



The Gow School

THE WOLBACH LEGACY SOCIETY

*Including Gow in your will benefits you,
your heirs, and The Gow School*



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GOW GAVE ME A CHANCE

What Planned Giving means to Jeffrey Spoon '65 and Terri Ginsburg

Why does The Gow School mean so much to you?

Growing up in Detroit, I struggled with reading. My parents did everything to help me, but I remained at a low reading level until they found Gow in 1960. I attended for a year, and it was a life-changing experience. David Gow taught me Reconstructive Language, and I still remember reading my first book in study hall, "Around the World in 80 Days." It was a turning point in my life.

What was your path after you left Gow?

I graduated from public school in Detroit and attended Wayne State University. I then joined my family's real estate business and am proud to say that I've had a successful career. My wife Terri and I have a blended family with five children and seven grandchildren.

Of all the causes you care about, what makes Gow so special?

Students with learning differences often struggle with self-esteem. The Gow School gave me a chance. It helped me believe in myself and gave me the tools to succeed. Terri and I want to ensure that other students have the opportunity to advance and read thanks to a Gow education. My wife has a master's degree in reading, and we want to know that when we are no longer here, more students will receive the gift of learning to read like I did. I am so grateful for Gow!



Jeffrey Spoon '65 and Terri Ginsburg

IMPORTANCE OF OUR LEGACY

Both Terri and I believe in the importance of Planned Giving at Gow because we want to help provide scholarships for students who may not be able to afford a Gow education. Our legacy gift will help students learn to read, thrive, and excel in school and life. Terri and I hope our story will inspire others to include the school in their estate plan.



Jeffrey and Terri with their children and grandchildren

PLANNED GIVING AT GOW



THE WOLBACH LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LIST

Thank you to those who have already notified us of their bequest intentions. We would like to recognize all Wolbach Legacy Society members, so please notify us if Gow is included in your will.

Gow Bequest Intention +

Anonymous +
 Frederick and Ann Bernard '60 +
 Alan Botto and Ida Botto '57 +
 Mark Camenzuli '14 +
 David and Mary Ann Coulson +
 Lowell and Freda Dexter '64 +
 Lori Easterbrook +
 Scott and Elizabeth Evans +
 Christopher Fontana '88 +
 Marcus and Jennifer Goddard +
 Michael and Sondra Gutkind +
 Eric C. Halls '82 +
 William and Patricia Hoke '58 +
 Jon and Barbara Holt '58 +
 Edward and Gayle Hutton +
 Anne Hyman (David '51) +
 Michael and Virginia Jordan '64 +
 Peter Kellner and Tammy Baker +
 Ed and Kathy Krause +
 Jay Mandarino '79 and Lorena Urrutia +
 Henry and Sally Minis '66 +
 Martha Moore +
 Russell Pearlman '79 +
 Charles and Wendy Pinkerton '70 +
 Lowell G. Powers '59 +
 Alton and Judith Schadt +
 Jeffrey Spoon '65 and Terri Ginsburg +
 William and Diane Wallace '74 +
 Robert and Jill Warner '64 +
 Ward and Greta Wilday +
 George and Alice Wislocki '54 +
 David Woodside '64 +

Bequest Received*

Abbott F. Brownell, Jr. '61 *
 Ann Bullock *
 John C. Charlton '40 *
 Margaret Finn *
 Karen Ganje *
 Fred and Shirley Harvey, Jr. *
 Eugene Holland *
 Suzanne Langworthy *
 Dorothy Owen (David '37) *
 George M. Reid '43 *
 Trumbull Rogers '57 *
 Ervin Stockwell *
 Katherine Vail *
 Donald M. Weston, Jr. '42 *
 John G. Wolbach '37 *

WHY YOUR BEQUEST MATTERS

A Planned Gift ensures that your favorite people and charities are taken care of in perpetuity. Including Gow in your will is an easy way to give. You can designate a set amount or a percentage of your estate, and make an unrestricted gift (so Gow can use it where needed most), or restrict it to a scholarship, the endowment, or a favorite department.

WHY The WOLBACH SOCIETY?



Gow's Planned Giving Society is named for John Wolbach '37 who generously supported Gow during life and in his estate plan.

An astronomer at Harvard, John passed away in 2005. As a Trustee, he encouraged others to follow his example and include Gow in their wills. We are grateful to John and others who have made a Planned Gift to Gow to help ensure Gow's future.





Ways to Make a Planned Gift and to make a difference!

INCLUDE GOW IN YOUR WILL

Add this sentence: "I give and bequeath to The Gow School (Tax ID# 16-1034793), located in South Wales, New York, the sum of \$_____ OR _____% of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate."

CREATE A NAMED ENDOWMENT FUND

Establishing a Named Fund offers a meaningful way to honor you, your family, or someone special. A Named Fund must reach a minimum value of \$50,000 in five years. Named Funds can be unrestricted or restricted for a specific department or scholarship. Invested as part of Gow's endowment, a percentage of the earnings will be used, allowing the fund to grow in perpetuity.

MAKE A GIFT WITH APPRECIATED STOCK

Donating appreciated stock enables the donor to receive a charitable donation for the current value of the shares and avoid paying the capital gains tax. Please refer to Gow's website or contact development@gow.org for wiring instructions.

DONATE A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

If you have an insurance policy that you no longer need, consider donating it or naming Gow as the beneficiary. If you pay the premiums, you can receive a tax deduction. You can also sell an unneeded insurance policy, donate the proceeds, and earn a tax-deduction.

DONATE PART OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (IRA)

If you are at least 72 and take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you can donate it directly to Gow, reducing your adjusted gross income and tax burden.

MAKE GOW A BENEFICIARY OF YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN

If Gow is the beneficiary of your retirement plan, this reduces estate and income taxes on the plan assets. Name Gow as the beneficiary, and Gow will receive 100% of the assets.

If you have included Gow in your will or created a Named Endowment Fund, please complete and return the Bequest Intention Form so we can recognize you as a Wolbach Legacy Society member. As always, we encourage you to consult your professional advisor to determine which giving options are most appropriate for you.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

WINSTON CHURCHILL



THE WOLBACH LEGACY SOCIETY
BEQUEST AND NAMED FUND INTENTION FORM



Tell us more!

Thank you for creating a Named Fund or for including Gow in your will! We are grateful for your gift and invite you to complete this confidential intention form so we can include your name in The Wolbach Legacy Society membership list, value your gift for campaign purposes, and properly acknowledge your generosity. We are so grateful for your belief in Gow.

BEQUEST INTENTION FORM:

The estimated value of my Bequest Intention to Gow is: \$_____ (gift amount) or _____% (as a percentage of my estate).

- ☐ This bequest is unrestricted and can be used where most needed.
- ☐ This bequest is restricted for a specific department, program, or purpose: _____.

NAMED FUND INTENTION FORM:

A Named Fund creates a permanent legacy and is invested as part of Gow’s endowment. Each year, a percentage (usually 3-5%) of the earnings are spent, allowing the Named Fund to grow in perpetuity. Donors to a Named Fund must give \$50,000 within five years, or Gow reserves the right to combine this with another endowed fund of a similar purpose.

- ☐ This Named Fund is created with a gift of \$_____ and shall be called _____.

This is a pledge of \$_____ for _____ years.

- ☐ This Named Fund is unrestricted and can be used where most needed.
- ☐ This Named Fund is restricted for a specific department, program, or purpose: _____.

This gift is being made ☐ in honor of _____ ☐ in memory of _____.

This gift is being given ☐ only by me ☐ jointly by me and my spouse (name): _____.

Please list my/our names in recognition materials as: _____.

- ☐ This gift is anonymous.
- ☐ I would like to share my/our story to help inspire others to make a Planned Gift or Named Fund. Please contact me.

DONOR INFORMATION:

Signature 1: _____ DATE: _____ T

Signature 2: _____ DATE: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name(s): _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____ T

E-mail _____ Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

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