OC donation to create new student space

Students at Okanagan College's Kelowna campus will soon have a bright new gathering space thanks to a donation by a local family.

In memory of Frank Christian, his wife Barbara Christian along with her children Randy, Lorinda, and Liana have pledged $75,000 to support a new food service seating space in the trades training complex that is currently undergoing a major renovation and expansion along KLO Road.

When Randy and Lorinda heard about the need for expanded study and gathering spaces in the new trades complex, they knew they wanted to help build a space that would bring students together and foster a sense of community on campus. The family's donation is also intended to recognize his parents' contribution to the community, explained their son Randy. "Having owned car and RV dealerships, obviously the automotive trade has played a big role in our family's businesses. So when we learned about the new trades complex and the opportunities it will provide for students, the focus aligned with our family's history and our desire to give something back to the next generation."