

# Legacies: A Vision of Hope

## Retirees continue to care

### They spent most of their careers at Hope.

For countless students, they *were* Hope College—part of the cadre of devoted and caring faculty and staff who help make Hope not only a place in which to learn, but a community in which to grow.

Following service spanning generations, they earned some rest. Even in retirement, however, they're still giving.

Some may continue to teach, or mentor students in other ways; others may stay active as artists or scholars. Hope retirees have also always been generous in assisting the college financially, and in the case of *Legacies: A Vision of Hope* the support has been especially remarkable. So far, they have contributed more than \$1.2 million in pledges and deferred gifts.

"I'm very, very pleased with the response," said Dr. Lamont Dirkse '50, who chairs the "retirees" portion of the drive, leading a group of retirees who have called on their colleagues about the effort. "I certainly want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the people who have been working on the campaign, and all the people who make contributions."

Dr. Dirkse was a member of the education faculty from 1964 to 1992, with his tenure including service as dean of students. He continues to work in the education program, helping observe Hope student teachers.

The retirees' gifts to *Legacies* have taken many forms.

Professor Mary Jellema, who taught English from 1968 to 2000, has endowed a scholarship in memory of her husband, Professor R. Dirk Jellema, who was on the English faculty from 1964 until his death in 1993. The scholarship is for international students, preferably from Africa.

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Professor Nancy Nicodemus, who taught English from 1966 to 1999, has established a fund to support faculty in the arts and humanities. Dr. A. James Prins '38, who was on the English faculty from 1946 to 1981, and his wife Iris have established a scholarship for English majors who plan to write for a living.

Dr. Paul Fried '46 has set up a trust that will create a fund to help bring students and faculty to Hope from Western Europe. Dr. Fried taught at Hope from 1953 to 1984, also serving as director of international education.

The late Joyce Morrison through her estate established a scholarship for students seeking a career in classical voice. Professor



**A plaque on the second floor of the Peale Science Center helps celebrate the impact of two Hope chemistry giants: Dr. J. Harvey Kleinheksel '22 and Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl '18 (the atrium in the new science building will be named for them). Retiree Dr. Irwin Brink '52 was first a student and then a colleague of the two influential professors, and in 39 years on the faculty he had a major impact himself. Dr. Brink is one of many faculty retirees who is complementing the incalculable value of career-long service to Hope with a gift to the *Legacies* campaign to have a continuing, direct impact on future students as well.**

Morrison, who died in 1999, was on the music faculty from 1962 to 1997.

Friends and family of Bob DeYoung '56 and Marcia Smith '55 DeYoung have endowed a scholarship in their honor for students who intend to become educators. Bob retired as vice president for college advancement in 2000 after 35 years on the staff.

Talk with some of the retirees about why they have supported *Legacies*, and two general themes emerge. First, it becomes obvious that their concern for the college and its students didn't end simply because they turned in their final set of grades. Second, as is true so often with the generous, they give because they feel that they have received in even greater measure.

Dr. Irwin Brink '52 was a member of the chemistry faculty from 1957 to 1996. In addition to supporting the new science building, he has written *A Brief History of Science at Hope College* to chronicle the tradition upon which Hope's goal of continued science excellence builds.

Dr. Brink experienced that tradition as student and professor. He both learned from and worked with mid-century giants like Dr. J. Harvey Kleinheksel '22 and Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl '18.

"Just to be colleagues with the likes of Gerrit Van Zyl and Harvey Kleinheksel was a big honor," he said. "Harvey Kleinheksel was the reason that I went into chemistry."

"I feel privileged to have been able to work here for 39 years, and to have been a student here as well," Dr. Brink said. "An undergraduate institution in chemistry—it doesn't get much better than at Hope."

Dr. Elliot Tanis, who was on the mathematics faculty from 1965 to 2000, and his wife Elaine knew that they wanted to support *Legacies*. "The college has been good to us—for the whole family," he said. "All three children graduated from Hope

and had good experiences."

They wanted to do something appropriate to the entire family, and reasoned through their gift carefully. A scholarship for international students emerged as the perfect choice. He had led Hope's program at Meiji Gakuin University in Japan multiple times, and had been on sabbatical in England. She had done mission work abroad. Their children, he noted, have been similarly interested in the larger world around them.

And the benefits of such support, he believes, are clear. "I think the international students add an important dimension," he said. "A lot of our students cannot travel, and another way to give them that world experience is to bring international students to Hope."

Hope has been a tradition in the family of Dr. Elton Bruins '50 since the 1880s. He is now a Hope grandparent—grandson Jim Plasman of Downers Grove, Ill., is a sophomore.

After serving on the religion faculty from 1966 to 1992 (he was also dean for the arts and humanities and interim provost), Dr. Bruins returned to the college in 1994 to direct the A.C. Van Raalte Institute. In addition to his work with the institute and a general contribution to *Legacies*, he and his wife Elaine are establishing a scholarship for students from the Reformed Church in America through their estate.

Given his avid interest in area and Hope history, Dr. Bruins noted that he appreciates the campaign's *Legacies* theme. Supporting the campaign is a way to give back by giving forward.

"Hope has enriched the lives of so many people," Dr. Bruins said.

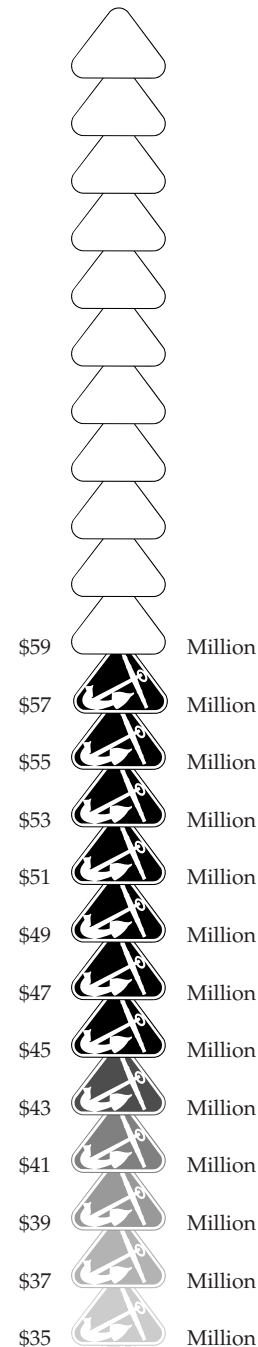
"We enjoy what the college continues to offer and feel that the college deserves our support," he said. "Our support is absolutely vital." ✍️

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### *Legacies: A Vision of Hope*

is an \$85 million fund-raising effort that has three primary components: renovating and expanding the science center, increasing the endowment, and addressing short-term and long-term facility and space needs.

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