When Carolyn Barnes and Kem Gardner met in the late 1960s as U students attending classes in Orson Spencer Hall, or “OSH” as it was affectionately called, they couldn’t have imagined that one day they would be the lead donors for a new classroom building to replace it. “When I first learned that OSH was being torn down and we looked at the many wonderful, important memories we had there, I insisted we support this new building,” says Carolyn. With their generous legacy gift of $10 million, the university officially unveiled plans for the Carolyn and Kem Gardner Building on October 28, at a celebration near the building site. The $68 million structure, expected to open in fall 2018, will be designed as an innovative educational space with the latest technology to foster learning of the highest caliber.

Additional donors to the project include Chartwells Higher Education, the Emma Eccles Jones Foundation, Rocco C. Siciliano, the Meldrum Foundation, Jeffrey K. and Sarah S. Scott, and the Richard and Leslie Haskell Family Foundation. Significant funding also will come from student fees.

The facility will be home to the U’s College of Social and Behavioral Science, with its seven departments, five programs, and several institutes and centers, including the Social Science Research Institute and the National Center for Veterans Studies. The Gardner building also will house the Hinckley Institute of Politics, the Office of Global Engagement, and the new School for Cultural and Social Transformation. In addition, the building will include 33 classrooms, two auditoriums, conference and project rooms, collaborative laboratory facilities, and several student study spaces. MHTN Architects will design the building and Oldland Construction Company will build it.

“OSH was always a place of great learning and great professors,” says Carolyn, who earned a bachelor’s degree in teaching and learning from the U’s College of Education. After working for several years as a school teacher, she is now a math and reading tutor at Mountain View Elementary and serves on the board for the U’s School of Music. Kem graduated from the U with a bachelor’s degree in political science and received a juris doctorate from the College of Law. He currently serves as chairman of Gardner Company, a full-service real estate company. Both Kem and Carolyn remain actively engaged in community service and philanthropic work.

“The university has always been a special place, full of wonderful memories of our friends, our teachers, and our classes,” says Carolyn. And now, the new Carolyn and Kem Gardner Building will provide similar memories for future students of the U. The university is deeply grateful to the generous donors who are supporting this important new facility. It will ensure an excellent experience for our students now, and into the future.
The Stewarts were faithful supporters of many local arts organizations, including the Utah Symphony and Ballet West. Ann, a Provo native, received a bachelor's degree in art and art history from the U's College of Fine Arts in 1955. Her love of the arts and education was inherited from Ann's mother, who inspired her with her own watercolors and encouraged her studies of the arts. After graduating, she taught in Salt Lake City, Boston, and Chinon, France. Ann dedicated herself to the UMFA for more than 20 years as both an employee and a volunteer. She became one of the museum’s first docents in 1979 and joined the museum staff in the 1980s as associate curator of education. She was instrumental in creating and fostering programs—many of which still thrive today—that serve elementary school students and senior citizens.

After Ann’s death in 2006, her family, fellow docents and staff, and the UMFA ensured her legacy by creating the Ann K. Stewart Endowment Fund in the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, created with a generous $500,000 gift, will support staffing, programs, and operations for the museum’s education and engagement department. The gift will extend the already considerable reach of a staff that brings hands-on arts education to more than 15,000 teachers, students, and communities across the state.

“Bob and Ann Stewart were lovely people who understood the value of arts and arts education in our community and helped strengthen many important cultural institutions,” says Gretchen Dietrich, the museum’s executive director. “This generous gift will support in perpetuity the kinds of educational and outreach programs to which they were so committed. The gift is a remarkable legacy for Bob and Ann, and we are humbled and deeply grateful for their generosity.”

The Stewarts were faithful supporters of many local arts organizations, including the Utah Symphony and Ballet West. Ann, a Provo native, received a bachelor's degree in art and art history from the U's College of Fine Arts in 1955. Her love of the arts and education was inherited from Ann's mother, who inspired her with her own watercolors and encouraged her studies of the arts. After graduating, she taught in Salt Lake City, Boston, and Chinon, France. Ann dedicated herself to the UMFA for more than 20 years as both an employee and a volunteer. She became one of the museum’s first docents in 1979 and joined the museum staff in the 1980s as associate curator of education. She was instrumental in creating and fostering programs—many of which still thrive today—that serve elementary school students and senior citizens.

After Ann’s death in 2006, her family, fellow docents and staff, and the UMFA ensured her legacy by creating the Ann K. Stewart Conservation Fund, which supports the care of the precious works in the museum’s permanent collection. Docents continue to contribute generously to that fund, which has supported the conservation or assessment of more than 50 objects.

When Bob, a radiation oncologist and leader in cancer research at the U, passed away in July 2014, his family requested that gifts be made in his memory to support the work that he and Ann began at the museum.

This thoughtful gift in honor of the Stewarts’ commitment to arts and arts education is a wonderful example of the generosity of our donors. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the Stewart family.

**Recent Major Gifts**

We thank the following supporters for their generous gifts received between October 1, 2016, and December 31, 2016.

Jeffrey D. and Heather O. Adams
Advivo Inc.
Advance Displays & Store Fixtures
Frank A. Applegate
Ruth Eleanor Bamberger and John Ernest Bamberger Memorial Foundation
Bamberger-Allen Health & Education Foundation
Be Brave Baylee Foundation
Teresa Beck
Bertin Family Foundation
H. Roger and Sara F. Boyer
Bintson Foundation
W. Hughes Brockbank Foundation
Kenneth P. and Sally Rich Burbidge Foundation #2
Kenneth P. and Sally R. Burbidge Foundation #1
R. Harold Burton Foundation
Cambia Health Solutions Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation
The Castle Foundation
Chevron
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Community Foundation of Utah
Community Health Charities of America
ConocoPhilips
Conerus, Inc.
Lawrence T. and Janet T. Dee Foundation
Thomas and Candace Dee Family Foundation
Dialysis Research Foundation
Dr. Ezekiel R. and Edna Wattis Dumke Foundation
Edmund W. and Carol B. Dumke Family Trust
Ezekiel R. Dumke, Jr.
Durham Jones & Pinegar PC
Ann G. Dye
Ecclis First Security Foundation
William L. and Ruth P. Eccles Foundation
George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation
Mariner S. Eccles Charitable Trust
Eichenberg-Larson Charitable Foundation
William and Fern England Foundation
Engman Family Trust
Facebook, Inc.
Fairchild Martindale Foundation
Steven and Connie Faria
Thomas H. and Carolyn L. Fey Family Foundation, Inc.
Jean B. and John H. Firmage
FJ Management
Friends of MS Charities - Utah Chapter
Kem C. and Carolyn B. Gardner
Garff Enterprises, Inc.
Robert & Katharine Garff Foundation
Robert C. and Lynette N. Gay
Roger Leland Goudie Foundation
Grandeur Peak Global Advisors LLC
Matt Handelsman
James J. and Terrie Hanrahan

**UMFA Receives Endowment for Arts Education**

A Salt Lake City couple, devoted to the arts, has established a major endowment fund to support education and outreach programs at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts at the University of Utah. The Ann K. and J. Robert Stewart Endowed Fund in the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, created with a generous $500,000 gift, will support staffing, programs, and operations for the museum’s education and engagement department. The gift will extend the already considerable reach of a staff that brings hands-on arts education to more than 15,000 teachers, students, and communities across the state.

“Bob and Ann Stewart were lovely people who understood the value of arts and arts education in our community and helped strengthen many important cultural institutions,” says Gretchen Dietrich, the museum’s executive director. “This generous gift will support in perpetuity the kinds of educational and outreach programs to which they were so committed. The gift is a remarkable legacy for Bob and Ann, and we are humbled and deeply grateful for their generosity.”

**This generous gift will support in perpetuity the kinds of educational and outreach programs to which they were so committed. The gift is a remarkable legacy for Bob and Ann, and we are humbled and deeply grateful for their generosity.**
Addressing Food Insecurity
U opens food pantry on campus

“It is wonderful when good people in communities not only see a need, but work to provide solutions.”
—Feed U Pantry client

Thanks to generous financial support from the Sorenson Legacy Foundation, the Lawrence T. and Janet T. Dee Foundation, and members of the President’s Cabinet, the Feed U Pantry opened in October 2014, first in the Campus Store, and then in a more permanent location on the lower level of the Olpin Union.

A survey conducted in early 2014 by staff at the U’s Center for Student Wellness showed that 51 percent of the 220 U students completing the survey met criteria for being “food insecure,” (meaning they lacked access to quality food) due to financial hardship. As a result, those at the center, joined by staff from the Campus Store and the Women’s Resource Center began a serious discussion about establishing a food pantry on campus. Soon after, representatives from the Associated Students of the University of Utah (ASUU) and the Lowell Bennion Community Service Center joined the conversation. Together, they researched what other campus pantries were doing and communicated with food banks. They found that more than 100 colleges and universities in the nation had food pantries.

“Many students on our campus experience food insecurity every day. Ultimately, it makes it very difficult to focus on learning because you are instead focused on your most basic of needs,” says Sandi Pershing, assistant vice president for engagement, and one of the chief organizers of the project. “At various times in my life, I too have experienced food insecurity, and understand personally what that feels like.”

Today, in partnership with the Utah Food Bank, the Feed U Pantry is well stocked. The shelves hold ramen, canned soup, vegetables and fruit, crackers, popcorn, chips, baking mixes, and non-perishable items. Most popular among students are peanut butter, jelly, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, and cereal. During the summer months, fresh produce is donated by the U’s Edible Garden.

“The balancing act of working and studying can be tough, so having one less worry is always a nice thing,” says one pantry client. She notes that many students don’t qualify for government aid but still find times when money is scarce due to unexpected bills. “A relief from food expenses is greatly appreciated, so a big shout out to those who not only make the pantry possible, but who had a vision and continue to see it through. This pantry is a great resource to the U student community, so thank you!”

The pantry’s schedule is based on the availability of the student volunteers who run it (check feedu.utah.edu for current hours of operation) but is anticipated to be open five days a week. Free food is available to any student, faculty, or staff member with a University of Utah ID. During its two years in operation, more than 1,100 people have benefitted from its resources and nearly 6,000 pounds of food have been distributed.

This spring, the pantry will be renovated to improve the shopping experience and provide space to accommodate upcoming workshops planned around healthy eating and cooking. “We’re always looking for support in the form of food donations, volunteers, and of course, funding to cover the ongoing costs of running a pantry,” says Nick Knight, the pantry’s manager. “We’re grateful for the incredible support we have received thus far, and continue to look for ways to make the pantry more sustainable and accessible.”

In addition to the Utah Food Bank, the pantry’s partners include Chartwells Dining Center, the Campus Store, Center for Student Wellness, the Bennion Center, and ASUU. All donations, no matter how big or small, are appreciated.

To volunteer or make a donation, send email to feedufoodpantry@gmail.com.

Student volunteer Maria Armenta and manager Nick Knight stock the pantry shelves.

Learn more at giving.utah.edu.
Karen McLeese spent more than 40 years giving to the University of Utah. The former development director for the S.J. Quinney College of Law devoted her career to cultivating relationships, stewarding donors, and soliciting money for student scholarships, faculty development, and an enormous capital campaign to build a new College of Law building. And if a long and meaningful career dedicated to the U wasn’t enough, Karen decided a few years ago that she had more to give.

In 2012 Karen was suffering from a torn rotator cuff and was briefed by her orthopedic surgeon that no surgery options were available. She was told she would need to undergo at least a year of uncomfortable but committed physical therapy. From the list of recommended therapists, Karen chose Elizabeth Kunzer, who received her doctor of physical therapy degree from the U in 2009. For almost two years Elizabeth worked with Karen to get her shoulder and her body well. Physical therapy is thought of as “the science of healing and the art of caring.” While Elizabeth was healing Karen’s shoulder, their care and respect for one another turned into a lasting friendship.

As they worked together, Karen learned of the lack of scholarships available in the physical therapy department. With more than 150 students enrolled, only around 19 percent are receiving any type of scholarship.

“I was surprised and a little shocked to learn how few scholarships were available in the PT department,” says Karen. “There should be a great number of donors for a department that trains people to rehabilitate others in critical need. Their debt burden is already significant by the time they reach the doctoral level in their professional education.”

Karen knew firsthand the impact of student scholarship and decided she could make a difference. Three years ago, she created an endowed scholarship for physical therapy in Elizabeth’s name. The Elizabeth E. Kunzer Endowed Scholarship Fund selects students in their second year who have demonstrated a commitment to learning and professional growth, and who also have participated in extracurricular and volunteer activities at the U as well as within the community as a whole.

Three remarkable students have now received the Kunzer Scholarship.

When a donor establishes an endowed scholarship fund, the gift amount is retained in perpetuity and cannot be spent. This type of fund provides ongoing and sustainable assistance to students in financial need while also creating a permanent and powerful legacy.

“My hope for this department and for its students is for enhanced private support in gratitude for the rehabilitation we will, or have experienced because of an unfortunate life experience,” says Karen. “As a member of that unique club, we are obliged to give back.”

Elizabeth Kunzer, physical therapist, with Karen McLeese, who established the Kunzer Scholarship in Physical Therapy.
The Michies Spread their Generosity throughout the School of Music

Jim and Nanette Michie learned the importance of the arts and the value of education from their earliest years. As Salt Lake natives from modest means, neither education nor the arts were handed to them on a silver platter, yet they each found ways to make them a priority in their lives, and later, in those of their children. Today they are spreading their love of the arts and education to others through their generous support of the School of Music.

After meeting as students at East High, Nanette attended the U as a second-generation college graduate. Jim—the first in his family to attend college—graduated from Yale University on a full scholarship. In addition to placing a high value on education, both showed an aptitude for music. And while Nanette's parents found a way for her to study piano from her early years, in Jim's family, extras were impossible. But Jim sang in the high school choir and The Yale Alley Cats in college, and after graduation, joined several ensembles. Following Nanette's graduation from the U, they married and raised five children. When Jim and his business partner founded a successful real estate company, TM Equities, their business success allowed the Michies to extend to others opportunities they hadn't had themselves.

Throughout their lives, the Michies have enjoyed the arts as others do sports: to enrich, inspire, relax, and uplift. Jim listens to music while he runs—everything from Willie Nelson to Beethoven; summer car trips included the whole family harmonizing together; and according to their son, Trent, piano lessons were mandatory in their home. At one point, they owned three pianos to ensure that everyone practiced.

After joining the School of Music's Advisory Board in 2010 it made perfect sense that the Michies would want to support the school's students, making available to them the two things they had valued most since they were young: education and music. Since then, the Michies have sponsored the School's Camerata Awards Gala, which supports students through scholarships, enrichment experiences, and instruments; endowed the school's Michie Graduate String Quartet, providing high-level chamber music opportunities to its most outstanding string students; and in 2016 established the school's first endowed undergraduate vocal quartet, providing performance and educational experience to four outstanding vocalists selected by audition each year.

Also in 2016 they provided the funds for a new practice pipe organ to be built in Zandaam, the Netherlands, by the Danish company Flentrop Orgelbouw, which will be shipped to the School of Music in 2018. The organ will be designed to mirror the layout of the Libby Gardner Concert Hall pipe organ.

Behind all these gifts lies a true generosity of spirit, a recognition that the lives of others can be enhanced forever, and an acknowledgment of the importance of education and the arts to all. “Music is the celestial language,” says Jim. “Everyone responds to music.”
Each year since 1993, three groups of firefighters—the Professional Firefighters of Utah, Salt Lake Valley Firefighters Association, and the Utah State Firefighters Association—have contributed financial support to the University Health Care Burn Center Burn Camp program. The firefighters hold an annual chili cook off, open to the public, where up to 20 different firefighter unions set up tents, bring in their various pots of chili, and hold a contest to see who has the best. Funds raised at the event go directly to the Burn Camp.

Five different camps, each serving roughly 35 participants at a time, are designed to offer activities in building self-esteem, teamwork, and peer interaction, thereby providing an environment conducive to healing. The camps give participants an opportunity to be with others who have had similar experiences with burn trauma and provide the tools needed to not only survive the injury, but also to thrive in the recovery process.

Since 1999 one of those five camps, Camp Nah Nah Mah’ (Ute for “togetherness in friendship”), has offered an array of activities to children ages 6-12 who have suffered burn trauma, and support for the wide range of challenges they face during recovery and after. Camp staff at Nah Nah Mah’, which is located at Tracy Wigwam in Millcreek Canyon, includes professional nurses, physical therapists, and volunteers. It also includes the firefighters, who in addition to their financial contributions, take turns providing daily meals at the camp.

The U’s burn camp program was founded by Brad Wiggins, nurse manager, and Ron Fife, Salt Lake City Fire Department battalion chief. Brad started at Burn Camp as a counselor in 1993 and that next year, became the director of programming. Then, with an amazing team of volunteers from the Burn Center, he created the four additional camp programs.

Today, nearly 100 survivors across all five programs participate each year. “I love burn camp for many reasons, but the biggest reason of all is being able to help survivors to recover from their injuries,” says Brad. “Burn patients and firefighters have a unique relationship that goes deeper than many others—for both parties—as it defines the success of surviving and thriving after the injury. We look forward to the future with our family and community of firefighters!”
Crossing the Finish Line to Graduation
Tanner Scholarships Help Make it Possible

From her office at East High School, Itzel Hernandez spends her days helping first-generation and low income students pursue college. For Itzel, the job is much more than transitioning high school seniors to college, it’s about making a difference. Five years ago, she was one of those high school seniors.

“Itzel, who graduated from the U last August with a bachelor’s degree in political science, is the oldest child of immigrant parents, neither of whom graduated from college. Their knowledge of post-secondary education was nonexistent. “As a first-generation minority surrounded by a predominately white student population at my high school, I felt embarrassed to ask for help,” she says. “I was completely unaware of the college application process and resources available. I researched online through blogs and YouTube videos on what I should do and how to apply.”

Initially intimidated by the process of applying for admission and financial aid, she made her way to the U campus and found resources like TRiO (a federal program providing academic success services to low-income and first generation college students and to those with disabilities) and LEAP (a course that enables new students to transition more confidently to college and to play an active role in their own education) and a supportive community of faculty and classmates who provided her with the guidance and empowerment she needed to succeed. While studying political science, her passion for her studies grew. “I aspire to work in my community, to create a positive change in society, and some day run for elected office in Utah,” she says.

Opportunities seem unlimited for students like Itzel, but the cost of education is a constant barrier between possibilities and reality. For local philanthropist Barbara Tanner, helping students like Itzel complete their degrees while maximizing their college opportunities is her passion. “After learning about students who are so close to finishing, yet cannot due to unexpected challenges, especially young single mothers who are raising children and working too, we felt moved to extend to these students, who had made every effort to get to the finish line on their own, a lifeline of hope,” says Barbara. She and her late husband established the Barbara and Norman Tanner Scholarship at the University of Utah in 2014—a “completion scholarship,” with a preference to support women who are close to graduating but are struggling to complete their baccalaureate degrees due to financial circumstances.

“Because of Barbara Tanner, this scholarship made it possible for me to intern this past summer at the Utah Lieutenant Governor’s Office,” Itzel says, of her summer internship, organized through the Hinckley Institute of Politics. “This was an incredible experience! Learning the inner workings of the office and the support it provides to constituents across the State of Utah was an impactful experience of my long-term goals.”

And now, working at East High, she helps students—like she was—prepare to access college. “Interacting with other students whose shoes I was once in truly inspires me,” she says. Itzel plans to apply to graduate school at the U to study public administration. Her story of success was made possible by the generosity of Barbara and Norman Tanner and their concern and commitment to help these students cross the finish line to graduation.

Recent U graduate Itzel Hernandez received a Tanner “completion” scholarship and now works at East High helping students prepare for college.
Explore The Power of Poison at the Natural History Museum of Utah

Throughout history, the existence and use of poison has always been a subject of mystery and intrigue. Now, thanks to the generous support from Zions Bank, the R. Harold Burton Foundation, Wheeler Machinery Co., the Lawrence T. & Janet T. Dee Foundation, the Marriner S. Eccles Foundation, and the Salt Lake County Zoo Arts & Parks, The Power of Poison, a special traveling exhibit, is in residence at the Natural History Museum of Utah at the Rio Tinto Center. The exhibit highlights the unique story of poisons and their role in nature, fairytales, science, and some of the world’s most interesting unsolved crime cases. This engaging exhibit is organized by the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Step into Columbia’s Chocó forest to discover how poisons protect plants and animals from predators. See golden poison dart frogs, toxic enough to kill 10 adults. Discover how Alice in Wonderland’s “Mad Hatter” may have been poisoned by toxic chemicals previously used to make hats. Take a seat at the live theater to understand how toxicology (study of poisons) came to be. Examine a Gila monster to learn how an element found in its venom now helps people with Type 2 diabetes.

The exhibit runs through April 16. More information is online at nhmu.utah.edu/poison.