Andrew L. Smith knew little about philanthropy when he joined Emory School of Medicine as the medical director of the congestive heart failure program two decades ago.

“We were just one part of a large division that was part of a large medical center, and everyone had competing needs,” he says.

He learned about philanthropy quickly after grateful patients made significant gifts to establish endowments in the School of Medicine early in his Emory career. These endowments helped retain talented faculty, start a research program, and support community events like the Atlanta Heart Walk. More people found out about his team’s successes and saw how they could donate too.

Smith liked reaching new people and connecting them to Emory, so chairing MyEmory for the School of Medicine during the recently completed Campaign Emory was a natural fit. More than 40 percent of School of Medicine employees contributed during Campaign Emory, and their continued support through the MyEmory annual employee giving program has been invaluable.

“Dr. Smith has always given, to the maximum, his talents and efforts at our institution for the advancement of our knowledge and for the delivery of care to our patients who have advanced heart failure,” says fellow cardiologist Stephen D. Clements Jr., a friend for more than 20 years.

His education in philanthropy continues. Smith recently read the bestseller Give and Take: A Revolutionary Approach to Success by Adam Grant, a Harvard professor of organizational psychology. The book points out how those who give strategically have the greatest business success, “because if you give, you are more likely to receive,” says Smith.

The son of Emory-trained cardiologist J. Orson Smith Jr. 52C 56M 59MR, he consistently has seen how one gift has the power to attract many more. “If you look around at the needs in your department, and people there are very valued and feel positive about giving, the personal gifts that come from those feelings open us to gifts from others,” he says.
“I am passionate about the Adopt-a-Resident program. Our medical training pathways need to build in flexibility to accommodate the creativity of our young professionals. Adopted radiology residents at Emory have engaged in transformative experiences in global health, health policy, and developing novel educational tools. One of the main reasons I give to support this program is my gratitude for mentors who encouraged and supported my own interdisciplinary professional development.”

Carolyn Meltzer, MD FACR
William P. Timmie Professor and Chair of Radiology and Imaging Sciences; Associate Dean for Research Emory University School of Medicine
Gives to School of Medicine and Winship Cancer Institute

“I give because I am truly invested in Goizueta Business School, and enjoy working with the students, faculty, and staff. I love participating in the MyEmory program to support the Business School and often attend stewardship events like Cocktails at Bloomingdale’s.”

Debbie Ashtiani
Director of Registrar Services
MyEmory Volunteer Representative
Gives to Goizueta Business School

“A little more than five years ago, I was fortunate to join Oxford College. One way to strengthen this community is through MyEmory, and my contribution can be designated to projects and programs that connect to my work at Oxford. For me, the Ways of Inquiry program is very important to my involvement with the teaching and learning mission of our college. Ways of Inquiry encourages students to seek knowledge within each discipline and to examine and learn from their first year of college.”

Jeff Galle
Associate Professor of Humanities and Director of the Center for Academic Excellence
MyEmory Volunteer Representative
Gives to Oxford College

“Before becoming a team member at the Laney Graduate School in 2011, I admit that I had not given much thought to making a contribution to LGS. But after my first year, I saw how the LGS team dedicates time and talents to strengthening and growing graduate education here at Emory. We devote ourselves to help shape the careers of scholars—graduate students whose Emory experiences equip them to have an influence on the world and the lives of others. I am a MyEmory supporter because I believe in the work that we do, and I trust our colleagues to be good stewards of the funds I contribute.”

Cathryn Johnson
Senior Associate Dean, Laney Graduate School
MyEmory Volunteer Representative
Gives to School of Medicine, Candler School of Theology, and James T. Laney Graduate School
MyEmory supporters help realize vision of Oxford Library and Academic Commons

SHORTLY AFTER EARNING HER master’s degree in librarianship from Emory University, Kitty McNeill 85G began her life’s work at the Oxford College Library. Now associate dean and college librarian at Oxford, she has long envisioned a larger, more flexible space where students could gather and learn in a “transformative and evolving environment.”

In fall 2013, Oxford’s new Library and Academic Commons opened. The ribbon cutting celebrated the culmination of 15 years of planning.

McNeill supported the new library and academic commons not only through her diligent work, but also with personal contributions through MyEmory, Emory’s employee annual giving program.

“How giving through MyEmory allows me to not only support the place where I went to school, but also where I work,” she says. Even if employees can’t give in a large way, each small contribution counts.”

Staff and faculty across the university supported the Oxford library project through MyEmory.

“The support of Emory faculty and staff has been instrumental in seeing this project through to fruition,” McNeill says.

Emeritus Chemistry Professor Establishes Lectureship

IT WAS DURING THE BLIZZARD OF 1977, just after chemistry professor Albert Padwa had just spent four days trapped in his department with other faculty and students at the State University of New York, when he got a call from Emory University.

It was the chairman of the chemistry department at Emory College inviting Padwa to interview for the William Patterson Timmie Chair of Chemistry. Padwa traveled to Atlanta the next week, where he found mild weather and a university eager to grow its capacity and reputation in chemistry research.

Padwa joined the faculty as Timmie Professor in 1979. He has had a major hand in recruiting every senior faculty member in the chemistry department and has advised more than 250 graduate research students and postdoctoral research fellows. In addition, all four of his children—Bonnie Padwa 83C, Jeffrey Padwa 85C, Carolyn Padwa 85OX 87C, and Aaron Walsh Padwa 12C—are Emory alumni.

In his time at Emory, Padwa has won a number of national awards, and he was named the Emory University Teacher/Scholar in 1988. He also has been a visiting professor and lecturer at universities across the country and in Germany, France, England, and China. He retired in 2013 and became an emeritus professor of chemistry. That same year he took advantage of the opportunity to make a rollover gift from his IRA through MyEmory to establish the Albert Padwa Lecture Fund in the Chemistry Department at Emory College.

“The frontiers of science are not just being challenged here at Emory. It is important for students to be able to see people from elsewhere and to pick up the enthusiasm and passion of very motivating speakers,” Padwa says. “I can’t think of a better way to reach out to new generations of students.”

(L to R) Art Vinson 66OX 68C, Chair of the Oxford Board of Counselors, with Kitty McNeill 85G and Hugh Tarbutton Jr. 84OX
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The hardship fund is fully supported by voluntary charitable donations from the Emory community. There are no administration fees, and 100 percent of the donations go to help those in need.

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