

Gift annuities offer a win-win partnership



Annuities at Lourdes

A gift annuity is a simple contract between the donor and Lourdes University. In exchange for the donor's contribution, Lourdes promises to make fixed, guaranteed payments for life to one or two annuitants. The amount paid is based on the age of the annuitant(s) at the time of the gift, in accordance with Lourdes' rate schedule.

The act of establishing a gift annuity with Lourdes University is not, and should not be viewed as an investment. Rather, it is a way to receive annuity payments while making a charitable donation.

For more information on annuity gifts at Lourdes University, please contact Aileen Meyer, Director of Major Gifts, at 419-824-3813 or ameyer@lourdes.edu. ■

Ruth Frost Parker has a strong history of empowering trustees to reach their fullest potential for the organizations they represent. A civic-minded and active community supporter, Ruth has long advocated the benefits of establishing endowments and gift annuities.

"I believe in making a difference in my community," offers Ruth. She learned this philosophy from her parents and carried on that tradition with her late husband William. Lourdes University is just one of the many organizations that has benefited from the private grant making foundation named after her.

Through Ruth's initiative, a successful challenge gift issued to the University's Board of Trustees resulted in 100% board participation in 2005. She continues her support of Lourdes today through the establishment of a gift annuity.

As Ruth points out, a gift annuity allows both the institution and the donor to reap benefits. "It is a win-win situation for everyone," adds Mary Arquette, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "It is through the generous support of our friends like Ruth that Lourdes is able to make a difference in the lives of our students." ■