

## Outstanding Donor and Gifts to OU

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An e-mail from OU President Gary Russi to faculty and staff

I am pleased to announce that OU trustee Dennis Pawley, a charter class member and longtime friend of the university, and his wife, Carlotta, have generously made a \$4 million gift to Oakland University. With this gift in support of OU's capital campaign, they are taking a leadership role in securing our future and advancing Oakland toward its goal of providing a distinctive undergraduate experience.

Dennis Pawley's leadership as a trustee, an alumnus and a supporter has impacted Oakland and our students and faculty in countless ways. This most recent gift will ensure the continuation of that positive impact for years to come. In recognition of this gift and the Pawleys' long history at Oakland, the university will name the Education and Human Services Building "Carlotta and Dennis Pawley Hall" in their honor at a ceremony this spring. The naming will be made official pending Board of Trustees' approval at its February 4 meeting.

The Pawleys are members of the Varner Society, an organization that recognizes donors to Oakland University who have contributed between \$5 and \$10 million. Many of you may recall that two years ago, the Pawleys funded a \$1 million endowment to establish the Pawley Lean Learning Institute on Oakland's campus. Also, the Pawleys donated \$2 million to OU to support the schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services and Engineering and Computer Science. Dennis was also instrumental in obtaining a \$1 million gift from (then) Chrysler Corporation for the SECS. In addition, the Pawleys have given a charitable gift annuity of \$100,000 to the OU Foundation.

Dennis is a graduate of the SEHS and a former executive vice president of the Chrysler Corporation. He served on the Oakland University Foundation Board of Directors from 1993-96 and 1999-2002, and he served on the Board of Trustees from August 1996-December 1998, and from 2002-present.

Especially interesting about the Pawleys' gift is the process he and Carlotta went through with a financial planner to establish their estate plan and to determine where they wanted their lasting legacy to be directed. In an OU Web [news article](#) about the Pawleys' gift you'll learn that after first providing for their children and grandchildren in their estate plan, they decided to leave their mark - a lasting reflection of their love and support for OU - through a bequest that would continue to grow, making an even larger impact when it matures years from now.

I encourage others who would like to make a gift that will strengthen the financial and educational integrity of our great institution to do so. The planned gift process is a giving vehicle that many of us may wish to consider. I'm told that we are very close to achieving

our goal for the All-University Fund Drive - so now may be a good time to act on the Pawleys' example.

It is a pleasure to bring you this wonderful news as we start the new year. Through the hard work and dedication of our development colleagues and others at the university involved in advancement work, I hope to bring you news of this nature more and more frequently as the capital campaign helps propel us toward our vision for 2010 and beyond.

Best wishes for a productive and exciting 2004. And, please join me in thanking the Pawleys for their generosity and outstanding support.