Planned gift is instrumental vehicle in giving back

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Joseph Kornicke ’70 and his wife, Wanda, are passionate about music and making a difference through a charitable gift annuity to support Rowan students studying music.

A charitable gift annuity is unique in that the donor makes a gift to the University and receives an immediate income tax deduction and a fixed income—benefitting the donor now, while also providing an opportunity to make a significant gift to benefit Rowan in the future. “This is what worked best for us,” explained Joseph. “I’ve always had an annuity for Rowan and music can play such a huge role in a student’s life.”

The Joseph Kornicke ’70 and Wanda Kornicke Endowed Music Scholarship will benefit an undergraduate College of Performing Arts’ student studying music, with first preference given to students who are veterans.

“We want to see music education continue at Rowan,” said Joseph. “Our hats go off to those who teach elementary school students how to play instruments. We have been there and know how difficult it can be.”

Joseph has had compositions performed at the Manhattan School of Music, Eastern Mennonite University, The Crane School of Music in New York City, Mary Baldwin University and the United States Air Force Band. In 2014 and 2015, Joseph’s compositions were arranged by former College of Performing Arts’ Dean John Pastin and used as the recessional for the graduating classes in the College of Performing Arts with both Joseph and Wanda in the audience.