It is my great pleasure to provide this Giving Pledge commitment wherein I pledge to give at least 50% of my wealth to charitable causes both during my present life and beyond.

I have been involved in philanthropy for more than fifty years and have been fortunate in being able to increase my philanthropic giving as the years have progressed.

My initial interest was in the field of medicine and medical research as it related to children. I have followed through from there to support a wide range of medical research facilities on the basis that, if causes can be established for a particular disease or condition, then future generations will benefit for many years ahead.

I also focus my philanthropic support toward universities over a wide spectrum. I am particularly interested in design as it relates to engineering, as the economies introduced by clever and innovative design far outweigh production volume savings.

As a private person, I prefer to minimise publicity of my philanthropic activities but at the same time realise that setting a positive example is the best way to encourage others to give back.

I have a large family of sons and am doing my best to encourage them to follow my example and embark on their own philanthropic endeavours.

Leonard H. Ainsworth