JUDY BROCKSMITH '64: AN ANIMAL LOVER’S LEGACY INSPIRES FUTURE VETERINARIANS

WHEN ALUMNA JUDITH “JUDY” BROCKSMITH WAS IN FIRST GRADE, SHE CARRIED HOME A KITTEN IN HER BICYCLE BASKET. Given to her by a classmate, the kitten's name was Puff, and he was the first in a long line of cats that Judy would adopt over time. She is devoted to caring for her furry companions and helping other animal lovers do the same.

Judy has volunteered at her local animal shelter for the past 17 years, observing firsthand the dedication and commitment of other cat lovers volunteering there and the veterinarians and staff that treat both shelter animals and her own cats. She knew she wanted to do more and found the purr-fect answer at her alma mater, the University of Maryland.

In 2011, Judy established the Judith E. Brocksmith Veterinary Scholarship to support undergraduate students in the pre-veterinary program in the Department of Animal and Avian Sciences (ANSC) at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR). Numerous ANSC Terps have benefited over the years from her current use scholarship support.

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part of our lives, and it’s important to me to help ensure that Maryland produces good quality caregivers for these loving animals.”

– JUDY BROCKSMITH ‘64

TERP TRIVIA

Q: Which celebrated monarch attended their first American football game at UMD?
We hope you know how much we appreciate your long-standing, generous support of UMD. As the end of the year approaches, here are some tried and true tips on tax-smart giving from the gift planning team.*

*Please consult with your professional advisors before making any financial decisions.

TIP #1:
Give to a donor advised fund or gift appreciated securities by December 31, 2022.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
You can contribute to a donor advised fund (DAF) and enjoy tax savings on that amount when you itemize. The funds can be designated to UMD at a later date.

APPRICIATED SECURITIES
You may enjoy two tax benefits with a gift of appreciated securities:
1. Avoid capital gain taxes on the appreciated value and
2. Qualify for an income tax charitable deduction based on today's market value when you itemize.

Please note this includes electronic transfer, hand-delivery of the securities, or mailed stock and stock power (mailed separately for security).

TIP #2:
Consider an IRA distribution.

• If you’re at least 59 ½ years old, you can take a distribution and then make a gift from your IRA without penalty. If you itemize your deductions, you can take a charitable deduction for your gift amount.

• If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can give any amount up to $100,000 per year from your traditional IRA (as a Qualified Charitable Distribution) directly to the University of Maryland College Park Foundation and not pay income taxes on the transfer.

• If you are 72 or older, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD) and, if you wish, the same gift can also serve as a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

TIP #3:
Stay organized—you might have a lot going on in the final weeks of 2022!

Life happens, and plans change. Perhaps you recently married, welcomed an addition to the family, sold your business or retired. Now is a great time to evaluate your estate plans, especially as you contemplate your charitable giving. Take advantage of our free guide to organizing your assets and planning ahead.
TERP TRIVIA

A: Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022)

On October 19, 1957, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip watched the Terps win against the UNC Tar Heels. This major ACC upset of one of Maryland’s fiercest rivals is now known as the “Queens Game.” We are proud to have been able to share a bit of our Terp pride with such an extraordinary woman who spent her adult life in service to the Commonwealth.

“I understand the financial and academic challenges students face in veterinary school, and I hope these scholarships will help the University of Maryland continue to attract and retain strong, high-quality vet-med students into the future.”

— Judy Brocksmith ’64

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Judy also expanded her legacy through an estate gift of a bequest in her will to establish the Judith E. Brocksmith Endowed Student Support Fund in Veterinary Medicine. The endowment will fund ANSC graduates enrolling in the rigorous Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (VMCVM) program toward completion of their medical degrees.

VMCVM is a dual-state professional college that accepts roughly 128 students to become Doctors of Veterinary Medicine each year.

As a Founders Legacy Society donor and member of AGNR’s Dean’s Circle, Judy’s decision to support the college reflects not only her love of animals and the importance of veterinary medicine, but also her belief in AGNR’s mission and her confidence in UMD’s students. She knows first-hand how much her support means to them.

“It’s so rewarding to meet outstanding students, like Avital Seletsky, who are benefiting,” Judy says, “and to hear about their academic goals, their aspirational dreams and their planned careers in veterinary science.”

Read Avital’s own words of gratitude as a Brocksmith Scholar.

THANKS TO THE BROCKSMITH SCHOLARSHIP, I successfully completed my undergraduate degree and began veterinary school this fall so I can eventually apply my knowledge to care for animals in the best way possible.”

— AVITAL SELETSKY, ANIMAL SCIENCES ’22
Have you thought about gifting real estate?

Whether it is your primary residence, vacation home or other appreciated real property that you have owned for more than one year, there are numerous ways you can support UMD with this valuable multi-tasking asset.

The most popular ways are:
1. **Make an outright gift of real estate.** Save the headache of selling your home and receive immediate tax-benefits.

2. **Gift real estate through your will or living trust.** Enjoy the flexibility to change your mind and the potential to support UMD with a larger gift than you could during your lifetime.

3. **Create a retained life estate.** Live in (or rent out) your home for the rest of your life, or a term of years, paying for the carrying costs and hazard insurance. When the retained life estate is attained, the proceeds from the real property sale will benefit UMD.

4. **Create a charitable lead or remainder trust** and put your real property to work. Earn income for you, a loved one or UMD with a trust and enjoy tax benefits today. *Scan the QR code with your smart phone for more details.*

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- John W. Risner and Sharon B. Parente (Maryland Promise Program)

We would love to thank you, too, but we need to know about your gift! Donors who notify us of a planned gift to benefit Maryland, regardless of amount, are recognized by the Founders Legacy Society. Contact us to enjoy the benefits and be sure your gift wishes will be followed.