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Included below is a press release regarding Charlie and Ruthi Carpenter who created the William C. and Ruth L. Carpenter Recycling Program Endowment at Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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### **Carpenters foster sustainability, recycling efforts at Ferris through endowment**

BIG RAPIDS – Charlie and Ruthi Carpenter feel like they’ve been blessed. That’s why they’re choosing to give back to Ferris State University through the William C. and Ruth L. Carpenter Recycling Program Endowment.

“We’ve been blessed with financial gains that we think we should share,” the Carpenters said. “It wasn’t a hard decision to give to Ferris because they have taken care of us. We wanted to give back to the organizations that have taken care of us.”

Charlie is a long-time Ferris employee, spending 15 of his 28 years at the University working with the recycling program. With issues such as sustainability and recycling impacting daily life, the Carpenter’s decision to the recycling program at Ferris made sense.

In 2007 alone, more than 270 tons of paper was recycled as part of the University’s recycling program, Charlie said.

“Charlie has always been a champion for the recycling program,” said Michael Hughes, associate vice president for Physical Plant. “The Carpenter’s gift will allow Ferris to actively continue its sustainability and recycling efforts. I look forward to the greater interest their gift sparks within the broader campus community.”

For more information or to make a gift to Ferris State University, please contact The Ferris Foundation at (231) 591-2365 or [fsufdn@ferris.edu](mailto:fsufdn@ferris.edu). Details about establishing scholarships or endowments may be obtained from the Advancement Office at (231) 591-3825.

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CAPTION – Charlie and Ruthi Carpenter



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