



Have you considered a charitable gift annuity?

We are bombarded daily with news of the economy. But what we don't hear about in the news is the benefits of charitable gift annuities. Might they fit into your overall retirement plan?

Allow me to share two cases (anonymously) with you that I've worked on recently. One involved a retired couple who owned a rental house for many years and had depreciated it so that when they sold it, they would realize a significant gain on which capital gains taxes would need to be paid. When I met with them they had already sold the house and asked me if there was a way to avoid paying so much tax. They also were in need of additional retirement income. I talked to them about a gift annuity and once they saw the numbers, they set it up. About 40 percent of what they funded the gift annuity with was considered a charitable deduction, saving them substantially on their 2011 income taxes. And they have a guarantee of quarterly income for as long as they live!

The second case involved a widow in her 70s who, with her husband some years ago, set up a charitable estate gift through an IRA beneficiary designation. Her husband died a few years ago and she is now in need of some additional income. So we talked about a charitable gift annuity, funded by her required distribution from her IRA accounts. It made a lot of sense to her. She can claim almost half of the amount going into the gift annuity (which came from her IRA distribution so is fully taxable to her) as a charitable deduction. She receives income for life and instead of the charity receiving part of the IRA at her death, they receive the residual amount left in the gift annuity agreement. She increases her income, still makes a substantial gift to charity and pays less in income taxes. Sounds like a win-win-win to me.

Contact me to talk about how a charitable gift annuity might work for you. Email rogeran@goshen.edu or call (574) 535-7797 or 1-800-348-7422 (toll free).

— Roger A. Nafziger, *Director of Gift Planning*

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Our students are saying...

I am a third-year nursing major from British Columbia, Canada, and a member of GC's softball team. I am inspired by the Strahm's obvious love for the nursing profession and their desire to give back. I thank them dearly for their generosity!



Kathryn Berg is a junior nursing major from Langley, British Columbia, Canada, and a recipient of the Virgil and Marie Strahm Nursing Scholarship.

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HERITAGE

Paving the way for male nurses The Virgil and Marie Strahm Scholarship Fund

In 1950, Goshen College became the first liberal arts college in Indiana to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Five years later, the college accepted Virgil Strahm, who then became the first male to complete the nursing program.



Photo by Jon Strahm Photography

Strahm was first introduced to nursing during his conscientious objector service when he worked at a state hospital. Before service he worked on a dairy farm, and thought he would return to that line of work after his time was up at the hospital. But Virgil's wife, Marie (they were married in 1954), planted the idea of Virgil pursuing the field of nursing. But the idea didn't take hold right away.

At the time, the idea of a man being a nurse was out of the ordinary, but Virgil said, "I thought interacting with people was more interesting than interacting with animals at the farm, and the more I thought about it, I figured, 'Why not?'"

Virgil said he kept going back and forth about the decision, with grades being one of the main concerns he had. His grades weren't his first priority in high school, so he thought that while pursuing a nursing program, being exposed to a liberal arts program and getting a degree would give him a wider educational base and maybe make up for some things he had missed before. There were only two schools other than Goshen College that would accept male students at the time, so after deciding to go for the degree, Virgil chose Goshen as the best fit.

Once he began classes at Goshen, Virgil said all of his peers and professors were very supportive of him. While involved in clinical experience, "The faculty did a tremendous job paving the way for me," said Virgil. "They would check ahead and make sure that patients were okay with a male nurse."

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Heritage Circle Reception

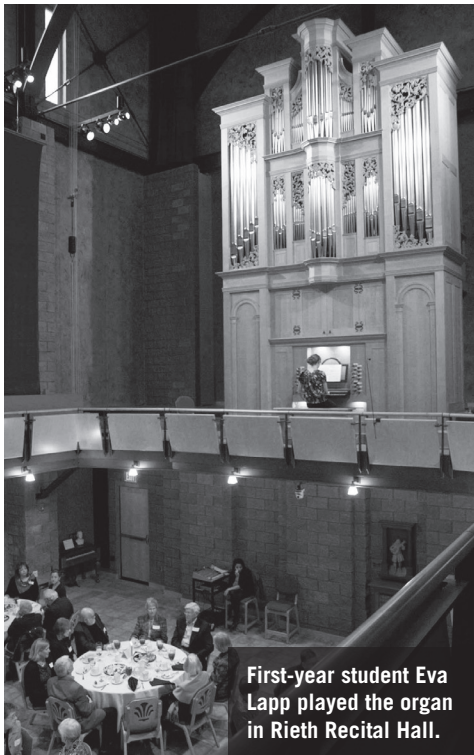
Goshen College held a reception in Rieth Recital Hall on Friday, April 13 before the symphony orchestra concert as a way to thank the Heritage Circle supporters who have made a commitment to the college through charitable estate planning.



Frances and Weldon Troyer spoke of their appreciation for the organ and why they're leaving part of their estate to support the playing of this unique instrument at Goshen College.



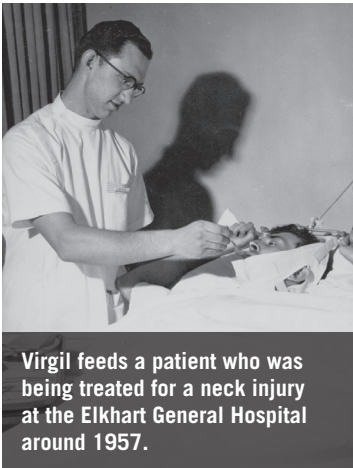
President Brenneman paid special tribute to Professor Emerita of Music Kathryn Sherer, who passed away in February at the age of 79.



First-year student Eva Lapp played the organ in Rieth Recital Hall.

Photos by Martin Brubaker '11

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Virgil feeds a patient who was being treated for a neck injury at the Elkhart General Hospital around 1957.

he returned, the bus was gone! Apparently one of the other drivers thought it was his turn to drive, and picked up the other students and headed for Elkhart – without Virgil!

There were times when Virgil struggled and considered dropping out. One day, he talked with a faculty member and said, “This just isn’t going to happen.” But the professor encouraged him to keep going and persevering. He said feeling a call to serve and the college’s Christian approach to “culture for service” are some things that encouraged him to continue.

Virgil was one of the assigned drivers of the college bus, recognized by some as the “Blue Goose,” and would often transport all the nursing students to their clinicals, located in Elkhart. One very cold morning, Virgil went out early to warm up the bus. He went back inside to get something, and when

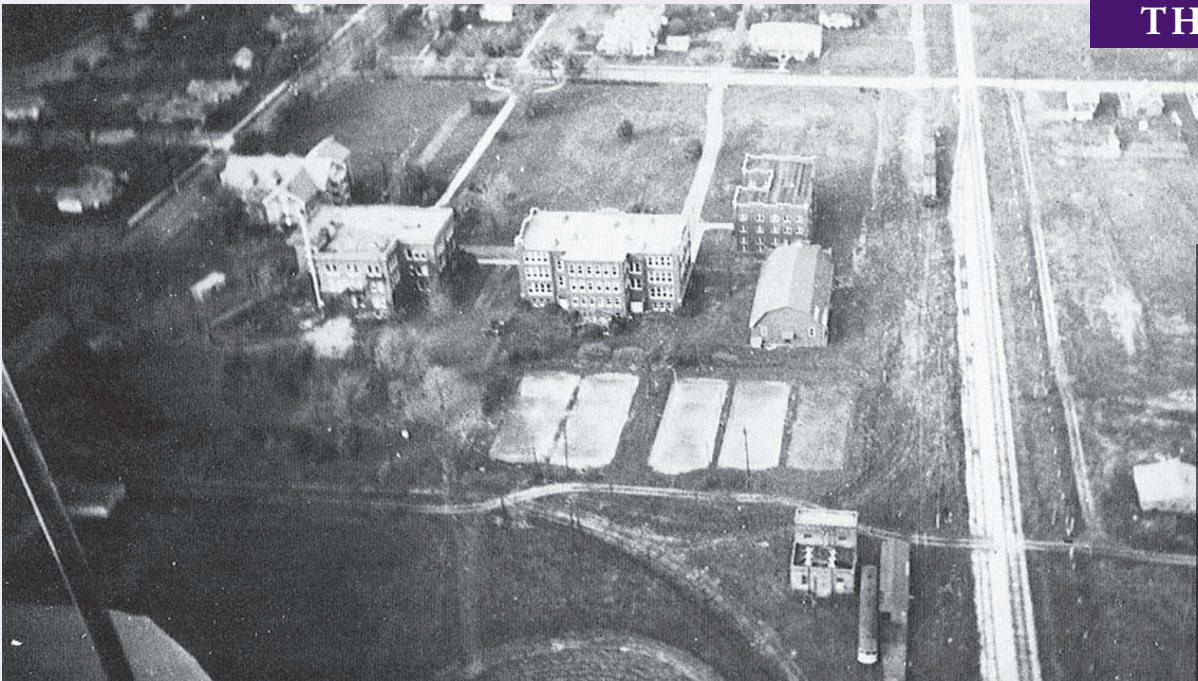
After graduation, Virgil started his nursing career at Elkhart General Hospital in the emergency room, and eventually became the E.R.’s head nurse. Later he transitioned to the orthopedic unit in the same hospital. After working at Elkhart General Hospital for nearly 30 years as a full-time registered nurse, and 10 more years part time, he retired in 1998.

Near the time of his retirement, realizing that sooner or later, the time would come when serving others “hands on” would end, Virgil and Marie decided to provide funds through a scholarship, thus extending the helping process. In this way, young people choosing their careers in nursing could be assisted by being helped to ease the financial load of attending college, and likewise encouraged to carry on the caring process.

The common thread throughout their lives has been that of service. “I started nursing to be of service to people,” said Virgil. “It has been the desire throughout our lives to be faithful to God and to be helpful to others.”

– Alysha Landis

THEN & NOW



This early 1930s photo of the Goshen College campus shows the interurban tracks passing through campus and the interurban car and depot in the bottom right corner.

Photo taken from “Goshen College: A Pictorial History 1894-1994,” by Rebecca Bontrager Horst

Life by the tracks

In 1903 as the college was considering moving to Goshen from nearby Elkhart, the nearby train tracks were a significant reason the present location was chosen over seemingly more illustrious spots. At that time, the tracks were part of an interurban line. Local entrepreneurs added financial incentives to persuade the college to choose a site bordering their railway, and the college recognized the convenience of access to transportation.

Now that the tracks are no longer part of an interurban line, the trains have come to mean something else to students: from being regularly awoken at 2 a.m. by the train’s horn to having

a physics experiment rattled by the train’s vibrations and from using the train as an accepted reason for being late to class to waiting an hour to get to the dining hall for supper because of a stopped train.

On July 4 of this year a significant shift will occur on campus when an underpass for pedestrians and bikers will finally be constructed beneath the train tracks. Students will no longer have excuses for being late to class, but more importantly, a significant safety concern will be addressed. The 10-foot, lit tunnel will allow persons on foot or on bike to cross campus even when a train is passing through (or stopped).



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