

George P. Mitchell

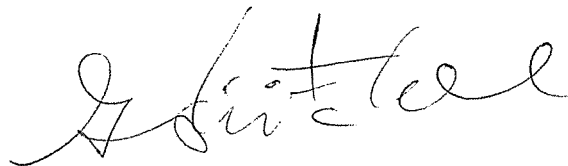
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I was born in Galveston, Texas, to Greek immigrant parents and was a teenager during the Great Depression. Although I grew up in a very meager, yet loving, environment, I always considered myself fortunate to live in the United States where opportunities were unlimited, yet something we all seemed to take for granted. I quickly learned that a good education, hard work, dedication, willing mentors, and a few lucky breaks meant the difference between success and failure.

Throughout my life I've seen firsthand how even a little financial assistance could mean a chance for struggling students, dedicated scientists, and families to reach their goals. I've also witnessed how underwriting large-scale academic, performing arts, medical, and research programs can be quite appealing, as those ventures have far-reaching, long-term benefits for society as a whole, often extending for successive generations.

As I've been blessed with good fortune for decades and have lived the American dream, I'm pleased to take the Giving Pledge. Through The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation, I will continue to donate a substantial portion of my assets during my lifetime and through my will.

Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett have set an extraordinary example by their generosity and leadership, so I'm honored to join them in this remarkable philanthropic endeavor.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. Mitchell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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