LEADERSHIP GIVING ASSOCIATION

Laidley Club | $7,500 - $9,999
In honor of Thomas and Sarah Laidley, Born: Scotland, 1759. Settled in Morgantown around 1783 and operated the town’s first store. He acquired many of the original lots and numerous tracts of land in the surrounding area. He was Monongalia County’s representative in the legislature for various terms of office between 1778 and 1801.

Scott Club | $5,000 - $7,499
In honor of David and Judith Scott. He served as a delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, as sheriff of Monongalia County, as a member of the county court, as a census taker, and as a captain of the Virginia militia. He made his livelihood by operating a mill on the Monongalia River at the mouth of Scott Mill Run.

Evans Club | $3,500 - $4,999
In honor of Colonel John and Ann Martin Evans. John Evans was born in 1737 near Alexandria, Virginia. He arrived in Morgantown in 1765. He built his home on the site of the present-day town of Walnut Hill. He attained the rank of Lt. Col. in the Revolutionary War and founded the Monongalia Academy. The community of Evansdale commemorates the family name.

Kerns Club | $2,000 - $2,499
In honor of Michael and Susanna Kerns. As early as 1772, Michael Kerns was operating a boatyard on Decker’s Creek. He oversaw construction of the new courthouse. Because there were few churches in Morgantown, Kerns also built a place of worship for all denominations across Decker’s Creek. Kerns Fort sheltered local citizens during attacks.

McCleery Club | $1,500 - $1,999
In honor of Colonel William and Isabella Stockton McCleery. He arrived in Morgantown between 1783 and 1785. Later, he practiced law and became a local judge. He also represented Monongalia County in the legislature. Isabella, after escaping from the Indian captivity, met Col. McCleery and became a founder of Morgantown.

Dering Club | $1,250 - $1,499
In honor of Henry and Rebecca Dering. The Derings came to Morgantown in 1787 and soon opened a log tavern in the southeast corner of High and Walnut streets. Their second tavern was located across from the town square. He was given a contract, along with George Hite, to construct a new courthouse.

Hagans Club | $2,500 - $3,499
In honor of Harrison Hagans. He was considered the most outstanding Preston County entrepreneur of his time. He began numerous ventures to benefit his neighbors, his county, and the surrounding counties. He was instrumental in the building of the four highways in the separation of the state prior to the civil war.

Madera Club | $1,000 - $1,249
In honor of Nicholas and Susannah Madera. The Maderas resided in the Monongalia area as early as 1796. Nicholas became an owner of the Monongalia Gazette, served as the postmaster of Morgantown, and later in his life was a trustee of the village.

Zackquill Morgan Society
The Zackquill Morgan Society is a unique opportunity for distinguished citizens of Monongalia and Preston counties to lead the way in meeting some of the major challenges of our region. It is a society for “possibility thinkers,” those who believe their dreams can happen. The society is named after the founder of Morgantown, Colonel Zackquill Morgan.

Founders Society
The Founders Society is a tribute to leaders of this area who were responsible for the first combined fundraising efforts. In 1937, they established the Community Chest, later known as the United Fund, and finally, since the 1970s, the United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties.

Gifts of $750 - $999
Giving to the Founder’s Society pays tribute to Clarence Roby, the first Campaign Chair in 1934 and Charles E. Moore, who served as the first Board President in 1937. Their spirit of giving is still alive today through this special society.

United Way Leadership Giving helps inspire thousands in local philanthropy to make this community better for all. It also offers opportunities for you to lead the way in creating happier homes and better lives for people in need and deepen your community engagement.

THE UNITED WAY DIFFERENCE:

United Way identifies gaps and invests your dollars where they are needed most.
United Way funds local programs—not nonprofits—that achieve measurable results.
United Way monitors funded programs to ensure they are on track for success.
United Way’s administrative cost is approximately 11 percent, far below Better Business Bureau’s recommended guideline of 35 percent.
United Way finds solutions to our community’s most complex problems by leveraging hundreds of local partners.

LGA LEVELS

- $750 - $999: Founders Society
- $1,000 - $1,249: Madera Club
- $1,250 - $1,499: Dering Club
- $1,500 - $1,999: McCleery Club
- $2,000 - $2,499: Kerns Club
- $2,500 - $3,499: Hagans Club
- $3,500 - $4,999: Evans Club
- $5,000 - $7,499: Scott Club
- $7,500 - $9,999: Laidley Club
- $10,000+: Tocqueville Society

LGA BENEFITS

- Recognition in The Dominion Post as a Leadership Giver
- Recognition on the United Way website and in United Way publications as a Leadership Giver
- Invitation to exclusive LGA reception held at unique locations throughout the area