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For more than 20 years, Dr. Gregg Albers has been helping Liberty University students heal from their minor illnesses and injuries. But he's not just concerned about the students; he wants the entire university to continue to thrive as an institution that provides the highest quality Christian education available.

That's why he and his wife, Andrea, have decided to leave a bequest to Liberty University in their estate plan.

They recently joined the Jerry Falwell Legacy Society and received a plaque from Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. The Society recognizes special supporters who make commitments to the future of Liberty University through various planned giving options.

The Alberses' ties with Liberty are strong.

"We came 25 years ago [from Ohio]. The Lord called us here to Liberty to do their health services and we've been working in health services ever since," Gregg Albers said.

He operates Light Medical Inc., a family and occupational medical service available to students, staff and faculty at Liberty. He also operates a second office off campus that serves the Lynchburg community.

Andrea is an accomplished musician. She plays violin for the Lynchburg Symphony, gives lessons and has helped with the Liberty orchestra. She has performed in the Virginia Christmas Spectacular at Thomas Road Baptist Church, where the couple has been longtime members. The show raised funds for the Liberty Godparent Home, a ministry to young mothers as an alternative to abortion. Gregg now serves as chairman of the board for the Home.

Gregg also sings in the Thomas Road Baptist Church choir and is vice chairman of the Liberty Christian Academy School Board, where the couple's four children attended school. Two went on to receive degrees from Liberty University.

The Alberses said it was an easy decision to designate a percentage of their estate to Liberty in their will.

"We've always supported Liberty and seen its growth; we believe in Christian education and want to see the school do well," Andrea said.

Gregg said he hopes to raise that percentage in the future and has included a stipulation that the funds be used for a medical school, if the university should ever add one. Otherwise, it will go in the college's general endowment.

Andrea said she would recommend the Planned Giving Department at Liberty University to anyone who is thinking about their future.

"People here are so easy to work with. You can give any percentage, there's no pressure from anyone as far as how much you're going to give."

Gregg said he is confident Liberty's growth spurt will continue and knowing that he and his wife can contribute to the school's mission in life and in death is reassuring.

"I don't see any problems with it growing — until the Lord comes again."