While enjoying their retirement in Colorado, Patricia Albano-Goulette and her husband, Richard, volunteered their time to help save lives, often with their loyal golden retrievers. With their search-and-rescue dogs, they responded when avalanches buried skiers, and they aided rafters lost in whitewater on the Colorado River.

Pat lived a life with purpose. When she was diagnosed with cancer, she became a student of her own disease and discovered The Jackson Laboratory and the work of its scientists in pursuing precise genomic cancer therapies. Her husband’s Alzheimer’s diagnosis added more urgency to her quest for treatments.

Over the last seven years, Pat’s appreciation and support for the Laboratory grew. As an estate attorney, she understood the power of philanthropy and planned giving in creating a legacy of support for future generations affected by cancer and Alzheimer’s disease.

As a member of The Society for Discovery, she established multiple charitable gift annuities that gave her life income and ultimately benefited the Laboratory. She also named The Jackson Laboratory as a beneficiary in her will. Sadly, Pat passed away in May 2017. Her final, generous gift to the Laboratory will help scientists find therapies and cures for cancer and Alzheimer’s disease in hopes of saving more lives.

If you, like Pat, would like to support JAX after your lifetime, please contact Laura Eldridge at (860) 837-2328 or laura.eldridge@jax.org to start planning your legacy.
As a college junior in 1967, I participated in The Jackson Laboratory’s Summer Student Program in Bar Harbor, working on a research project with the support of a renowned scientist. That experience reinforced my passion for science and my goal to become a medical doctor.

As family physicians, my husband and I have tried to combine clinical practice with clinical research and teaching. Now in retirement, we continue to mentor young people like Alex Thele who has just graduated from the 2017 Summer Student Program. It is exciting to watch the next generation advance scientific knowledge.

My husband and I recognize that true understanding of the genetic basis of human disease can only be achieved through collaborative efforts of bench and clinical researchers. The Jackson Laboratory embodies that philosophy, which is why we are supporting its mission in our estate.

—Deborah M. Shlian

Why I give back to young scientists

Start your legacy today

With a planned gift, you can make a lasting, positive impact on the health of future generations.

Plan a future gift

It costs you nothing today to include The Jackson Laboratory (JAX) in your future charitable plans. Support the discovery of lifesaving treatments and cures through JAX by:

• Including JAX in your will or trust. An easy and flexible way to support JAX, you can give a specific amount or leave a percentage of your estate.

• Donating retirement plan assets. By making a simple designation on your plan’s beneficiary form, you can save your loved ones from a significant tax burden while helping JAX.

• Donating a life insurance policy. You can donate a no-longer-needed policy or simply name JAX as the beneficiary.

Remembering JAX in your will

If you would like to support The Jackson Laboratory after your lifetime, ask your estate planning attorney to add this suggested wording to your will or living trust:

I give to The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine, (the sum of $_____ or _____ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) for its general purposes.

Make curing disease a part of your legacy. Contact Laura Eldridge at [860] 837-2328 or laura.eldridge@jax.org to discuss the different ways you can impact the future of human health.
Have you wondered how to turn your personal experience with The Jackson Laboratory into a legacy that will impact future generations?

By including JAX in your long-term estate or financial plans, you can make a powerful testament of your priorities. And, you have the flexibility to fulfill your goals in a way that works best for you. One option, a charitable gift annuity, allows you to advance medicine through JAX while you receive fixed, dependable payments for life.

**How it works**

The concept of a gift annuity is simple. You make a donation using cash, marketable securities or other assets. In exchange for your gift, you receive fixed payments for life. The rate of payment you receive doesn’t fluctuate; it is firmly set at the time of your gift and never changes. After your lifetime, the remaining balance is used to support the search for cures for diseases through JAX.

**Your benefits**

- You have potential to receive increased disposable income.
- You are eligible for a potential income tax deduction for a portion of the gift.
- A portion of your payment is income tax–free throughout your estimated life expectancy.
- In most cases, any long-term capital gains income can be reportable over your life expectancy.
- After your lifetime, the remaining portion of your gift will support our mission, helping to fulfill your philanthropic goals.

**See how you can benefit**

We would be happy to run a personalized calculation showing the benefits you and your loved one can receive from this type of life income gift. Contact Laura Eldridge or return the enclosed reply card to receive a free customized gift illustration, with no obligation.

California residents: Annuities are subject to regulation by the state of California. Payments under such agreements, however, are not protected or otherwise guaranteed by any government agency or the California Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association. Oklahoma residents: A charitable gift annuity is not regulated by the Oklahoma Insurance Department and is not protected by a guaranty association affiliated with the Oklahoma Insurance Department. South Dakota residents: Charitable gift annuities are not regulated by and are not under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Division of Insurance.

Help discover cures and receive life income
If you are 70½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to help fund our research and receive tax benefits in return. You can give any amount up to $100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as The Jackson Laboratory without having to pay income taxes on the money.

To help ensure that your gift counts this year, transfers will need to be made by Dec. 29, 2017 (the last business day of the year).

**Why consider this gift?**
- Your gift will be put to use right away, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.
- If you have not yet taken your required minimum distribution for the year, your IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement.

Find more information about the variety of ways to give before the year ends at jax.planmygift.org/year-end.

**Not 70½ yet?**
You can still support JAX with your IRA. Simply name The Jackson Laboratory as a beneficiary of your account, and we’ll receive the funds, or the portion you designate, after your lifetime.