

Why We Give



Charles and Madeline Leavitt

To Help All Students

CHARLES AND MADELINE LEAVITT, *parents*

“Libraries are almost sacred spaces to us,” screen-writer Chuck Leavitt told us when he and his wife made the gift to name a room at the renovated McHenry Library. Madeline added, “I have a degree in early childhood education, in addition to being a theater director, so I loved the idea of giving to a part of the campus that all students could use—whether they majored in science or dance.”

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Gordon and Teresa Pusser

To Create Community

GORDON PUSSEr, *community member*

“I was at a concert by the Cleveland Quartet at Berkeley 33 years ago when I met my wife, Teresa. She was sitting alone, and I was sitting alone. I asked her to join me. From there, we fell in love and have had a wonderful life together. UCSC’s Arts & Lectures series brings the same caliber of entertainment to us, plus, we get an extra joy every time we attend a performance, remembering how we met. Of course, we appreciate that Arts & Lectures offers all types of performances, but music is a very important part of our life.”

To Fill the Gaps

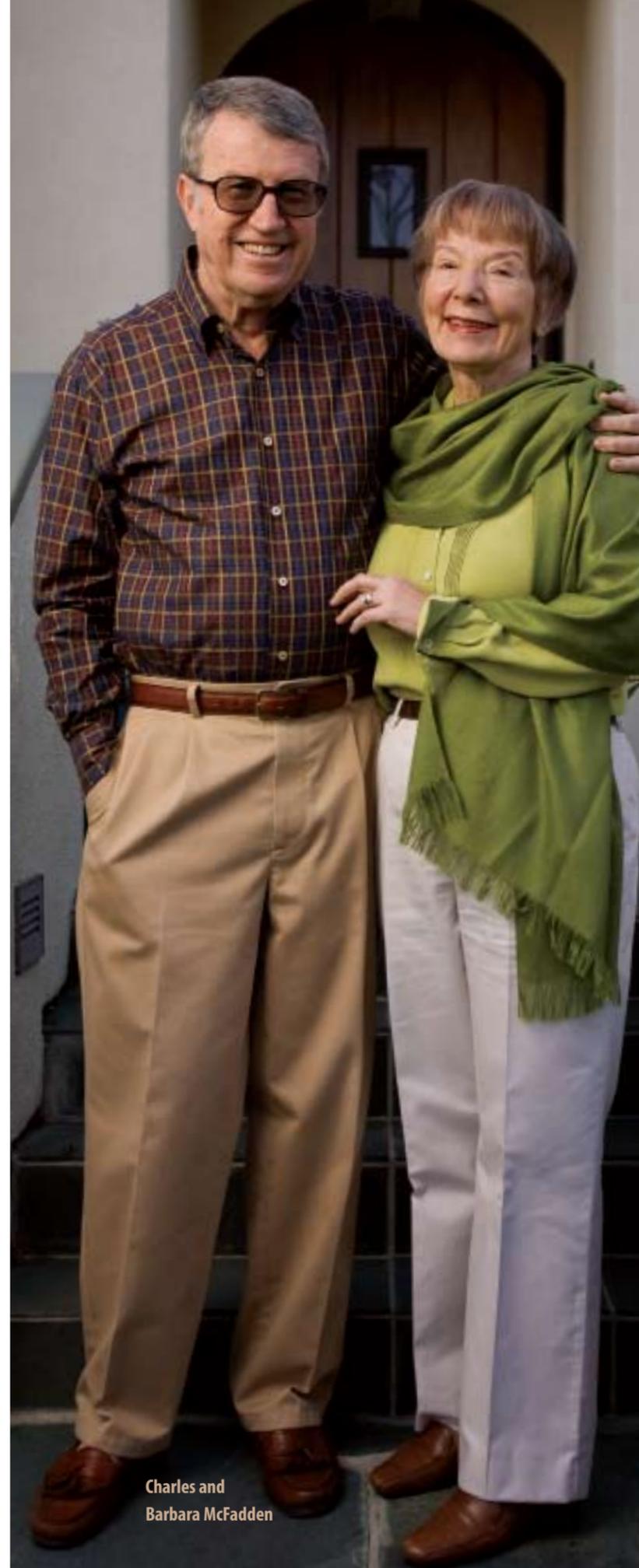
LETA MILLER, *professor of music*

“Because I believe so strongly in UCSC’s disciplinary balance between performance and academics, musicology and ethnomusicology, and collegiality, I make donations that support its success. I give directly to the department. Perpetuating its success is part of my responsibility. Second, I’ve created an award to honor a graduating senior that honors my musician mother, Hortense Zuckerman.



Leta Miller

Finally, I donate to the library’s Marion Taylor Fund, which helps fill in the gaps in our music collections. As researchers and donors, that’s what we’re here to do: fill in the gaps in knowledge and support.”



Charles and Barbara McFadden



Sally and Michael Graydon (Cowell '70)

To Make Something Meaningful Happen

MICHAEL GRAYDON, *alumnus, UCSC Foundation Trustee*

“It’s easy enough to make money. It’s a lot more fun to make something meaningful happen when you give it away. I supported the McHenry Library renovation when I understood what my donation could mean to the project. Since then, I’ve been amazed to watch the library I grew up with transform before my eyes. As a trustee, I want to help alumni recognize the value of their education and the importance of fostering that kind of education for future students. No matter what’s important to them, UCSC has a program to address that passion.”

To Provide Better Tomorrows

BARBARA AND CHARLES MCFADDEN, *community members*

“My husband and I wanted to support a scholarship in the name of my first son, Davy, who had died of cystic fibrosis when he was three years old. Davy was an extraordinarily bright, attractive little boy, but he ran out of tomorrows. We wanted to find a scholarship that would help others have better tomorrows. When we learned about the Smith Renaissance Society, we were deeply touched by the stories and achievements these kids have all been able to reach for. With this gift, Davy’s short life counts for so much in deserving young people’s lives.”