



Living Legacies

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Investing in the Future of Biomedical Research

When **Richard B. Fisher** joined The Rockefeller University Board of Trustees in 1994, he brought with him over three decades of business acumen. A native of Philadelphia, Dick Fisher graduated from Princeton University in 1957 and from the Harvard Business School in 1962. Shortly thereafter, he joined Morgan Stanley as an associate in corporate finance. Over the course of nearly 40 years with the firm, Dick rose to Chairman, and helped build Morgan Stanley into one of the world's largest securities firms. In 1997, Dick stepped down as firm Chairman, and became increasingly devoted to his philanthropic endeavors.

Elected Chairman of The Rockefeller University's Board of Trustees in 1998, Dick delighted in his engagement with the University. His family recollected that "he could proudly recite the number of Nobel Prize winners in Rockefeller's history as if it were a particularly favorable outcome of an important football game."

The University was fortunate to have the benefit of Dick's enormously effective leadership. He led Rockefeller through a period of robust growth that coincided with the celebration of the University's Centennial. Dick possessed a remarkable ability to listen to others and build consensus while encouraging debate and ensuring that all voices were heard. The Board and campus community drew heavily upon his wisdom, his astute judgement, and his calm and steady guidance during critical periods of transition and expansion.

Dick Fisher gave generously to the University for many years, and his commitment to Rockefeller extended beyond his lifetime. An ardent believer in the transformative potential of basic research, Dick included a \$5 million gift to the University's general endowment in his estate plans. Dick recognized the importance of flexible, long-term support to scientific discovery and innovation. His magnificent gift is an enduring investment in the University, and will help to advance biomedical knowledge and achievement for years to come.

Living Legacies is a periodic series highlighting benefactors who made the enormously helpful decision to include The Rockefeller University in their estate plans. In sharing what they have done, we hope to honor their dedication, and also to demonstrate how planned gifts can have a transformative impact on biomedical research at Rockefeller.

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