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Donor Profile




Spotlight on

The Nakayama Family

"John" Kaichiro and Tome Nakayama

Joe and Terry Nakayama

Family Tradition Inspires Generous Gift to NMSU

 Lowell Catlett, dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, believes that the Nakayama family has always been one of New Mexico's agricultural treasures, and two new endowments established by Joe Nakayama will continue their outstanding agricultural legacy in perpetuity.

Kaichiro "John" Nakayama, a former Samurai warrior, emigrated from Japan to the United States in 1907. He lived first in Kansas City and worked in a meat packing plant. The abrasive atmosphere of the packing plant led John to seek employment in Nebraska, where he worked with a farmer of Swedish descent raising sugar beets and cattle. John's wife, Tome, joined him in 1915.

The cold winters took a toll on one of John's feet by causing severe frostbite, forcing him to seek a warmer climate. His family was headed to Mexico but stopped in El Paso to wait for their second child to be born. While

there, they learned about an available parcel of land outside Las Cruces. They leased this land, which was a part of the old Shalem Colony settlement. John adapted the farming skills he acquired in Nebraska to the demands of the New Mexico climate.

The family eventually grew to include five sons and three daughters. In the summer, everyone had a job on the farm.

THE GOAL OF EDUCATION

According to Joe, the couple's youngest son, John told the children that he would not have a lot to leave them when he died but he would be sure they all had a chance for an education. All eight took their father's promise to heart, and seven attended New Mexico State University for all or part of their education.

Joe completed his studies in agricultural engineering on the GI Bill after World War II. When there were no jobs to be found following his

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Dear Friend,

Time Is Running Out!

If you're looking for a tax-effective gift to make to the New Mexico State University Foundation, individuals 70½ or older can make tax-free gifts using funds transferred directly from their IRAs to qualified charitable organizations like the NMSU Foundation. You can transfer any amount up to \$100,000 through the end of 2011. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you don't have to itemize to take advantage of this opportunity. The transfer may count toward your required minimum distribution from your IRA.

Our office will be glad to assist you in this transfer process. Contact Robert Peterson at plannedgiving@nmsu.edu. You can visit us online at plannedgiving.nmsu.edu and click on "Breaking News!" in the box on page one of the Planned Giving Guide to find in-depth details on this limited opportunity to directly transfer funds.

Greetings from Dove Hall on the Horseshoe at State.

In this issue of *Look to the Future*, we feature profiles of Joe Nakayama, Betty Wichert, and Bill and Mary Huey. Their stories illustrate the long-term impact that a planned gift can have at New Mexico State.

Your will is perhaps the most important document you own. Not only does it have the ability to protect the future of people you love, it also offers the opportunity to support the future of organizations that mean a great deal to you. A gift through your will, such as a bequest, can be simple and straightforward.

Bequests are:

Easy. A few sentences in your will or living trust completes the gift.

Revocable. You are free to alter your plans.

Versatile. You can bequeath a specific item, an amount of money, a gift contingent upon certain events or a percentage of your estate.

Tax-wise. Your estate is entitled to an unlimited charitable estate tax deduction.

The coveted *1888 Society* recognizes individuals who have notified us that the NMSU Foundation is included in their estate plans as a beneficiary of a will, trust, life income gift, life insurance policy, retirement plan or retained life estate. I invite you to help make the dreams of Aggie students come true by returning the enclosed *1888 Society* card. We would be honored to include you in our published roster.

Warm regards,



Robert D. Peterson
Gift Planning Director and Proud Aggie Dad
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"Autumn, the year's
last, loveliest smile."
—William Cullen Bryant

Family Tradition Inspires Generous Gift to NMSU

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graduation in 1951, he accepted an invitation from his brother Carl to join him on the family farm.

The values that his parents instilled in him inspired Joe, who is now retired, to establish two research professorships at New Mexico State in their names to benefit the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, and the College of Engineering. In making these generous gifts, Joe is now a member of The 1888 Society at NMSU. He plans to make an additional gift to these funds through his estate.

Dean Ricardo Jacquez states, "We are extremely honored by the recent gift from Mr. Nakayama that will establish research professorships in the College of Engineering. The new professorships will have a tremendous impact on our ability to retain and recognize high-caliber faculty who advance economic growth of the region through relevant and timely research."

To learn more about how to establish an endowed scholarship to support NMSU students for years to come, please contact us at (800) 342-6678.

New Endowments Enrich NMSU

Elizabeth "Betty" Wichert

When funds from the estate of Elizabeth Wichert came to New Mexico State University recently, they were a reflection of her family's many years of involvement with NMSU. Betty taught for more than two decades in the food and nutrition program within the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Her husband, Robert, was the head of the English department in the 1970s and their only son, Peter, was on the faculty in the finance department of the College of Business. Both of them preceded her in death.

Betty created scholarship endowments in the departments of English, and family and consumer sciences, as well as an endowment in geology to support her son's rock collection

which was also given to the department. Her final endowment will support a lecture series through the department of English to bring guest lecturers from a variety of fields within the arts and sciences with special emphasis on literature and history.

The Wicherts were originally from New York and returned there for summer vacations. Dr. Ann Bock, Betty's longtime friend and coworker in the department of family and consumer science, described her as a professor who was both well-liked and feared by her students. One student stated that she had never been "more scared or learned more" than in Betty's classes. Betty also served as an advisor to many campus organizations prior to her retirement in 1986.



Elizabeth Wichert established endowments in the departments of English, family and consumer sciences, and geology at NMSU.

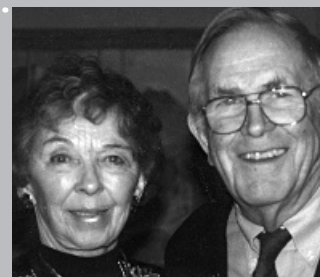
Mary and Bill Huey

William S. Huey attended New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts (now NMSU) after serving in the Air Force during World War II. With a degree in agriculture, Bill and his wife, Mary, who is also an Aggie, moved to Reserve, N.M., where he started his career as a game warden with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. His love and dedication to wildlife management led to a long and distinguished career. He served as chief of public affairs, assistant director and director of the department before being appointed cabinet secretary of natural resources for the state.

Mary shared her husband's love of animals and nature. After they relocated to Santa Fe, she worked for many years for both the national park service and the New Mexico State Highway Department as a cartographer. They traveled extensively but had a special passion for Africa, and they traveled there seven times over the course of 20 years.

Bill was honored as a conservation hero by the Nature Conservancy and received numerous other awards from wildlife preservation organizations. He and Mary were recognized as "Living Treasures" by the city of Santa Fe in 2001. During their 61 years of marriage, they shared their home with many special dogs, pea fowl, chickens, pigeons, cranes and more.

They also preserved their love of wildlife by establishing an endowment through an estate gift in NMSU's department of fishery and wildlife sciences to support students majoring in that field.



Mary and Bill Huey created an endowment within NMSU's department of fishery and wildlife sciences.

Endowments are a wonderful way to remember someone special while making sure your generosity will benefit NMSU for years to come. To learn more about this gift opportunity, please call Robert Peterson, gift planning director, at (800) 342-6678. You can also learn more about many different types of planned gifts on our website: plannedgiving.nmsu.edu.

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Make End-of-Year Gifts In a Timely Fashion

New Mexico State University closes for the holidays from Dec. 23, 2011 through Jan. 2, 2012. Stock transfers and gifts using a credit card must be executed before Dec. 31, 2011. Mail any checks prior to Dec. 31. To be on the safe side, complete your year-end giving by Dec. 20 and then enjoy the holidays with your loved ones.

Give a Meaningful Gift

You have worked hard to accumulate assets throughout your life. When you create a will, you have the ability to determine how your assets are distributed at death. To learn how to make a meaningful gift and save specific assets, send for our FREE guide, **Make Your Final Wishes Come True**, by completing and returning the enclosed reply card.



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- Please send me the FREE guide *Make Your Final Wishes Come True*.



- I'd like more information about estate and gift planning.
- I've included the New Mexico State University Foundation in my estate plans (and haven't previously notified you).
- I have a question. Please contact me by:
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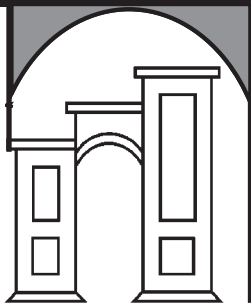
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that NMSU is included in their estate plans as the beneficiary of a will, trust, life income gift, life insurance policy, retirement plan or retained life estate. If you have made such plans and have not notified us, please use this card to do so. We would like to add your name to our list.

You will receive invitations to special events planned for members of this special group and be included in our published roster.


- YES, I WOULD** like to be identified as a member of The 1888 Society as I have included New Mexico State University in my estate plan (and haven't previously notified you).

- I WOULD LIKE** to be invited to The 1888 Society events but prefer not to be listed in publications.

Are You Ready?

A bequest in your estate plans is right for you if:

- You want the opportunity to influence not only the future ownership of your possessions, but the meaning that others assign to your life.
- You have a will or living trust, or are ready to create one.
- You want to continue your support of our organization after your lifetime.
- You want to balance your generosity to us with an assurance that loved ones are taken care of first.
- You want to maintain the flexibility to change your mind at any time.

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Your Next Steps



Consult an Attorney

Although it's legally possible to document your wishes without professional help, using the services of an estate planning attorney is always a best practice. You need someone who understands the laws in your state as well as federal law and someone who can help translate your wishes appropriately.



Contact Us

We're happy to send you a copy of our official bequest language or answer your questions about bequests and other planned giving options.



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A Guide for Keeping More of What's Yours While

Providing for the People and Causes You Cherish Most

For you, an up-to-date estate plan is one of your most effective tools for protecting the security of your loved ones. But did you know that you can also use your plan to play a role in carrying out our vital mission every day?

When you create a will or living trust, you have the ability to decide how your assets will be distributed at your death. You can include provisions, or bequests, that indicate to whom you'd like to give specific assets or amounts.

Besides naming family members and other loved ones, you can also include bequests to charitable organizations such as ours. When you include a gift to us in your estate plans, you join a group of instrumental supporters whose donations have made possible some of our most innovative and effective programs.

Advantages of a Bequest

- *It's easy to do.* Making a bequest is as simple as inserting a few sentences into your will or living trust.
- *You can change your mind.* Your estate plan can be changed at any time. With a bequest, you are not actually making a gift until your death. Until then, you are free to alter your plans, eliminating the worry that you might make a commitment you could later regret.
- *It may reduce the taxes on your estate.* If you choose to make a bequest to us, you'll receive valuable tax benefits

in addition to feeling good about helping others. Your estate is entitled to an unlimited estate tax deduction for bequests to qualified charitable organizations.

How It Works

Your estate planning attorney can help you structure a gift so your wishes for your loved ones and favorite causes will be accurately fulfilled. You can include charitable bequests when you create your will or living trust, or you can add a bequest later by means of a codicil to your will or an amendment to your trust.

Just a few simple sentences, called bequest language, in your will or living trust are all that is needed. You can give us a specific item or amount, or you can give us a percentage of what is left of your estate after others have received their share. A percentage allows your gift to remain proportionate to your estate size.

Although not necessary, notifying us that we are being named in your will or trust documents helps ensure that your bequest will be executed in the manner you intended.

4 Ways To Make a Bequest to Us

You should discuss these various strategies with your estate planning attorney as you prepare to create or update your estate plans.

1 Specific bequest. This is an outright bequest that is a gift of a certain item to a particular beneficiary. If the item has been disposed of before death, the bequest is not effective and no claim can be made to any other property.

2 General bequest. This is an outright bequest and is usually a gift of a stated sum of money. It remains effective even if there is not sufficient cash to make the bequest; other estate assets must be sold to meet the bequest.

3 Residuary bequest. This is an outright bequest of the "rest, residue and remainder" of your estate after all other bequests, debts and taxes have been paid. Divide your estate according to percentages of the residue to ensure that beneficiaries receive the proportions you desire.

4 Contingent bequest. This is a bequest made on the condition that a certain event must occur before distribution to the beneficiary. This bequest is specific in nature and is not effective if the condition is not met.



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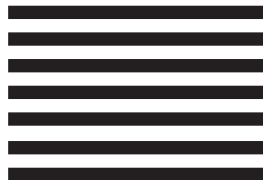
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