

Greg Sutherland Video Transcription

Greetings friends. My name's Greg Sutherland, and I'm glad to be here as part of this event, and I've been associated with Graceland University – actually it was Graceland College when I first became involved with this place – nearly 50 years ago.

I came as a student in 1969. I've said to many people over the years that everything good in my life came as a result of my association with Graceland. I found my wife here. We had two great children who both attended Graceland, and I have a granddaughter who hopefully will attend Graceland, as well, in a few years. So, I came here as a student. I also worked here 40 years, and I just retired under three years ago. I am currently back at work here for a short time and am enjoying my time with all the great folks.

I came here from Detroit, Michigan, and like most students who show up for their first year of college, I was nervous like anybody would be. I remember and have shared this with my good friend Larry Norris who was my house president at Graceland. I've shared with him that I remember, as if it were yesterday, my freshman year. This was probably in my first week at Graceland; he was my House President. He actually came and sat down and talked to me in my room, and that simple act caused me to become part of the Graceland family. I've shared my gratitude with Larry for that, and that was the beginning of a great experience for both while I attended Graceland and while I worked at Graceland.

You know, for me - and I have lots of friends to share this - Graceland was a life changing opportunity. Increasingly, it's more and more difficult for families to afford higher education. And while Graceland is

not an expensive institution, it's still a costly endeavor for many families.

So, for me, it's an opportunity for alumni and friends of the institution to help give that life changing experience to a student who can not only benefit from that, but who can help change the world in similarly positive ways. So I think it's a win – win for our world, for the people in the world – that your donations to Graceland help; really change not only individuals, but they help change the world.

Hi, I'm Greg Sutherland. I am a proud Graceland Alumni. I'm from Detroit. Michigan. I came to Graceland, and it changed my life. I am a 40-year employee at Graceland; retired, but I'm back as a Interim Director of Facility Services. And I'm here to encourage you to make a gift to Graceland during our Graceland Day of Giving. You can also watch our TV webcast live from the MSC and on the Stretch Network and Facebook. I'm definitely Grateful for Graceland, are you?