

FA\$T Fund

Faculty and Students Together at MATC

2022-23

ANNUAL REPORT



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JIM KAESTNER, a retired Episcopal priest and MATC Fast Fund donor.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Local 212 FAST Fund mission: To provide Milwaukee Area Technical College students experiencing economic emergencies with rapid financial support and to promote public and MATC policies on issues impacting MATC students so they remain enrolled and achieve academic success.

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FAST Fund

BELIEVE IN STUDENTS FAST FUND

Dear FAST Fund supporters,

We are excited to share with you all the achievements and progress of the Local 212 FAST Fund during the 2022-2023 academic year—Liz Franczyk's first full year as Executive Director. We are proud to report that we helped 1,668 students, exceeding our projected reach, and distributed nearly \$500,000 in funding to support our mission. This past year has been one of significant growth and impact, marked by key achievements including:

- **AFT Grant for the Great Lakes Consortium:** We secured a grant from the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) for the Great Lakes Consortium, a collaborative project with other FAST Funds and their unions aimed at improving student support services across the region. This grant will be instrumental in expanding our reach and impact.
- **Visit from Randi Weingarten:** AFT President Randi Weingarten visited our campus to announce the Great Lakes Consortium grant, a significant moment that brought national attention to our work.
- Partnership with **Milwaukee Diaper Mission:** We established a partnership with the Milwaukee Diaper Mission, enabling us to provide 5,000 diapers, wipes, and period products to students each month. We donate these products to the Student Resource Center at the college. This partnership addresses critical needs often overlooked by traditional student support programs.
- Grant from **United Way** leads to greater partnership with **Digital Bridge:** FAST Fund is able to provide MATC students with free laptops thanks to this three-way collaboration called Bridge Milwaukee, a program that is helping remove barriers to digital inclusion.
- Increased **Funding:** We received substantial funding from Milwaukee County (\$100,000), the City of Milwaukee (\$200,000), and Congresswoman Gwen Moore's earmark (\$250,000). In addition, your generosity made it possible to raise nearly \$80,000 for Giving Tuesday. These funds provide a strong foundation for continued growth and program expansion.
- **National Media Coverage:** We were featured in national publications such as the Chronicle of Higher Education and EdSurge, raising awareness about our work and attracting potential donors and partners.
- **Mary Ann Gross Scholars Program:** We provided comprehensive support to 14 Mary Ann Gross scholars, including books, supplies, laptops, transportation assistance, and personalized guidance. This program helps many first-generation, international college students succeed academically and overcome barriers to graduation.
- **Successful Garden Party Fundraiser:** We hosted our first ever Garden Party fundraiser at Rick Harris's house, raising over \$10,000 and strengthening relationships with community leaders and supporters.



Overall, this past year has been a remarkable period of growth and success for the FAST Fund. We are deeply grateful for the support of our donors, partners, and volunteers, and we are excited to continue our mission of empowering students and creating a more equitable educational landscape.

We have ambitious plans to expand our programs, serve even more students, and build upon the success of this past year. We will continue to seek new funding opportunities, strengthen partnerships, and engage with the community to ensure we are meeting the evolving needs of our students.

We are confident that with your continued support, we can make a significant difference in the lives of countless students and help them reach their full potential.

Thank you for your dedication to our mission.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Franczyk
Elizabeth Franczyk, Executive Director

Barbara Toles
Barbara Toles, FAST Fund Board President

Donor Spotlight

KAREN SCHRAGE

Karen Schrage has been a consummate public educator.

After graduating from UW-Oshkosh, she taught in a migrant town in Arizona that had no running water. Moving back to Wisconsin, she taught 4th through 8th grades in Glendale. When the school needed someone to teach Human Growth and Development, she volunteered, got another degree in Physical Education, and then added coaching volleyball and basketball.

One thing she noticed early in her career from following her students past middle school was how crucial technical education was as an alternative to four-year degrees. So, while she had no direct connection to MATC, she appreciated how important it has been to the community.

Now retired, she heard about the FAST Fund by playing Sheepshead! One of the regulars in her card games is Carol Holley, a retired MATC Nursing Professor and a volunteer with the FAST Fund.

"I was pretty naïve," Karen explains. "I thought any student who was committed could get to class." But then Carol would explain situations where students didn't have the resources even for the bus, and how the FAST Fund helped adults who had no money for food, and sometimes not even a roof over their heads.

"I had been thinking about starting a scholarship for technical education, but after hearing about this organization, it made more sense just to write a check to the FAST Fund," she explains.

"I worked in education for decades, and this seems like a great way to pay it forward so others can get their education and start giving back to the community."

If they give back even a fraction of what Karen has, Milwaukee will surely be a better place.



KAREN SCHRAGE, retired public educator

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JIM KAESTNER, avid cyclist and retired Episcopal priest

Donor Spotlight **JIM KAESTNER**

Jim Kaestner, a retired Episcopal priest, learned early that he wasn't better than anyone else.

From a working-class suburb of Milwaukee, he earned seminary tuition money by working at Neighborhood House, a non-profit center for urban youth, seniors and families. "Why do you want to be a priest?" the director asked him when he began working there. When Jim replied, "To help others," the director replied, "You'd help more people if you became a trash collector."

While Jim stayed in the seminary, he never forgot that serving everybody—regardless of race, religion or class—was his life's ministry. When one of Jim's biking friends started talking about the huge financial challenges faced by MATC students just to get to class every day, he knew he needed to help.

As an avid cyclist in his 70's, Jim was particularly moved by the story of the refugee from Afghanistan who needed a bike to get to class and do errands for his family. The FAST Fund worked with a local bike shop to get him a bike (see page 6).

"I come from a family that worked in shops and factories," Jim explains, "so I respect all kinds of work. At the same time, I feel strongly that people from impoverished neighborhoods need education. Any break we can give them to get that education helps them and the whole community."

Jim's generosity to the FAST Fund is providing the very "breaks" for MATC students that helps the entire community.

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Student Spotlight

LESLIE GARCIA RAMIREZ

Leslie Ramirez knows what it means to both feel at home and yet unsafe.

Born in Mexico and brought to Louisiana by her parents, she's lived in Milwaukee since 2015. Going to High School in Oak Creek was difficult because she had to keep quiet about her status as a Dreamer—an undocumented American, born elsewhere who came to the US as a child.

She started MATC, enjoyed her Liberal Arts courses but then fell in love with the Television and Video Production Program. "I felt so comfortable with the teachers and students there," Leslie says, "and they arrange great internships for students, but I couldn't get paid due to my immigration status and had to volunteer."

Coming from a low-income family, Leslie says money issues put her in a state of panic from constantly overthinking and worrying. "I had a 3.5 GPA, but I couldn't register to complete my degree because I owed tuition money." Then one of her instructors told her about the FAST Fund. FAST Fund paid off half her tuition debt, which allowed her to raise the rest. Now she's scheduled to graduate December, 2023.

Leslie says that FAST Fund got back to her within hours of her filling out the application. "What a relief from all that stress," she reports. And it didn't take her long to give back: she volunteered to work with Executive Director Liz Franczyk on a video about the FAST Fund.

Her younger brother was born here, so he's documented. "I've already told him about all the great programs at MATC," Leslie says.

Student Spotlight: MARSHA CORIANO

For a while, when it rained anywhere, it seemed to pour on Marsha.

Her first college experience was when she went to Sanford Brown for two years. "I didn't realize what a scam it was—all I got out of it was massive debt." Marsha still wanted college, but as her family grew to five kids, she decided she had to pay off the money she owed before she would take out another loan. She worked two jobs to clear her student-loan debt.

When she started at MATC, things didn't get much better initially. She lost both her mom and grandma to COVID, then her brother went to jail. This past semester one of her kids got an infection and was hospitalized for two weeks. As soon as the child got home, Marsha herself went into the hospital.

The FAST Fund has helped her a couple times. She had accumulated so many

parking tickets that she was about to lose her drivers' license. One of her teachers told her to contact FAST Fund, which paid off her tickets. "Finally, I was able to concentrate on school, and my grades went up."

"But then I had to get out of an abusive situation," she explains. However, when she left, she forgot to take her name off the electric bill and got hit with a demand for \$1700. "One of my kids is disabled, so I was desperate." FAST Fund told her about a state program that reduced her bill to \$432, which the fund then paid.

She received a Chromebook from MATC, but it turned out to be defective. "Sometimes I'd sit in my car outside school or a library, trying to use WIFI and do homework over my phone," she explains. "That was so frustrating!" Now FAST Fund has given her another laptop, and she's on track to graduate in 2024 with a degree

from the Human Resources program.

"I'm so grateful to this program," Marsha says. "I want to set an example so my children have no doubt that they're going to be college kids!"

She adds, "If the whole community was as helpful as the FAST Fund, this would be a much better world."



Mary Anne Gross Scholar: TAMIM SARWARI

Like many refugees, Tamim Sarwari took a circuitous route to get to Milwaukee.

A journalist in Afghanistan, he was threatened when the Taliban took power because they persecuted the Shia Muslim minority. Seeing friends being imprisoned, Tamim escaped to Iran where he

got a visa for Brazil and from there made his way to California.

A friend financed his travel to Milwaukee, but his problems weren't over. A refugee agency told him they couldn't help him because he didn't have the correct documents. Luckily he met a person who in-

troduced him to a church group that paid his rent for six months. That same person told him about the English as Second Language Department (ESL) at MATC, so he started learning English.

He was struggling to support himself when someone in ESL told him about the FAST Fund. When he got in touch, he was asked what he needed most. Tamim said he needed a laptop for his studies and a bike to run errands and shop for his parents and three siblings who had joined him in Milwaukee.

"It was amazing," he explained, getting help from a translator. "The lady (Liz Franczyk, FAST Fund Executive Director) called a bike store, and I had the bike the same day!" It took a bit longer to get the laptop, but he said once he had it he became confident he would learn English.

Tamim is very grateful for this emergency assistance. "I recommend the FAST Fund to any immigrant from any country," he says.



At our first annual Garden Party FAST Fund received \$200,000 from the City of Milwaukee for MATC students' basic needs costs

The FAST Fund's Garden Party at Rick Harris' house in August 2022 was a huge success. With over 100 attendees including FAST Fund board members, volunteers, students, donors, a news station, county supervisors, and Mayor Johnson, we couldn't be more pleased. The music was beautiful and the food was delicious. Folks took pictures at Dana Cooper-Davis' photo booth (thanks Dana!) and enjoyed a beautiful summer evening. Between ticket sales and on-site donations, we raised just under \$10,000 to support MATC students' basic needs. And, the mayor announced that the FAST Fund will be the recipient of a \$200,000 grant! Thank you to everyone for your continued support.



FAST Fund Executive Director, Liz Franczyk, pictured with Lisa Conley, AFT Local 112 President, Milwaukee Mayor, Cavalier Johnson and County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson



AFT President Randi Weingarten (second from right) poses with MATC students who received FAST Fund financial support.

Randi Weingarten announced \$150,000 grant to Great Lakes FAST Fund consortium

In early September 2022, we had the honor of hosting AFT President Randi Weingarten at Local 212. One of the reasons for her visit was to announce a \$150,000 grant that went to a consortium of FAST Funds in the Great Lakes region including MATC, the University Professionals of Illinois, and Cook County Colleges Teachers Union. This money was not only used for direct student aid, but also helped to build power and solidarity among students and faculty across the region to bring more awareness to basic needs insecurity, and ultimately systemic change.

You can listen to a great piece on WUWM by clicking [HERE](#).

Or watch the full press conference live streamed by AFT on [Facebook](#).



Liz Franczyk and Congresswoman Gwen Moore pose for a picture at the Mitchell Street Library during a Town Hall Event. Liz also was able to let Congresswoman Moore know how things are going with the \$250,000 earmark the FAST Fund received from her.



Liz Franczyk, FAST Fund Executive Director, and her partner Matt Hewitt attended Tammy Baldwin's reelection campaign kick-off on Milwaukee's East Side. Liz had the opportunity to thank Senator Baldwin for including the FAST Fund in her 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending package.

HELPING EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND PARENTS:

The FAST Fund Partners with Milwaukee Diaper Mission

Imagine for a moment that you are a working parent, pursuing an education to better your life and the life of your children. Despite your hard work, you still struggle to afford basic needs such as diapers.. This scenario is a reality for many students at MATC and this year the FAST Fund started a partnership to help address this.

In 2023 the FAST Fund began a 12 month partnership with the Milwaukee Diaper Mission to bring free diapers, baby wipes and period products to the MATC Student Resource Center Food Pantry. The partnership kicked off in February with a diaper collection and giveaway that took place at the FAST Fund/Local 212 office. 3,000 diapers were distributed to students in need during that first giveaway. This was the second diaper giveaway the FAST Fund was able to host for MATC parents and expectant mothers with the help of the Milwaukee Diaper Mission. The first was

in fall of 2022 where Monay Williams, a current MATC student who received diapers said, "Getting diapers meant the world to me and my baby. I am very appreciative that the FAST Fund makes sure I am getting the resources I need so I can concentrate on earning my diploma." Since then, every month FAST Fund places an order for 5,000 diapers and has continued to donate them to the food pantry.

Diaper-need leads to a multitude of problems for both baby and caregiver, affecting not only physical health but also mental and economic health.

"Students who cannot afford diapers miss school because childcare providers require parents to supply a daily supply of diapers. Many MATC parent students face impossible choices between buying food, paying rent, or purchasing diapers. In Milwaukee, diaper need is a hidden consequence of poverty," said Liz

Franczyk, Executive Director FAST Fund.

Launched in 2020, the Milwaukee Diaper Mission was created with the vision to make Milwaukee a better place by filling in basic needs gaps not addressed by the community, including period-poverty and helping the approximately 1/3 of U.S. families with young children that are unable to afford diapers. The MATC Student Resource Center Food Pantry launched in 2021 with a similar mission, much like the mission of the FAST Fund, to fill in gaps that are left unaddressed by the community. The food pantry provides free meals and other essentials to students when they present a student ID and has since expanded to have a presence on all MATC campuses. The FAST Fund is proud to have made these community partnerships and will continue to build and grow with those who are also working to improve the lives and conditions of MATC students.

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HOPE, 275 DOLLARS AT A TIME: Behind the Scenes of the FAST Fund

Ever wonder what a day in the life behind the scenes of the FAST Fund is like? What about two days? In May, Eric Hoover, a journalist at The Chronicle of Higher Education flew from his home in Washington DC to Milwaukee to find out. He spent 48 hours shadowing FAST Fund Executive Director Elizabeth Franczyk to produce the article "48 Hours Inside a Student Emergency-Aid Experiment: A small-grant program in Milwaukee offers hope, \$275 at a time, against a torrent of needs."

The article documents the "students clinging to the narrow ledge of college" and chronicles the actions taken to help them one textbook, childcare bill, rent payment or car repair at a time. The article also provides an in depth look at the inner workings of the FAST Fund as well as the students who receive help. Including Jermaine House who had this to say about receiving assistance,

"When your plate is already full, just the smallest thing can throw everything off. But if you give somebody just a little bit of breathing room, then they can take another five to ten steps, or even one to two steps. They develop more strength to hold on just a little bit more. There's hope you're giving them, encouragement you're giving them."

As the author, Eric Hoover highlights in the article, there is a torrent of needs out there and the FAST Fund is here to give hope, one student at a time.



“ We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

- Winston Churchill

SWING INTO SUMMER



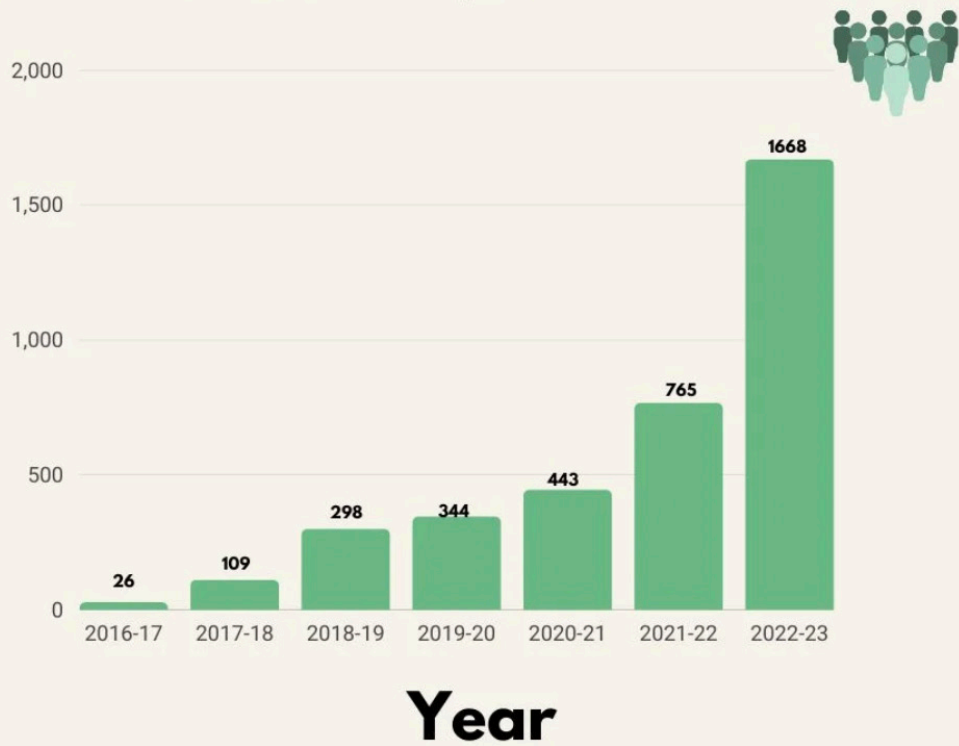
with Annie and Jonny of
"Annie and the Hedonists"
and other musical guests!

FAST FUND CONCERT: *Annie and the Hedonists* perform at Anodyne Coffee

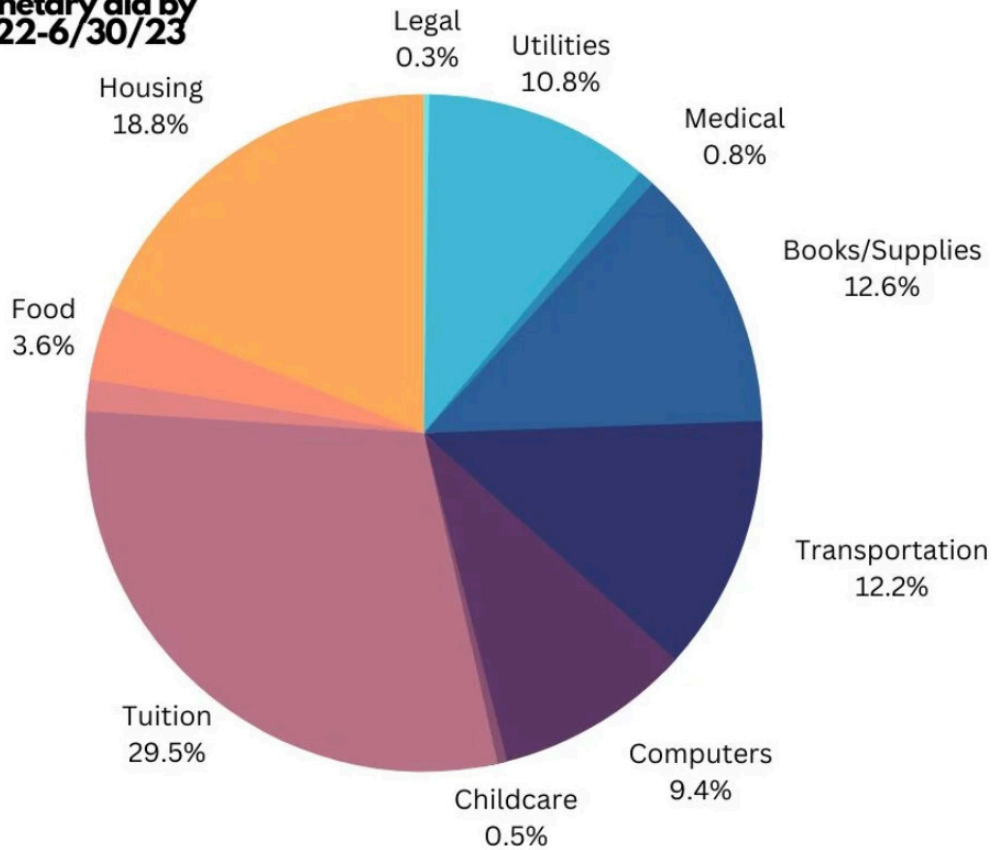
On an early June evening more than 200 FAST Fund supporters packed Anodyne Coffee in Walker's Point to support MATC students and hear the music of the New York-based band Annie and the Hedonists.

Annie and Jonny Rosen were joined by MATC's own music instructor Hal Miller on bass and Joe Turano on sax. MATC board members, Citlali Mendieta-Ramos, Bria Burris and Waleed Najeeb, enjoyed the evening of blues, jazz and swing music. Also attending were several FAST Fund student recipients and FAST Fund board members, including President Barabra Toles, Vice President Michael Rosen and Treasurer Trent Muller.

Number of students helped



% of direct monetary aid by category 7/1/22-6/30/23



INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Donations by Contact for the period of 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023

Contributions \$10,000 and Above

Anonymous Donor
Christine Symchych & James McNulty

Contributions \$3,001-\$5,000

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La Toya Sykes
Trent Muller
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Marie Burbach
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FA\$T FUND GRANT INCOME

For the period of 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023

BADER PHILANTHOPIES
\$30,000.00

BELIEVE IN STUDENTS
\$20,000.00

CITY OF MILWAUKEE
\$200,000.00

GREATER MILWAUKEE FOUNDATION
\$5,000.00

GREAT LAKES CONSORTIUM
\$5,000.00

MILWAUKEE COUNTY
\$100,000.00

TECHQUITY GRANT
\$10,000.00

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY DONORS

For the period of 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023

HERB KOHL PHILANTHOPIES
\$10,000.00

EDUCATORS CREDIT UNION
\$5,000.00

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
\$5,000.00

CENTRO DE LA COMUNIDAD UNIDA
\$3,000.00

BARRY MANDEL
\$4,000.00

PRIME FINANCIAL
\$1,000.00

WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
\$595.00

ANODYNE COFFEE ROASTING CO
\$500.00

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\$200.00

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ELIZABETH FRANCIK

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OTHER WAYS TO DONATE TO THE FAST FUND:

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Did you know that if you are over the age of 70 ½ you can make donations to the FAST Fund directly from your traditional IRA? By making donations this way you avoid recognizing the distribution from your IRA as taxable income. This type of donation is called a, "Direct To Charity" or DTC. If you would like more information about this, we recommend you discuss this with your CPA and please reach out so we can help you make a donation while potentially also reducing your tax burden.

HIGHLY APPRECIATED STOCK

By gifting in this manner, you can avoid paying capital gains tax on stock that increased in value. To do this you would identify stock that you own in a taxable account (non-Retirement). For this strategy to be useful the stock should have increased in value from what it was when you originally purchased. You would then reach out to the FAST Fund to get instructions to transfer the shares directly to our account. In short, donate shares directly to the FAST Fund rather than selling them.

END OF LIFE

You can also include the FAST fund in your estate planning. This is done by simply naming the FAST Fund in your will or trust. This can be a great way to make a meaningful contribution to the group as a part of your legacy.

Please consider talking these strategies over with your attorney or CPA to make sure they are right for you and that you are doing them correctly.

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