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News for 1870 Society members and friends of Syracuse University



Dr. Michael Ratner and Rissa Ratner '64

Making a Gift From Your IRA

As you think about year-end giving, consider a tax-free gift through your individual retirement account!

What are the benefits of making a gift from your IRA? A gift of any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA will:

- Not be included in your taxable income. IRA transfers are not included in your gross income for federal income tax purposes. (No charitable deduction is available, however.)
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.
- Be put to work today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- Provide meaningful support to Syracuse University.

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What Stage is Your Plan At?

To learn more about the benefits of establishing a charitable gift annuity with Syracuse University, simply return the enclosed reply card to request your FREE copy of **Strengthen Your Future With a Charitable Gift Annuity.**



MAKING GIVING BACK A PRIORITY

Dr. Michael and Rissa Ratner '64 believe in helping others and giving back. The Ratners are members of the 1870 Society—a group of donors who make a gift to the University through their estate or financial plan. To mark the 52nd anniversary of Rissa's graduation from Syracuse University, the Ratners made their gift in the form of a charitable gift annuity, a method where they receive an income for their gift.

The Ratners are proud of their connection to the University, and deeply appreciate the value of an education. Dr. Ratner, a pediatric surgeon, and School of Education alumna Rissa, a teacher, have worked in their chosen fields for more than 40 years. While the field of education has changed in that time, Rissa believes much has stayed the same and that a teacher who motivates and excites a child is pivotal to a student's success.

The impact Rissa has made on generations of students is undeniable; both in her career and in her philanthropy with Syracuse University. Well known in the community, she is

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—RISSA RATNER '64

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frequently spotted by former students, many of them with families of their own. Dr. Ratner says that wherever they go locally, someone is bound to recognize his wife.

Known for their generosity and philanthropy, the Ratners’ gift also commemorates Rissa’s accomplishments since graduation, and celebrates her love for teaching. “It is my pleasure to give back and I couldn’t think of a better way to say thank you for what I have learned at Syracuse University’s School of Education,” she says.



CAMPUS ABUZZ

with Alumni and Family Visitors

The strength of the Orange Family was on full display earlier this fall as Syracuse University hosted both **Orange Central** homecoming and reunion weekend, Sept. 29-Oct. 2, and **Family Weekend**, Oct. 14-16.

ORANGE CENTRAL featured new reunion gatherings for graduates of the '80s and '90s, along with the more traditional 50th and 60th reunion celebrations. The premier event was the Syracuse University Alumni Awards Celebration, including bestowal of the University’s highest alumni honor, the George Arents Award. This year’s recipients were Robb Armstrong '85, cartoonist and creator of “JumpStart”; Joanna Geraghty G'97, L'97, president and COO of JetBlue; Stacey Mindich '86, a Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award-winning theatrical producer; and Robert J. Miron '59, Syracuse University Life Trustee and retired non-executive chairman of Discovery, Inc.

FAMILY WEEKEND followed a few short weeks later, where beautiful weather welcomed thousands of Orange family members who got to experience a huge Syracuse University football win vs. North Carolina State. Led by New Student and Family Programs, Family Weekend offers families, parents and supporters an opportunity to immerse themselves in campus life with information sessions, open houses, receptions and concerts.

THE 1870 SOCIETY

Your planned gift to Syracuse University will have a strong and lasting impact on preserving the University’s cherished past while securing its bright future. In addition to the many financial advantages you receive for making a life income or estate gift, your generosity will inspire other Syracuse University alumni and friends to consider making a planned gift of their own.

When you create a planned gift, you will be recognized as a member of the **Syracuse University 1870 Society**—a special group of visionary individuals who have included the University in their long-term financial and estate plans. Our members are insightful leaders who guide the way for future generations of Syracuse University students.

In order for us to properly thank you, welcome you as an 1870 Society member, and ensure we understand how you’d like Syracuse University to use your gift, please let us know of your bequest intentions. If you would like to remain anonymous, we will gladly honor your request. Simply contact us at GiftPlan@syr.edu or **888.352.9535** to begin creating your legacy at Syracuse University.

EXTRA INCOME LATER
WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

If you’re looking for ways to support Syracuse University and prepare for your retirement, a deferred charitable gift annuity may be right for you.

How It Works

Make a contribution of cash or appreciated securities you have owned longer than one year to Syracuse University, and we’ll agree to pay you fixed payments for the rest of your life. You select when payments start, any date at least one year from now.

MOVING FORWARD

We want to work with you to create a gift that best fits your circumstances and needs. To learn more about the specific financial benefits you can enjoy by creating a deferred charitable gift annuity with Syracuse University, contact us at giftplan@syr.edu or **888.352.9535**.

The rate used to determine the payment amount is based on the age of the annuitant on the date payments begin and the length of time from the creation of the annuity to the first annuity payment. The older the annuitant and the longer the deferral, the higher the rate of the annual annuity payments.

Your Income Tax Benefits

1. If you itemize, you can secure a federal income tax charitable deduction, equal to the difference between the fair market value of the property or the amount of cash given to Syracuse University and the value of your gift annuity payments.
2. If you fund the gift annuity with appreciated securities that you have owned longer than one year, you are not responsible for the capital gains tax at the time of your gift. Instead, a portion of your payments will be taxed as capital gain (provided that you are the primary annuitant and that the annuity interest is assignable only to Syracuse University).
3. Part of each annuity payment is tax-free. The tax-free portion of the annuity payment is considered “return of principal” and continues through the annuitant’s estimated life expectancy.

Make a meaningful difference.

Learn how a charitable gift annuity can benefit you and Syracuse University. Contact our Office of Gift Planning at **888.352.9535** or giftplan@syr.edu to learn about how to benefit from your gift and make a meaningful difference at Syracuse University.

