

Looking toward the future: John and Fledra Hatch

John W. Hatch came to UNC in 1970 to work at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. Soon, he was enrolled as a doctoral student at UNC's School of Public Health. He became a professor of health behavior and health education, retiring in 1995 as Kenan Professor emeritus.

Now, after other instances of generosity, Hatch and wife Fledra will benefit the School through a gift annuity, which provides long-term scholarship funding for a health behavior student.

"This gift reflects the value Fledra and I place on public health, especially public health education," Dr. Hatch says. "I've had the opportunity to teach students who have gone on to do great things. I've visited the School's graduates at work in South

America, Europe, Africa, and of course, all across the United States. I know we share a common value and tradition with the Gillings School of Global Public Health—that of the importance of public health practice at home and around the world."

Dr. and Mrs. Hatch attended recent World of Difference dinners, at which they met a student whose scholarship bears their name.

"When John asked me about the School's gift annuity program," Mrs. Hatch says, "and whether it would be a good choice for us, I said, 'What a wonderful idea!' It had been so energizing to speak with this student and to hear about her career goals and all she wanted to accomplish with her life. It means something to be able to provide a little something to people who need it."



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An annuity is an excellent way to guarantee income for a donor or family members while making a long-term commitment to Carolina and to public health. Annuities can generate as much as 7.5 percent annually.

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