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## THE **UT** GENE

LUFKIN FATHER PASSES DOWN  
BURNT-ORANGE LEGACY TO BROOD



## Message from the President



Life often takes unexpected turns. That's why planning for our survivors and the organizations we care about is important no matter our stage of life.

Elizabeth "Lisa" Garcia, a member of the Class of 1987, the Texas Leadership Society, and the University Development Board, passed away tragically May 5 at age

48. The proceeds from the life insurance policy she gave to the university in 2003 have created the Elizabeth M. Garcia Endowed Presidential Scholarship, which will support bilingual students from the Rio Grande Valley attending The University of Texas School of Law. We are grateful that her passion for life and for the study and practice of law will be passed on to future generations of law students and lawyers.

The last issue of Texas Leader focused on the early adult years. This issue is about the middle adult years, when many of us are assisting family members with college expenses or helping recent college graduates on their way to financial independence while saving and planning for our own retirement years and helping older family members.

This issue features Wayne and Lisa Haglund and their five children (Wayne and all five children are graduates of UT Austin, and Lisa is a UT Austin convert). Wayne and Lisa and their daughter Hilary Haglund Walker have included gifts to the university in their plans while still providing for their own financial security and for their loved ones.

Also included is an interview with author Jim Comer about how he learned the importance of making health care and financial plans with older family members before there's a crisis.

If you are in your middle adult years, here are some questions to consider as you prepare to meet with your professional advisers:

- **What do you know about the financial and estate planning done by older family members?** Are you empowered to make financial, business, and personal decisions for them if they are unable to do so? Have they documented their wishes about end-of-life health

care decisions? Have they named you or someone else to make end-of-life health care decisions on their behalf? How will the costs of long-term assistance at home or in a retirement or health care community be paid? Do you need to consult with an elder law attorney to discuss these matters?

- **Do you need to revise your estate plans to reflect changes in your financial planning priorities for yourself and for your loved ones?** Does your plan include naming someone to handle your financial affairs during times of illness or disability? Have you documented your wishes about end-of-life health care decisions? How will you pay for the costs of long-term assistance if needed in your later years? Does your plan need to address only the distribution of assets or also the reduction of income and estate taxes?
- **What impact could your money have at UT Austin that would be the most meaningful to you?** How can you help ensure the continued greatness of our university? Do you own assets that could pass income- and estate-tax-free to UT Austin that would be heavily taxed if left to individuals (for example, balances in retirement plans)? Do you want your gift to honor family members or mentors?

The gift planning team at the university — [giftplan@www.utexas.edu](mailto:giftplan@www.utexas.edu) — is available to work with you and your professional advisers as you consider a plan that reflects your priorities for yourself, your loved ones, and your university. If you haven't already, please join me in including a future gift to The University of Texas at Austin in your plans. Let's make history together.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Powers".

Bill Powers,  
President  
The University of Texas at Austin

# The middle adult years — ways to support UT Austin in your financial and estate plans

Financial and estate planning is a process, not a one-time task, and the details of your plans should reflect your changing priorities. Here are some ways that you can include a future gift to UT Austin in your financial and estate plans during your middle adult years when you are planning for retirement:

- Create a charitable life income plan now that will provide you and perhaps a second person with supplemental income during your retirement years; both fixed income and variable income plans are available. After your passing, the university will receive what is left in the plan to be used as you designate.
- Designate a percentage of your retirement plan, proceeds from a life insurance policy or an employer-sponsored group term life insurance plan, or a bank or brokerage account to support what you love at UT Austin.
- Name the university to receive a percentage of your assets in your will or trust.

Please use the following language when designating the university as a beneficiary:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ percent to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for the benefit of The University of Texas at Austin. This gift shall be used for the further benefit of (college, school, unit) and shall be used to (purpose).



## Other giving options

You can give to UT in other ways, too. Every gift matters regardless of size.

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You can create a gift that lasts forever by creating an **endowment** to support students, faculty, programs, or research. Your gift is invested, never spent, with proceeds going every year to what you love at UT Austin.

Many employers sponsor programs that match employees' charitable giving. To see if your employer has a **matching-gift program**, go to [matchinggifts.com/utexas/](https://matchinggifts.com/utexas/).

In addition to cash, you can give other assets such as **appreciated publicly traded stocks and bonds, real estate, and mineral interests**.

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# THE UT GENE

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BY ANGELA CURTIS



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**H**ilary Haglund Walker didn’t fall far from the tree.

Like her father, Wayne Haglund, she earned an undergraduate degree from UT. Like her dad, she went on to law school. He was president of the local Rotary Club; now she is. She even joined his law firm in Lufkin.

“He and I both have a passion for the law and for public service,” she said. “He’s a good one to follow, so it’s been a natural fit.”

Fortunately for The University of Texas at Austin, she also followed his example when he decided to give back to the university. When Wayne and his wife, Lisa, gave an estate gift to UT to create a scholarship for needy students from their home county, Angelina, Hilary gave, too.

“UT is a life-changing place,” Hilary said. “We want to make sure more people get the opportunity that our family had.”

“As more of my career is behind me than in front of me, The University of Texas becomes more important to me, in part because I have time to stop and think about it,” said Wayne, who earned a government degree in 1974 and a law degree in 1975. “I’m not raising kids and changing diapers and paying for weddings.”

Nowadays, it’s Hilary and her husband, Stephen, also a UT alum, and her siblings who are raising kids and changing diapers. The Haglunds have five grandchildren, all boys. Among them are the Walkers’ two sons, 10-month-old Asa and 3-year-old Anders. (The other Haglund grandchildren belong to daughter Hayley and son Hunter. Hayley



Haglund Davis and her husband, Eason, are parents to 5-month-old Rhys James Davis, and Hunter Haglund and his wife, LeeAnne, are parents to 2-year-old Preston and 11-month-old William.)

Hilary and Wayne gave a little differently — she designated the university as a beneficiary of her life-insurance policy while he included a bequest to UT in his will.

“We’re not in a position where we can write a big fat check, but at the same time, because we can do it through estate planning, there’s just so many different ways to do it,” he said. “It was time for me to do what was important to me while I still could.”

Wayne, the first in his family to attend college, has many reasons to be grateful for his UT education.

“It has given me a credibility that I would not have had as a graduate of somewhere else,” he said. “Not only that, but the training was incredible and the teachers were incredible.”

And his children knew it.

“Because of Dad’s history, it’s always been very important to him that we remember that our family didn’t come from a lot,” Hilary said. “He worked hard for everything he has, and the university allowed that to happen for him. It changed the course of his life and our lives.”

With that in mind, Wayne made the couple’s children an offer they couldn’t refuse: He’d pay their way through college if they went to The University of Texas at Austin. If not, they could go anywhere else in the world — on their own dime.

“Absolute freedom of choice,” Wayne said with a laugh. “And in their wisdom, they all chose to attend Texas.”

All five of them — Hilary Haglund Walker (’01 English), Jacquelyn Block (’01 architectural engineering), Hayley Haglund Davis (’03 English), Jennifer Bell (’03 kinesiology), and Hunter Haglund (’06 sport management).

“While it was mostly meant as a joke, we all knew deep down how much it would mean to him if we went to UT,” said Davis, a second-grade teacher in San Francisco.

“Luckily, all of us wanted to go to UT on our own, so we didn’t have to find out the hard way what would happen if we didn’t,” said Block, an architect with Good, Fulton and Farrell Architects in Dallas.

Time spent visiting the Forty Acres while growing up proved formative.

“I was captivated early on by the sights, sounds, and magic of Austin and The



University of Texas,” Davis said. “For me, there was never a doubt that my blood truly did bleed orange.”

Davis describes her time at UT as “absolutely the best four years of my life.”

“The classes I attended and professors I had challenged me to become an open-minded, thoughtful individual,” she said. “It shaped who I am as a teacher and a mother, my two most important roles in this world.”

As an architect, Block uses the problem-solving skills she learned at UT every day.

“It’s really important to learn to think and not just memorize,” she said. “I don’t know that every school teaches that.”

Bell, a member of the women’s rowing team during her years at Texas, also grew from her time at UT.

“I was able to greatly expand my knowledge base as well as my critical thinking skills through my classes,” said Bell, associate director of clinical education and clinical assistant professor of physical therapy at the University of Montana in Missoula. “As an athlete, I developed as a hardworking, strong, driven woman. I learned that in order to excel in both academics and athletics I had to be extremely focused and determined.”

Bell and her husband, Darin, are graduates of UT Southwestern Medical School.

Mom Lisa is the lone non-Longhorn in the family. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University, but she shares her family’s love of UT.

“I’m a proud Lumberjack, but I’m proud to bleed orange,” she said. “I’m very proud of what the university has done for my family.”

True to their UT roots, the couple’s children are doing what they can to spread the burnt orange love. Block’s latest convert is her husband, Kevin, who recently began the McCombs School of Business’ MBA program in Dallas.

“My family is already stocking him up on Longhorn gear,” she said.

And the next generation?

“As far as I’m concerned it’s already decided,” Wayne said.

He may be right.

“Given what The University of Texas means to our family, it’s hard to imagine my children going to college anywhere else but Texas,” Hunter said.

Davis makes this confession:

“My die-hard University of California-Berkeley husband may hate me admitting this, but I’m proud to say I’ve already uttered those famous Wayne Haglund words to my son: ‘Son, I’m happy to pay for your college education ... so long as it’s at The University of Texas!’ ” ✨

# The one talk you must have with your parents

BY ANGELA CURTIS

**H**ave you had the talk with your parents?

No, not the birds and the bees, although this one may make you squirm, too. Like that rite of passage, this talk involves topics many people would probably rather not discuss with their parents. And it's just as important.

This talk is about planning, aging, money, and mortality.

If your parents become ill or incapacitated, could you step in? Do you know enough about their health, their wishes, and their finances to help manage their affairs before and after they pass away? Do you have the legal authority to act on their behalf if you need to?

Jim Comer knows that talking to your parents about such topics can be difficult, but he also knows the consequences of not doing so.

"I just didn't have any plans at all, and I should have," he said.

At age 51 he discovered why. He was living in California when his parents' neighbor in Dallas called him for the first time in 34 years. It was 7 a.m. Comer, an only child, knew it couldn't be good.

His father was wandering in his front yard in a daze. The neighbor correctly guessed he was having a stroke. Comer dropped everything and flew to Texas to be with his father and his mother, who had

early Alzheimer's disease. Suddenly he was responsible for his parents, ages 84 and 86, and didn't know what they wanted.

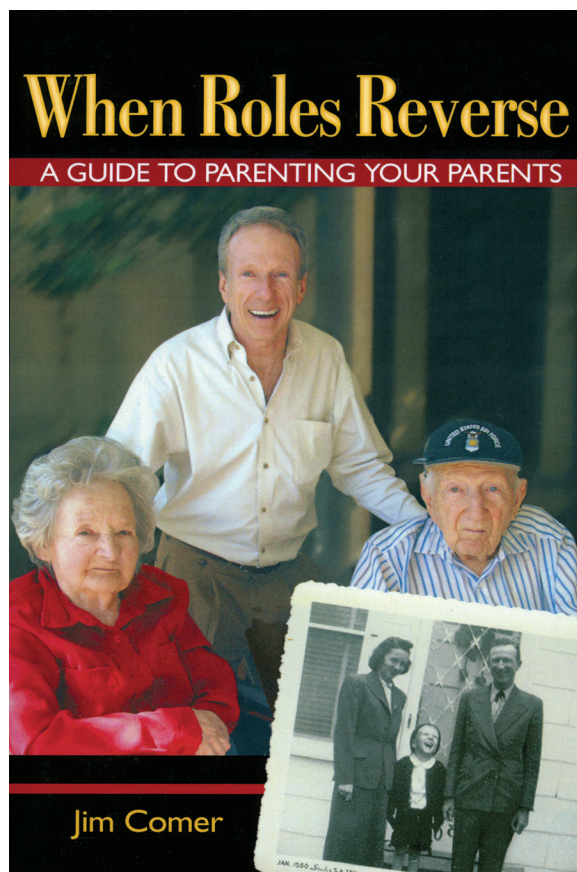
"I walked into the hospital that night," he said. "All the friends and neighbors were gathered, and they expected me to know everything. I'd never seen anything in my parents' lockbox, I didn't know about their insurance, I didn't know about their finances, I didn't know about their investments."

Comer was thrown into a world where he was expected to be an expert on money, aging, Medicare, rehab, dementia, assisted living, skilled nursing, and end-of-life care. He ended up moving his parents and himself to the Austin area to be near extended family.

"When disaster strikes, friends and neighbors are great, but you've got to have family," he said. "Family is essential."

He would spend the next 14 years as a caregiver. He's made a career out of his experience, writing a book and going on the speaking circuit about the pitfalls of not

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having the talk. His presentation "The Joys and Jolts of Parenting Your Parents" and his book "When Roles Reverse: A Guide to Parenting Your Parents" share the ups and downs of his journey and how people can be better prepared than he was.

His bottom line: Have the talk, no matter how hard. It will save you heartache later on.

Comer tried to have the talk with his father — for five years. But whenever he tried, his dad would leave the room or change the subject. Comer's big mistake: not forcing the issue.

"You just have to be like water torture," he said. "Keep at it."

Knowing what to say can be difficult, especially when a parent is trying to talk about anything but the issues you need to address.

Comer's book can be purchased from his website, [parenting-your-parents.com](http://parenting-your-parents.com). He is also available for speaking engagements.

"You need to say, 'Look. We need to talk about some tough subjects. There's no easy way around this. I need to find out some information so I can be there and help you if and when the time comes.'"

It's not necessary to cover everything during that first talk. The important thing is to get started. And don't let your discomfort with sensitive subjects get the better of you.

"People let 'nice' get in the way of being a responsible, prepared future caregiver," Comer said. ✨

## Questions you should ask

Comer's book 'When Roles Reverse' includes '50 Questions That Will Save You Time, Money, and Tears.' Some highlights:

1. If a parent becomes ill or incapacitated, who will be the primary caregiver?
2. Do your parents have long-term care insurance?
3. Are they on Medicare? Medicare Part D?
4. What are the names and phone numbers of your parents' primary care physician, eye doctor, dentist, lawyer, accountant, and financial planner?
5. Do you know the differences between independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing?
6. What's the monthly price range for care facilities in your area?
7. What is your parents' monthly income, including Social Security, pensions, and investment and interest income?
8. Do your parents have wills, and do you know where they're kept?
9. Where are their financial documents kept, and have you reviewed them with your parents?
10. Do you or one of your siblings have durable power of attorney that allows you to act in your parents' names?
11. Do you have health care power of attorney?
12. Do your parents have living wills to cover end-of-life decisions?

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## End-of-2013 giving options



### If you will be 70½ before the end of 2013 — IRA charitable rollover gifts

Donors age 70½ or older are once again eligible to transfer up to \$100,000 directly to UT Austin from their IRAs without having to pay income taxes on the money transferred so long as the university receives the transfer by Dec. 31, 2013. The owner of the IRA can designate how the gift is to be used by the university, but the gift cannot be used to pay memberships or to retain or obtain preferred seating for athletic events. The amount transferred from the IRA custodian to the university is not reportable as income but also does not qualify for the federal income tax charitable deduction. Contact the gift planning team for instructions to share with your IRA custodian to authorize and complete the transfer.

### Gifts of appreciated securities even more attractive in 2013

#### Outright gifts:

Sales of appreciated securities by taxpayers in the 39.6 percent income tax bracket are now subject to two types of “profit” tax: (1) a 20 percent long-term capital gains tax, plus (2) the 3.8 percent Medicare surtax on investment-type income and gains, for a total tax rate of 23.8 percent. Both of these taxes can be avoided when appreciated securities owned for more than one year are contributed to UT Austin.

### Lifetime income plans that benefit the university in the future

#### Gifts that provide lifetime income now or starting in the future:

Cash or appreciated securities that you have owned for more than one year can be contributed free of both types of “profit” tax to provide you and/or one other person with a fixed or variable lifetime income. You could receive more income now than you are currently realizing or you can choose a plan with the income payments delayed until your later years. Then we will use what is left of the original gift to support what you love at UT Austin. ✧

## Sample will language

### Wondering how to include the university in your will?

Here's the language we suggest:

I hereby direct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my residual estate) in cash, securities, or other property to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for the benefit of The University of Texas at Austin.

This gift shall be for the further benefit of \_\_\_\_\_

[college, school, unit] \_\_\_\_\_  
and shall be used to \_\_\_\_\_ [purpose] \_\_\_\_\_

*As with any decision involving your assets, we urge you to seek the advice of your professional counsel when considering a gift to The University of Texas at Austin.*



**Cover:** Lufkin's Wayne and Lisa Haglund, center, are proud parents of five UT graduates, including daughter Hilary, to Wayne's right, and son Hunter, to Lisa's left. Hilary is accompanied by her husband, Stephen, and sons, Anders and Asa. With Hunter are his wife, Leeanne, and sons, Preston and William. Even the family dog, Lady Bird, sports burnt orange.

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