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Pat and I became aware of Boys Hope Girls Hope before we moved from Cleveland, Ohio to Prescott in 2019 when I retired. I knew I wanted to get involved once we settled in Arizona and volunteered to mentor a scholar in the Phoenix Boys Hope home. This has been very rewarding, even with the days of COVID, as I get to know one of the Brophy seniors and help him through his journey to prepare for college.

As we started working on our estate plan, Pat and I made a list of organizations we may want to make bequests to through our living trust. One of our key core values is that education is a key underpinning of a successful life for any of us. We looked at the BHGH mission statement: "To nurture and guide motivated young people in need to become well-educated, career-ready men and women for others." What a fantastic statement of purpose for all of us! We thought about that statement a lot. Why do we think education is such an important foundation? We believe education allows young people to become self-dependent, to turn their dreams into reality, to become more confident in themselves, and to lead happy and stable lives. This in turn leads to economic growth for all, makes the world a safer and more peaceful place, and creates a better society.

If all of this is part of our core values, we decided we needed to look at what we could do ourselves to facilitate this to happen. We thought about that mission statement further and decided that our direct support of the BHGH mission could come in the form of a financial commitment that would help scholars as they go into the world of the university. All of us know that there are costs of going away to school, whether they be living expenses, transportation, food, or the high cost of textbooks. We are working with BHGH to create an endowment that would help scholars over a long period of time with these types of expenses.

We encourage everyone to think about what education means to you, how the BHGH mission serves these needs, and what you can do in a creative way to help nurture and guide these motivated scholars to become well-educated and career-ready for others.

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