



Dear Friends of Pete and Mary Hughes,

The time has come to acknowledge an old debt and to pay it forward by helping others. The purpose of this letter is to raise money for a gift to Labette Community College in honor of Pete and Mary.

Many of you receiving this letter spent countless hours at "the Hughes Activity Center" playing basketball, foosball, ping pong and just hanging out. These visits occurred every day of the week and almost every hour of the day. Pete and Mary opened their home to us and never complained (except for an occasional comment on cussing, which was certainly appropriate!) about the numbers of kids, the noise or the activities. Many times we were there while they entertained and they never told us to leave or be quiet.

In addition to their hospitality, as Scout Leaders, Sunday school teachers and friends, they were role models for all of us. They showed us how responsible, mature, caring adults should act and treated all people with kindness. And we haven't begun to recount their many contributions to Parsons including, Kiwanis, Parsons Community Foundation, Senior Center, Mistletoe Market Place, Operation Bright Touch and Katy Days. They have been involved in many organizations and touched many lives.

Why are we doing this now and why LCC?

- First, the time has long passed for saying "thank you" to the Hugheses. This is a debt that has been incurred over the course of many years and now is a good time to repay it.
- Second, Pete and Mary have suffered health issues in recent years. Pete has recently been admitted to Presbyterian manor due to weakness from hip surgery and has been battling dementia. Megan has indicated that he will probably not come home. We feel if we don't do this now, we'll wish we had in the not-to-distant future.
- Finally, a contribution to LCC is something of which the Hugheses would heartily approve. Pete and Mary have been long time supporters of LCC and LCC exists due to the efforts of Pete's father, Rees Hughes. The college is in the midst of a fundraising campaign and there are several naming opportunities. We intend to choose one that will make the Hugheses name prominent.

The amount you contribute is entirely up to you. We would be happy with \$15, \$50, \$500 or more. The Landrums (Rod and Karen Curtis), the Bandys (Gary and Doris Carlin) and the Haleys (Pat and Paula McGuire) have each pledged \$5,000 to this effort. We are making note of this not because we are big shots (except for Gary because he is a Midwest media Giant-Gary wrote that previous comment) but we wanted to give you some idea of what you can do. Please remember that your gift can be made over a five-year period.

All contributions will be noted. There will be no mention of the amount given, only that you made a contribution. So, please give generously.

- Click here to make a pledge: [LCC Foundation Donation Form](#)
- Click here to donate today: [LCC Foundation Secure Payment](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We will keep you informed of the success of the project.

Thanks again,

Gary Bandy and Doris Carlin
Pat and Paula Haley
Karen and Rod Landrum