



Donor biography: William and Ruth Scott Family Foundation

Ruth and Bill Scott are deeply rooted and invested in the Omaha community, where they have lived for more than 60 years. The Scotts have contributed greatly to the city's progress, health and vitality in a quiet but exceptional way.



The Scotts' generosity has benefited key University of Nebraska Medical Center priorities in education, research and patient care. They have previously supported building projects with major gifts to the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education; the Harold M. and Beverly Maurer Center for Public Health; the College of Nursing Center for Nursing Science; the UNMC Center for Drug Discovery; the UNMC College of Nursing facility in Lincoln; the Ruth and Bill Scott Student Plaza; the UNMC Student Life Center redevelopment and expansion; the UNMC Lauritzen Outpatient Center; the Health Science Education Complex in Kearney; the Dr. Edwin G. & Dorothy Balbach Davis Global Center and the Munroe-Meyer Institute. They also were among the principal benefactors supporting UNMC's Durham Research Centers I and II.

In addition, the Scotts have provided major gifts to support, among other initiatives, the creation of the James O. Armitage Lymphoma-Leukemia Precision Medicine Program at the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center; the Ruth and Bill Scott Presidential Chair of Internal Medicine; the Frederick F. Paustian Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center; the Nebraska Arthritis Outcomes Research Center; the UNMC Distinguished Chair of Internal Medicine; and the Harold M. Maurer, MD, Distinguished Chair in Public Health. These endowed funds provide support to renowned researchers and health care providers.

Ruth Scott, a native of Ashland, earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in 1951. She went on to teach school and later founded the Omaha Bridge Studio where she teaches the game she says everyone should learn to play.

Bill Scott is a 1953 graduate of the UNL College of Business. Also a native of Ashland, he joined Buffett Partnership in 1959 and Berkshire Hathaway in 1970, where he remained until the early 1990s.