Ruth and Bill Scott

Ruth and Bill Scott are deeply rooted and invested in the community where they have lived for more than 60 years and the state they call home.

This gift is one example of the Scotts’ extraordinary support of the University of Nebraska and particularly UNMC. Their commitment to the Medical Center’s vision of becoming a world-class academic health science center has stimulated UNMC’s continued growth.

The Scotts’ generosity has benefited key UNMC priorities in education, research and patient care. They have 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 and the new College of Nursing facility in Lincoln, Nebraska; the Ruth and Bill Scott Student Plaza, including an architectural feature by world-renowned architect and artist James Carpenter; the redevelopment and expansion of the Student Life Center; and the Lauritzen Outpatient Center’s fourth level, which will house the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation — its research laboratories and educational spaces — and a new center for telehealth. They also were among the principal benefactors supporting Durham Research Center and Durham Research Center II.

In addition, the Scotts provided major gifts to support 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; and the Frederick F. Paustian Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center. Their generosity also led to the creation of the Nebraska Arthritis Center for Outcomes Research at UNMC and to support for Kevin Garvin, M.D., a leading UNMC physician, in his efforts to create an orthopedic surgery research laboratory at The Peter Kiewit Institute.

In 2009 the University of Nebraska Board of Regents presented Ruth and Bill Scott with its most prestigious award, the Regents Medal, for their extraordinary contributions to the university’s academic programs, scholarships and facilities.

Bill Scott is a 1953 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration. The Ashland, Nebraska, native joined Buffett Partnership in 1959 and Berkshire Hathaway in 1970 where he remained until the early 1990s.

Ruth Scott, also 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 everyone should play.”