



CONNECTICUT ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

Connecticut Architecture Foundation Giving

Thanksgiving has come and gone. We have gathered in celebration with our families and friends. This holiday, more than any other, allows us to reflect on our good fortune and life's many blessings. Small wonder that our thoughts then easily turn to charitable giving.

**“WE MAKE A LIVING
BY WHAT WE GET, BUT
WE MAKE A LIFE BY
WHAT WE GIVE.”**

WINSTON CHURCHILL

You may have received a notice – whether by email, social media or even, perhaps, by snail mail – that the Connecticut Architecture Foundation has launched its yearly Annual Appeal. The Foundation uses the funds raised to sponsor scholarships for students and special projects which benefit the architectural environment and practice. The Annual Appeal is ongoing; it represents a few dollars given by each of us every year to support a worthy cause.

But there are ways to give which have more lasting impact. The Foundation has established a program for legacy giving. A legacy gift begins with identifying the kind of legacy you wish to support. You may focus on a specific area of concern, such as diversity and equity, or a targeted student

population to support. Some gifts are given in recognition and appreciation of a genuinely successful professional career.

In the past year, the Foundation has been the recipient of two very different legacy gifts – the Allan Dehar Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Jane and Kevin Roche Scholarship Fund. The development of these two new gifts could not be more different.

In 2020, professional colleagues, personal friends, past employees and family came together to pledge support for the Dehar Fund. Despite limited opportunities or support, Allan found lasting success in the practice of architecture. The Dehar Fund honors that success by targeting students in Connecticut’s vocational and community college systems encouraging those students to continue their studies. The first scholarship will be awarded next year.

The Roche Fund was created by the children of Jane and Kevin Roche to celebrate the lives and achievements of their parents. Eamon Roche, Alice Roche Winthrop, Anne Roche, Denis Roche and Paud Roche determined to repurpose Kevin’s Pritzker Architecture Prize, a symbol of the zenith of architectural achievement,



as ongoing encouragement to young designers just starting their architectural journey. In this way, the family is making the Pritzker work for the betterment of architecture in a new way, refocusing its lens from the most heralded to the least. The Roche Scholarship becomes the ongoing tribute to the legacy of Jane and Kevin.

A legacy gift is generally a one-time event. In any case, it is personal. This type of giving reflects your values and aspirations while ensuring these values continue for years to come. Legacy gifting can be as simple as providing a bequest in your estate plan or naming the Foundation as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy. With planning, you can leave a gift that keeps giving.

This year, consider making a gift to the [Connecticut Architecture Foundation](#). All gifts are important and make an impact. Many thanks for your consideration.