WAYS TO GIVE
The goal for the Hughes Chair of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation is $2 million. The simplest way to support the chair is with a tax deductible gift of cash. Please make your check payable to the Hughes Chair, and mail it to the Office of Development, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216.

Securities
Gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds or other securities owned for more than one year avoid capital gains taxes, in addition to securing a charitable income tax deduction for the donor. Such gifts are one of the preferred methods of giving by donors who wish to help fund an endowment.

Gifts of Real Property
You also can contribute appreciated real estate, giving it through the Research and Development Foundation at the Medical Center. Examples include personal residences, farms and commercial properties. One option includes a future commitment of the property in return for an immediate tax deduction and retaining a lifelong right to live on the property.

Matching Gifts
Many employers match the charitable contributions of their employees. Ask your employer if such a program exists. Matching gifts are a great way to leverage your donations.

Gifts That Give Back to the Donor
Some individuals would like to make a contribution, but feel they need potential donation assets for the future income security of themselves and family. Others have highly appreciative assets to donate, but fear capital gains taxes would be owed by them. These and other perceived problems usually can be overcome with a number of different types of “planned gifts” that can provide lifetime income, receive income tax deductions, avoid capital gains taxes, and provide other benefits.

Gifts Through a Donor’s Will
A donor may elect to leave a part or all of his or her estate to the Medical Center. In addition to being done through a will, these gifts can take many forms. A variation from an outright bequest is to give assets now through a trust or annuity that can provide lifetime financial benefits, even enhanced income.

Gifts of Life Insurance
Donors may effectively use gifts of life insurance policies to further their charitable plans.

Detailed Gift Opportunity Types Information
Specifics regarding any of the types of giving described generally above are available, with no implied obligation to the person making the inquiry. For more information, please contact the University of Mississippi Medical Center Office of Development at 1-888-984-4483 or visit giveto.umc.edu.
Friends, colleagues and former residents of Dr. James L. Hughes, Jr. have initiated a campaign to fund the James L. Hughes Chair of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation to honor his many contributions to the practice of orthopedic surgery.

Dr. Hughes, the M. Beckett Howorth professor of orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation and medical director of the University Rehabilitation Center, was named the first chair of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery in 1987. He served as chair until 2002. He also served as vice chief of staff at the University of Mississippi Medical Center from July 1983 to June 1984 and chief of staff from July 1984 to June 1985.

“Dr. Hughes, with his kind, compassionate nature, matched by his gifted technical ability, combined with excellent surgical judgment and integrity...is the consummate model physician to which we all aspire as medical students,” said Dr. Robert McGuire, professor and second chair of orthopedic surgery at the Medical Center.

“His teaching and management style encourages teamwork allowing all involved to share in the overall success of the endeavor. I consider it a privilege and an honor to have been mentored by him. This orthopedic chair in his name will serve as part of his legacy to the Medical Center and to the practice of our discipline in this state.”

A Greenville, S.C. native and internationally known orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Hughes earned his baccalaureate degree at Mississippi College in 1959 and his medical degree at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. in 1963. He was president of his senior class in medical school.

Dr. Hughes interned at Roosevelt Hospital in New York from 1963-64 and completed residencies in general surgery at Roosevelt and orthopedic surgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore between 1964-70. He also completed fellowships in orthopedic surgery at the University of Basel in Switzerland 1970 and the University of Bern in 1971. He finished a third fellowship in experimental chirurgie in Switzerland in 1971.

Dr. Hughes was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1967 at the rank of captain. He served in Vietnam with the 7th Surgical Hospital from 1966-67 and the 173rd Airborne Brigade from 1965-66. He was a general surgeon at Lister Army Hospital in Fort Rucker, Ala. in 1965.

Dr. Hughes joined the Medical Center faculty in 1977 as chief of the Division of Orthopedic Surgery, medical director of the Division of Physical Therapy and associate professor of orthopedic surgery. He also has been serving as a consultant at the G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center since 1976.

“I consider it a true honor to have trained under Dr. Hughes,” said Dr. Mark Aiken, a former Medical Center resident who practices orthopedic surgery in Johnson City, Tenn. “His compassion for his patients, love of his family and passion for orthopedic education influences all of us. His sincere commitment to each of our personal and professional lives causes us all to be thankful that our paths crossed.”