

# Gifts & Support

## Honoring teaching—past, present, and future

If you ask Carter Smith Jr., 56C, 60M, what he values most about the School of Medicine, he comes to the point quickly: “Teaching.”

As a medical student and cardiology resident, Smith “learned from the best,” including Evangeline Papageorge, J. Willis Hurst, Bruce Logue, Robert Schlant, J.D. Martin, and Edgar Fincher. “They emphasized the personal care of patients and being available to meet their needs,” says Smith.

So did his father, Carter Smith, 24C, 26M. Carter Smith Jr. followed in his father’s footsteps by serving on the clinical faculty at Emory, teaching at Grady Hospital, and practicing at Piedmont Hospital. He was also responsible for establishing the Carter Smith Sr. Chair in Medicine in honor of his father and funded by a gift from Reunette Harris. Carter Smith was physician to Mrs. Harris from the mid-1950s until 1980; his son then cared for her until her death in 1994.

Carter Smith Jr. also took cues from his father in serving his profession and community. The younger Smith, for instance, served on Emory’s Board of Governors and chaired Emory’s Board of Visitors. And like his father, Smith was president of Emory’s Medical Alumni Association.

Now retired from teaching and private practice, Smith serves on the boards of the Piedmont Foundation and the Emory Medical Alumni Association. He also co-chairs the medical school’s annual fund and serves on the Emory Annual Fund Board with Thomas Schoborg, 73M.

Smith is a huge fan of the new School of Medicine Building. Teaching lies at the heart of the facility, which is designed to support the new medical education curriculum and which incorporates the historic Anatomy and Physiology buildings. “The new structure is very meaningful to alumni, many of whom took

anatomy and biochemistry in these buildings,” he says.

The building and its importance to teaching are among the reasons Smith chose to give to the medical school. For the past two years, Smith has made several charitable IRA rollover gifts, making Carter and his wife, Laura, 77L, Supporting Sponsors of the building. “The charitable IRA rollover appealed to me because the money goes directly from your IRA to Emory and you’re not taxed on it,” he says.

A by-product of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, the charitable IRA rollover provision allows otherwise taxable distributions of up to \$100,000 per person made to a charitable organization from a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA to be excluded from gross income. The amount rolled over can satisfy the required minimum distribution. IRA owners must be 70½ to qualify for the IRA rollover. This limited opportunity remains in effect through December 31, 2007, unless Congress extends the provision.

Smith sees the charitable IRA rollover as a practical way to support medical education, whether by contributing to the building, student scholarships, or other programs. “The tax advantage makes it easy to give out of your IRA,” he says. “It’s a great

way to show your loyalty and devotion to the school and reach out to the next generation of Emory-trained physicians.

“We are all grateful to the Woodruff family and foundation for helping shape and grow the school,” he adds. “But it will take alumni giving to help Emory reach the top tier of the nation’s medical schools.”

*To learn more about the charitable IRA rollover and other planned giving opportunities, contact Stephanie Frostbaum (404-712-2155 or [stephanie.frostbaum@emory.edu](mailto:stephanie.frostbaum@emory.edu)) in the Emory Office of Gift Planning or Heather Pharris (404-727-5932 or [heather.pharris@emory.edu](mailto:heather.pharris@emory.edu)) in the School of Medicine Office of Development and Alumni Relations.*



Laura and Carter Smith, at home with their beloved cat Pete, are Supporting Sponsors of the School of Medicine Building.

## Improving donor organ awareness and outcomes



For many Georgians with end-stage liver and kidney disease, transplantation is the only treatment option. But donor organs are scarce, and nearly 2,000 patients are on the waiting list. Those who do receive transplants face a different battle: Their immune systems treat the new organs

as foreign objects and work overtime to reject them.

Two major gifts totaling more than \$2 million from the Carlos and Marguerite Mason Trust are helping Emory and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta tackle both of those problems.

With \$975,000 from the Mason Trust, the Emory

Transplant Center at Emory and Children’s has created the Mason Living Donor Program. The new initiative will help educate the public about living organ donation to encourage more Georgians to donate a kidney or liver segment during their lifetime. The program also makes becoming a living donor easier and identifies more eligible donors.

To support these efforts, Emory has recruited kidney surgeon Nicole Turgeon from the University of Massachusetts. Additionally, Emory and Children’s will continue to provide transplant care for underserved patients in Georgia.

The Mason Living Donor Program is similar to an initiative in Florida that has increased living donor transplants 100% in recent years. Research shows that living donation improves survival rates. Living donor organs usually function better and last longer than cadaveric donor organs.

A second commitment of \$1.35 million from the Mason Trust will support the Emory Transplant Center as scientists search for ways to keep the immune system from rejecting transplanted

organs. In particular, this award will help scientists better understand the immune response so they can develop better treatment strategies for patients at greatest risk for rejecting organs.

These highly sensitized patients are likely to develop antibodies to the proteins that determine the immune system’s response to transplanted organs. Such patients include those who have received multiple blood transfusions before their transplants, those who have been pregnant, and those receiving a second organ transplant.

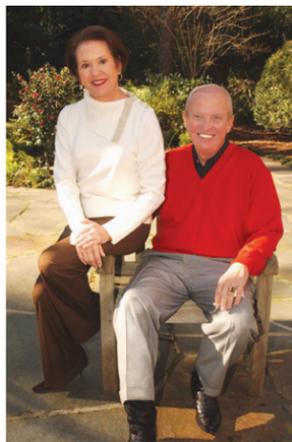
Discovery made possible by the Mason gift will build on Emory’s groundbreaking research into improving outcomes for sensitized patients. Emory immunologists and transplant surgeons recently developed the “Emory Algorithm,” a scientific method to determine whether a kidney from a deceased donor is a compatible match for a sensitized patient.

To date, the Mason Trust has awarded more than \$15 million to Emory for patient care and research. —Terri McIntosh

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## Safeguarding health for Georgians



Pete and Ada Lee Correll had the health of their fellow Georgians in mind when they pledged \$2.5 million to the School of Medicine. Their gift through the Correll Foundation supports student scholarships as well as

faculty research and teaching in specific areas.

In several respects, the Corrells' gift parallels their own experience with health issues, beginning more than a decade ago when Ada Lee had a cardiogram as part of her annual physical at Emory which led to open heart surgery the next day. Five years later, physicians at Emory Hospital revived Pete after a major heart attack. More recently, doctors detected an early-stage cancer and removed one of his kidneys.

"The doctors at Emory saved my life twice and my wife's once," says Correll, former chairman and CEO of Georgia-Pacific. "The

medical school is a resource to Atlanta and the state and deserves our support."

Toward that end, the Corrells' gift will fund four professorships named in their honor. The Ada Lee and Pete Correll Professorship in Urology will enable a faculty member to improve targeting of tumors during imaging and develop other agents to further treatment of kidney cancer and other urologic disorders.

Another professorship will support teaching and groundbreaking work to improve emergency cardiac care throughout metro Atlanta and the United States, advance research to save lives, and set a model of emergency care for the nation. The Ada Lee and

Pete Correll Professorship in Biomedical Engineering will fund a faculty member involved in Emory and Georgia Tech's joint venture in nanomedicine and cardiovascular disease, in particular the early detection of plaque in atherosclerosis. A teaching professorship named for Ada Lee, a former K-7 teacher, will recognize a faculty member who inspires and mentors students and who furthers Emory's vision of producing doctors who will transform health and healing.

Medical students also will benefit from the Corrells' generosity. For the next five years, the Correll Scholars Fund will provide \$200,000 a year for scholarships to help defray education costs for students.

## Peperuating mental healing and health

In his lifetime, J.B. Fuqua made his way from poor farm boy to multimillionaire through hard work and careful planning. He knew his circumstances easily could have been different.

"I am so very grateful for my wealth, and I have tried to share it in a manner that reaches many who are not so fortunate," he wrote in his memoir, *Fuqua: How I Made My Fortune Using Other People's Money*.

Although Fuqua died in 2006, his concern for oth-

center at Wesley Woods. He went on to contribute an additional \$4 million to the center to fund initiatives

people would be treated through his support," says William McDonald, who directs the Fuqua Center

*"MR. FUQUA WAS ALWAYS VERY INTERESTED IN HOW MANY LIVES WOULD BE IMPACTED AND HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE TREATED THROUGH HIS SUPPORT."*— William McDonald

in awareness and treatment of depression in older adults and to endow the J.B. Fuqua Chair in Late-Life Depression.

An entrepreneur who built a multimillion-

and holds the Fuqua chair.

The patients whom McDonald and his colleagues treat also benefit from Fuqua's generosity.

"When you are really depressed, you want to hide and creep into the doctor's office. You don't want anyone to see you," says Aubrey Lunsford, who suffered with clinical depression for five months before seeking treatment at the Fuqua Center in 2004.

Her doctor in Florida told her she was looking at life through gray glasses and saw everything as negative. "When I began to recover, I'd find myself in the same type of situation or the same space as I was before but, instead of feeling hopeless, I felt great, or good, or at least peaceful," Lunsford recalls. "I realized he was so right. When you are seriously depressed, you don't believe anyone who says that you will be better."

In retrospect, Lunsford realizes she'd been "sliding" for about three years before her depression reached a critical point. As a result of

her treatment at the Fuqua Center, she has been able to examine her own experience and has been trained as a peer counselor.

"I consider myself extremely fortunate to have been guided to the Fuqua Center," Lunsford says. "There are experts in so many different fields of medical and physical health. They see a great big picture when they look at you."

J.B. Fuqua's compassion for patients like Lunsford extends to his own family. "He very much wanted to make sure the money he contributed was really directed at healing people, and so he took a great interest in making sure the programmatic elements would be enhanced or improved by his gifts," says his son, J. Rex Fuqua.

Rex learned about the importance of caring for others while growing up. Emory was the beneficiary of that lesson in 2006 when he gave \$2 million to endow the J. Rex Fuqua Chair in Child Psychiatry in the Emory Childhood and Adolescent Mood Disorders Program.

"Giving has always been a core value of our family," he says. "It is something we have continued in this generation, and we hope our family can pass it on to the next."—*Maria M. Lameiras*



J.B. Fuqua (left) instilled a concern for others in his son Rex.

ers lives on. A recent gift of \$3 million from his estate will be used to create the J.B. Fuqua Fund. The fund will allow the Fuqua Center for Late-Life Depression to expand psychiatric care to older adults in rural and medically underserved regions of Georgia.

Emory has been a beneficiary of Fuqua's generosity since 1999, when he gave \$1 million to establish the

dollar business empire that included television and radio stations and nearly two dozen other companies, Fuqua became well known in his later years as a philanthropist, donating more than \$100 million to education, health care, and cultural causes.

"Mr. Fuqua was always very interested in how many lives would be impacted and how many

## Ambassadors for AIDS research

The Emory Vaccine Center has a growing army of ambassadors, thanks to the center's new advisory board. Already, the national board has generated three grants for HIV/AIDS vaccine research.

Concerned Parents for AIDS Research (CPFA) of New York provided a \$250,000 grant—its largest to date—for a joint project led by Rafi Ahmed at Emory and Bruce Walker at Harvard. By studying chronic infection in mice, Ahmed discovered how to reverse the immune "switch" that causes infection-fighting cells to shut down. Ahmed and Walker will take his research further by studying how the

process affects people with HIV/AIDS.

CPFA also awarded \$25,000 to Emory scientist Rama Amara for his work to develop a therapeutic AIDS vaccine in monkeys. Amara has received three CPFA grants totaling \$135,000 thus far, leading to a \$3 million grant from NIH for his efforts to develop a therapeutic HIV vaccine for humans.

Debbie Rechler, an advisory board member from New York, provided an additional \$50,000 for the vaccine center. Andrew Lipschitz, a longtime friend of Rechler's and scientific adviser for CPFA, announced the grants in Atlanta as chair of the advisory board.

Both have long been familiar with the Emory Vaccine Center. When



Sharon Umphenour (third from right) recently held a reception for the Emory Vaccine Center. Barry Baker (left), Debbie Rechler, Alex Brown, Dixon Taylor, Michael Aycock, and Andrew Lipschitz hosted the reception on behalf of the center's advisory board.

Rechler's son Ben celebrated his bar mitzvah, he donated a portion of the money he received to the center in honor of Lipschitz, one of the nation's first physicians to contract HIV from a needle stick in the mid-1980s.