



Remember Birmingham

Legacy Donor Impact Report

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Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the third edition of *Remember Birmingham*: our annual report to thank alumni and friends who have chosen to remember Birmingham in their will. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Fellows, who have joined the Rowbotham Fellowship this year.



Thank you for choosing to leave a legacy to Birmingham in your will. We have achieved much in the last year that would not have been possible without the generosity of our alumni and friends. Autumn 2015 marked the opening of the Institute of Translational Medicine; a facility that will enable the very latest scientific findings to be developed into new and pioneering treatments. It is also the inaugural year of the University of Birmingham School, the first University Secondary Training School of its kind. We eagerly anticipate the opening of a number of further exciting developments in the year ahead, including the new library and new sports centre, together with the reopening of the Lapworth Museum of Geology.

These are only some highlights of the developments that Rowbotham Fellows have helped us to accomplish. Your far-sighted support enables us to plan the University's future with confidence, and ensures Birmingham will continue to move from strength to strength. I hope you are, and will continue to be, extremely proud of the impact that you are making.

Thank you once again for your generous support that will shape Birmingham for generations to come.

Professor Sir David Eastwood
Vice-Chancellor and donor to the University

Did you know?

100%

of your gift will go directly to the area of your choice. We will not use a penny to cover our overheads or running costs, which are funded centrally by the University.



What remembering Birmingham means to me

'Birmingham is the place where I got "my wings" and really became an adult. It gave me confidence and a lifetime enjoyment of learning. I want my gift to help provide students with the same opportunities that I had and give them a step up in life. I see this as my way of helping the next generation.'

**Beverly Mayle Chioccon (BSocSc
Geography and African Studies, 1975)**



'My time at Birmingham had a profound influence on me. The first-class education I received enabled me to pursue many of my ambitions. I often reflect on the wonderful opportunity Birmingham gave me; how it helped shape my views, and how the people I met affected the subsequent paths my life took. I want other young people to receive these life-enhancing opportunities from the University.'

'Birmingham offers students the chance to achieve their dreams and my bequest goes a little way to supporting this.'

Luc Hardy (MSc Physics, 1999)

SAVE THE DATE

Monday 20 June 2016
Afternoon Tea Reception for the
Rowbotham Fellowship
5.00–6.15pm
Baggs Memorial Happiness Lecture
6.30–8.00pm

What your support means to us

Your giving in numbers

1/367 

You are one of 367 people who have informed us about their legacy gift and been inducted into the Rowbotham Fellowship.

£683,230

From February 2015 to February 2016 a total of £683,230 was generously received from legacy bequests.

Medical Research

The Donor

A generous gift from Gillian Fox is helping to find new ways to fight cancer, including lymphatic leukaemia, the condition which she herself was affected by. Gill and her husband Allan (BSc Mathematical Physics, 1959), met Professor Paul Moss whilst Gill received treatment and decided to leave a gift towards his research.

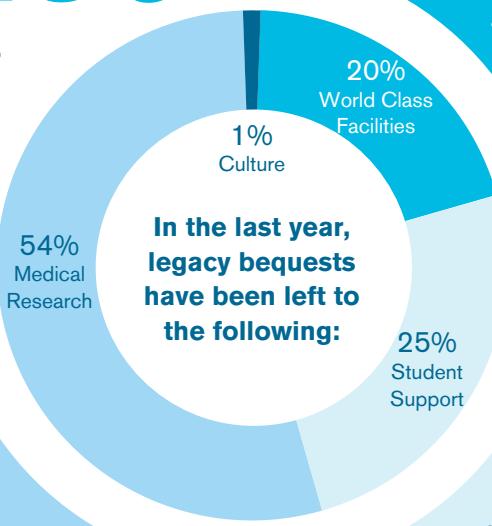
The Impact

Gill's legacy is supporting research into understanding how lymphatic leukaemia damages the patient's immune system. We are particularly interested in understanding how the immune system can be harnessed to tackle the tumour and control the disease.

'I hope with Gill's legacy we will be able to make a significant contribution to the clinical care of patients with lymphatic leukaemia in the coming years.'

Professor Paul Moss

(Head of School of Cancer Sciences, Professor of Haematology, School of Cancer Sciences)



World Class Facilities

The Donor

A loyal donor to the University over a number of years, alumnus Alan Wright (BSc Mechanical Engineering, 1955) left a substantial gift in his will. His generosity has contributed towards the building of the Institute of Translational Medicine (ITM) which opened in Autumn 2015.



The Impact

'The Institute of Translational Medicine is a new world class clinical research facility. It brings together academics, patients, clinicians, scientists and industry here on campus. By bridging the gap between innovative research and patient care it will help to accelerate the development of new treatments to save and improve lives.'



Dr Tom Clutton-Brock,
Interim Director of the Institute
of Translational Medicine

Student Support

The Donor

Stanley Ray and his wife Betty (BA French, 1978) had close links to the University and would often visit to attend concerts at The Barber Institute of Fine Arts. Stanley was passionate about the arts, and he bequeathed a generous gift that is being used to support scholarships for postgraduate students in the arts and humanities.

The Impact

'Receiving the Stanley Ray Scholarship has enabled me to begin a PhD in Ancient History. I feel extremely lucky to be a recipient of this scholarship, as without it I would be unable to study the subject I love. I aspire to be a university lecturer, so I can pass on my knowledge and passion for Ancient History to the next generation. The scholarship has allowed me to take a significant step towards achieving that dream.'

Kerrie Myers (PhD Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology)



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