tree in his living room or the nearby exotic orchids laden with blossoms, you know that Doug Breen ‘68 loves to grow things. So when it came time for him and his wife, Susan, to plan for their estate, it was only natural that they chose to create endowed scholarships at Lehigh.

For the Breens, scholarships are the best way to grow and build an enduring legacy. In 1993, they established the Howard X. Breen Scholarship to honor Doug’s father. They have gone further since then and made a provision for Lehigh in their estate plan.

“If we eventually give three scholarships, which each helps 25 kids in the next 100 years, that makes 75 kids who have benefited,” Doug says, doing the math. “Maybe one of them might discover the cure for cancer, or maybe some of them will do what we did and give back. Or maybe that might take 200 years, but it doesn’t matter. It’s the ripple effect.”

A civil engineer, Doug completed a tour of duty in Vietnam as a Navy Seabee before settling in New Jersey with Susan and becoming an entrepreneur and bond salesman. In 1989, he founded Breen Capital Partners, a real estate development firm. As a brother of Phi Gamma Delta, class correspondent and the chair of the 50th Reunion Fund campaign, he has been a linchpin for his circle of Lehigh friends, always encouraging them to stay connected to the University that gave him his foundation.

The 50th Reunion Fund campaign, which starts after a class’s 45th reunion and goes all the way through the 50th, is the ideal time to think about what your legacy will be at Lehigh.

YOUR GIFT CAN RESONATE FOR GENERATIONS

Like the Breens, you can include a gift in your estate plan that will have an impact for years to come. Contact the Office of Planned Giving at (610) 758-4749 or intower@lehigh.edu to learn more.
Have you ever considered establishing an endowment? It’s a powerful way to make a gift to Lehigh University that continues indefinitely, while also realizing tax benefits for your kindness.

**HOW AN ENDOWMENT WORKS**

You give cash or securities to an endowment fund you create. Another option is to contribute to an existing endowment. If you can’t give up assets today, consider making the gift in your will, specifying that it be used to fund an endowment.

Once we receive your gift, we will use a portion of the earnings in accordance with the University’s spending policy to support Lehigh. The balance of the earnings will remain invested to ensure the fund lasts forever.

**ARE YOU READY TO MAKE AN ENDOWMENT GIFT?**

An endowment may be the right choice for you if you want to make sure your support continues after your lifetime, honor your family name or someone special to you, or provide for a cherished academic program far into the future. Contact the Office of Planned Giving at (610) 758-4749 or intower@lehigh.edu for more information about making a gift that will help support Lehigh’s mission. We are happy to help you.

Whether you are planning to create a will or need to update an existing one, our resource guides you through every stage of planning. Simply return the enclosed reply form to request your FREE copy of *Your Will Planning Timeline.*

**YOUR GIFT CAN LAST FOREVER**

**UNCOVER A WAY TO GIVE THAT CREATES A FUND IN PERPETUITY**

**WHAT STAGE IS YOUR PLAN IN?**

**WHY YOUR GIFTS ARE SO IMPORTANT**

1,979 Graduate, 5,080 Undergraduate Students

MORE THAN 50% of our students receive financial aid

$43,350 average aid package

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Your endowment can support a particular project or sustain a favorite program.
Establishing a financial footprint starts with three basic documents—a birth certificate, driver’s license and a Social Security card. With those simple pieces of identification, you can open a bank account, apply for a job, or buy a car or home.

But what document helps your loved ones manage those assets after your passing? A will. Without one, those closest to you may endure unnecessary stress and anxiety because they don’t know your intentions.

Despite the importance of this document, a recent poll found that only 33 percent of Americans have a will.*

WHAT A WILL CAN DO
No matter if you’re 21 or 101, a will should be among your most important documents. When you create one, you ensure that the individuals and causes you care about now are being taken care of after your lifetime. With a will, you can:

• Direct the division of your property the way you choose, not the way the state decides.
• Make special financial arrangements for family members who are minors, disabled or unfamiliar with money management.
• Select an executor who is qualified to settle your estate promptly and economically with careful attention to your wishes.
• Name a guardian for any minor children.
• Devise an estate plan—with the help of a qualified attorney and other advisors—to ensure that all your assets are passed on pursuant to your wishes.
• Support the charitable organizations and causes that are important to you, including Lehigh University.

Keep It Updated
Already have a will? Keeping it up to date is just as important as the document itself. If you’ve experienced life changes such as a birth, death, marriage, divorce or other major event, consider taking a second look at your will and making changes accordingly.

Use Your Will for Good
If you’re creating or updating your will and would like to include a future gift to Lehigh, contact the Office of Planned Giving at (610) 758-4749 or intower@lehigh.edu today to learn how you can make a difference for our students.

117 Research Grants Awarded to Lehigh Faculty by External Funding Agencies
$78 million Grants and Scholarships
43% of the Class of 2016 studied overseas at least once.

*2016 NMI Healthy Aging Database® Study
HOW TO GIVE THE PERFECT GIFT

We all have one: a box in the attic or closet where we put gifts from loved ones that don’t quite match our needs or styles.

This year, you can make sure that your gifts to loved ones stay out of the gift box simply by rethinking what you give to those closest to you.

WHAT TO GIVE THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING
As you celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions with friends and family this year, take a moment to reflect on what’s truly important to your loved ones. If that person values our academic excellence, consider making a gift in his or her honor.

A tribute gift can make your loved one feel special because you are celebrating and supporting a cause that’s important in his or her life. Plus, you don’t run the risk of giving a gift that someone neither wants nor needs.

KEEP MEMORIES ALIVE
If you’ve recently lost someone close to you, celebrating a special occasion this year might be bittersweet as you think about a loved one who isn’t part of the festivities. If our teaching and research were important to your loved one, a gift to Lehigh University in his or her memory can be a meaningful way to make that special person part of your celebrations.

GIVE FROM THE HEART
To learn more about gifts that will truly touch your loved ones, contact the Office of Planned Giving at (610) 758-4749 or intower@lehigh.edu today.

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES
Visit us on the web to learn more about Lehigh University and how your generosity can make a difference. Go to lehigh.edu/plannedgiving to get started today!