

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

# Wellspring Society



Leave a legacy of love  
and support for the students of  
Seattle Pacific University





**Dick and Ardis Ashton,** both educators and SPU alums, gave generously to the University during their lifetimes as well as through their estate. When they passed away in 2016, their estate gift established the Richard C. and Ardis M. Ashton Teacher Education Scholarship Endowment to help support students preparing to become teachers.



**BOB THOMPSON '69** was a star tennis player while at SPU and was inducted into the Falcon Hall of Fame in 2004. His support for his alma mater includes both his current giving and his plans for a future bequest gift.

## A Strong Tradition of Support

From its earliest days, Seattle Pacific University has benefitted from “legacy” gifts — gifts that come from the estates of those who believe in our mission and want to make a difference in the lives of our students. Whether these gifts come from a simple bequest or beneficiary designation, or through a more complex irrevocable planned gift agreement, they are all important investments in the future of our University.

## Become a Wellspring Member

If you have already provided for the University through your will or other planned gift but have not yet informed us, please complete and return the attached response card. When you let us know of your intentions, it allows us to prepare for SPU’s future and to extend our thanks to you today. It also helps us to understand the purpose of your gift and ensure that your philanthropic desires are achieved.

Once you have notified us, you will receive a welcome letter and special Wellspring gift as

a token of our appreciation. You will also be invited to our annual Wellspring Society Luncheon and special events throughout the year.

If you have not yet made your plans, but would like to learn more about gift planning options that will meet your charitable and estate planning goals, please contact our Office of Endowments and Gift Planning at **206-281-2702** or **giftplanning@spu.edu**, or visit **legacy.spu.edu**. Our team of experts will be happy to assist you in establishing your legacy at Seattle Pacific.

“ I believe in the value of a Christian education. And it feels good that my help could help other students decide to come to SPU.”

— BOB THOMPSON

# Yes!

I'd like to join the  
Wellspring Society and  
leave a legacy for Seattle  
Pacific students.



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## well • spring *(noun)*

1. The head or source of a spring, stream, or river. 2. A source or supply of anything, especially when considered inexhaustible.

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**THE WELLSPRING SOCIETY** at Seattle Pacific University honors a special group of individuals who partner with us in planning for SPU's future. By designating Seattle Pacific a recipient of future gifts through financial or estate plans, you'll provide a dependable stream of support for SPU's mission.

With grateful hearts, we pledge to use each of these gifts to help us educate and support students to live out Christ's teachings as they engage an increasingly complex world.

### Gifts that qualify for Wellspring Society membership include:

- Will or revocable living trust designations
- Charitable gift annuities
- Charitable remainder and lead trusts
- Life insurance beneficiary designations
- Life insurance policy ownership assignments
- Retirement plan beneficiary designations
- Gifting a home or farm with a retained life estate

We invite you to become a Wellspring Society member by planning a future gift to SPU.

Founded in 1891, Seattle Pacific University is a premier Christian university serving nearly 3,700 undergraduate and graduate students. Known for both their competence and character, SPU graduates are bringing about positive change around the globe.



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