Frank and Margaret Spain

Before **UAB's Spain Rehabilitation Center**, there was little to no rehabilitative care in the state. Now, the facility is one of the leaders in the southeast. If it weren't for the insistence of the late **Frank Edward Spain**, the facility that opened in the 1960s might not have come to be.

Spain and wife Margaret were known for their generosity. In addition to being a senior member of the law firm Spain, Gillon, Grooms, and Young, Spain was an active Rotarian, serving as the district governor and president of Rotary International.

While the couple gave gladly to their church and city, illnesses in their family prompted them to donate more than $500,000 to create the rehabilitation center. According to **UAB** records, the school was ready to implement a strategic plan to grow the campus, but a rehabilitation center was way down on the list. Spain's contribution changed that, and in 1964 the center bearing the family name opened.

Throughout their lives, the Spains continued to contribute to **UAB**, as well as other organizations in the area. Frank and Margaret bequeathed $3 million to **UAB**. Considered two of **UAB**'s earliest benefactors, their community fund has continued to grow the city through programs like Innovation Depot.

Following in her parents' example, **Peggy Spain McDonald** continued to support her home city. She and husband **William Clifford McDonald** met in China during World War II. He was a renowned pilot, and she was with the Red Cross.

Peggy would become the first director of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, where her daughter, Dr. Cameron Vowell, now sits on the board.

The McDonalds also were great supporters of **UAB**, where the **McDonald Clinic** bears their name.

The couple's children — Vowel and husband Scott and William "Billy" Clifford McDonald III and wife Nancy — continue to support **UAB** and the area. Together they gifted $1 million in 2004 to renovate the senior care clinic that was named after their parents.

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