A Transformative Gift from the Wexners
Giving Across Generations

Times change. Trends come and go. But some things will always remain...like your memories of Ohio State and the connection with your alma mater that continues today.

1960s

**Where they give:** In 2010, the Rosens supported the College of Social Work because Rosanne focused her studies in this area at Ohio State. She believes it’s important for people to extend themselves and help others. The Rosens also are major fans of athletics and enjoy both football and women’s basketball, which they support. “We give to help others receive the fine education that we did,” Rosanne said.

**Why they give:** The Rosens enjoy being involved with the university and having a connection to others who share a passion for higher education. “Being a Buckeye becomes part of your life, especially when it’s your alma mater,” Rosanne said. “Ohio State has so much spirit.”

**How campus has changed:** The Rosens used to go to the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library together as students. They visited the library after the renovations and thought about how much campus has changed over the years. “The Wexner Center and RPAC weren’t there and so many other buildings have been redone or changed completely,” Rosanne said. Mark remembers having to take ROTC, which was mandatory for males, and wearing the uniform one day a week to classes. He said clothing was much more formal. No jeans were allowed and students pledging a fraternity had to wear ties.

Rosanne and Mark Rosen • Columbus, Ohio

Rosanne earned a bachelor’s degree in social work in 1966 and a master’s degree in history in 1985. Mark graduated with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology in 1966. Last February, the Rosens traveled as part of Global Grandparents to Bangalore, India. They are shown outside the Neelbagh Residential School.

1980s

**Where he gives:** I give to the Buckeye Club to support athletics because I have always enjoyed sports and that part of Ohio State. I go to football and basketball games. But my giving to the Stefanie Spielman Fund has more relevance for me.

**Why he gives:** Our family has quite a history of breast cancer. My wife, my mom, and all my mom’s sisters have had breast cancer. I’ve lost two cousins to it, and a third cousin is currently battling the disease. Cancer research is an area with special meaning that I will always support.

**How campus has changed:** There’s a real sense of revitalization to the campus like the Ohio Union and the renovation of the dorms on South Campus. The university is really being updated and modernized for the current students to enjoy. It’s making for a better experience for them. When I was a student, I enjoyed all the events that took place on the Oval, such as Michigan game day activities. It was a lot of fun. My daughter is now a freshman and loves being at Ohio State with the diversity and choices of activities.

David and Mary Jordan • Hilliard, Ohio

David earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1984. (Above) The Jordan family enjoyed a surprise during move-in day at Ohio State from President E. Gordon Gee, who stopped by to share bowtie cookies. Daughter Allison is a freshman and son David is a high school junior.
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1990s

Where he gives: The two areas I support most often are WOSU Public Media and the Nisonger Center. I rely on WOSU Radio for the news and local programming it offers.

Why he gives: As the father of two young children, my wife, Cheryl, and I give to WOSU to support the quality programming for them to watch. I also support the early childhood education program at the Nisonger Center because of the services available to children with developmental delays. Both areas offer educational services that I believe are important and deserve our support.

How campus has changed: The change that is most apparent to me is the advancement and integration of digital technology into the learning environment. New technology and digital media have made it much easier for faculty and students to learn, communicate, and connect on a whole new level. The other noticeable difference is the university’s continual investment in capital and student infrastructure. This commitment can be seen across campus in the new Campus Gateway and Ohio Union, as well as the college buildings in various stages of construction.

Kevin Petrilla • Grove City, Ohio

Kevin earned a bachelor’s degree in biological sciences in 1995. He is shown at home with his sons Cole (right) and Alex.

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