We first came upon The Jackson Laboratory while we were in the planning stages of hosting a group of motor coach enthusiasts. As “Rally Masters,” we were charged with providing an interesting agenda for our attendees during their first stay in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Every time we passed by JAX we wondered, “What goes on behind those brick walls? Would we find it interesting, and would we want to share it with our group?” We arranged a date for a tour. We were blown away with our discovery and invited our group to tour also. Likewise, they were impressed! That was 10 years ago and some of them still donate on a monthly basis today.

JAX has a great story. It’s a story about growth, progress and groundbreaking scientific research. We know how incredibly important biomedical research is: Our granddaughter died at age 8 from glioblastoma. Our terrible loss is what motivated us to contribute to JAX in her memory.

We have been able to connect our interests in JAX research with our passion for history and collecting. In addition to our annual gifts, we are donating our collection of antique vehicles to JAX through a trust established in our estate. This was a truly meaningful and important decision for us.

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EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

There are many ways to invest in the Laboratory’s future. Visit www.jax.planmygift.org to find the right giving option for you and to learn more about how planned gifts help us advance scientific discoveries that will lead to cures for genetic diseases.

A PASSION FOR COLLECTING, A PASSION FOR GIVING

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We currently have 20-something vintage vehicles in our museum in Florida. Vehicles range in age from 60 to over 100 years old. This nonprofit museum is our way of giving back to society while encouraging people to get interested in the hobby and to gain an appreciation for the history behind our exhibits. Every tour starts with a little talk about The Jackson Laboratory and a handout about JAX extolling its accomplishments from inception.

Our most unusual car was custom built for Mr. Edsel Ford in 1934, while he was President of Ford Motor Company. It is a one-of-a-kind cabriolet built in Germany and it was kept at his estate in Gross Pointe Shores, Michigan. This is serendipitous because Ford was also one of the largest financial backers of Dr. Clarence Cook Little, founder of The Jackson Laboratory over 90 years ago, and he had a summer home in Seal Harbor, Maine, not too far from JAX in Bar Harbor.

In addition to the museum, we have a fully equipped antique barbershop. Ditto for a 1950s diner. There is also a large display of bus line advertising and original signs from bus lines from the U.S., Canada and the U.K.

You can’t take it with you when it is your “time to go,” but you can plan ahead by putting your assets to good use after you are gone. We wanted to be proactive by setting up paperwork where vehicles and other assets are to be sold and the proceeds will benefit JAX. This way we can help fund research, which will lead to better health in the future.

Hopefully, in the future, if you are told you have cancer, Alzheimer’s or some other disease, your doctor can tell you, “I have a cure for you.” Our gift to JAX might make the cure possible.

— CHRIS AND KATHLEEN KOCH
SOCIETY FOR DISCOVERY MEMBERS
Your treasures:

Make a personal plan for their distribution

Mention the word “inheritance” and most people think of money, stocks and bonds, expensive jewelry, a life insurance policy or perhaps the family home.

When a loved one dies, however, it’s often the less traditional — and sometimes the least valuable — assets they leave behind that heirs truly treasure.

What memories are in your home?
Every family has closets filled with belongings that are passed from one generation to the next. These items hold meaning for your loved ones, and sometimes it can be difficult to decide how these assets will be divided among heirs.

Who gets what?
Decisions about how to distribute certain personal items are often more challenging than decisions about cash assets. A savings bond worth $100 is $100, no matter who receives the money. But the value of your parents’ wedding album is determined by more than the type of paper and binding used.

Rather than giving valuable possessions to a grandchild who may not want them or simply throwing them out, they could translate into a vehicle for making a positive difference for human health.

Did you know?
Tangible personal property can make an excellent charitable gift. If you are interested in the benefits of leaving property to The Jackson Laboratory from your estate, please contact us today.

While tangible personal property doesn’t usually account for a significant portion of the value of an overall estate, issues regarding the division and distribution can create significant expense. Proper planning can minimize these costs.

Please note: For items valued at $5,000 or more, the donor is responsible for getting a qualified appraisal in order to receive the tax deduction of the appreciated assets.
Since our founding, The Jackson Laboratory’s friends and supporters have contributed meaningful gifts through their estate plans. These donors provide future support that is the foundation of discoveries yet to come. When you notify JAX of your intentions to include the Laboratory in your estate plan, you will be welcomed into the Society for Discovery.

**MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

+ Recognition on our Honor Roll at the Bar Harbor campus (members can remain anonymous if they prefer)
+ Special invitations to JAX events
+ Educational information related to gift vehicles that can benefit you, those you love and also help fulfill your charitable wishes
+ *Search* magazine, news about the Laboratory and areas where you may have particular research interests, in addition to presidential updates
+ Knowing that you are making a lasting contribution to JAX’s ongoing success in providing precise genomic solutions and cures for disease

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**MAKE YOUR GIFT COUNT IN 2019**

Don’t forget that you can avoid paying income tax by making charitable gifts through your IRA before calendar year-end. To learn more about the benefits, visit [www.jax.planmygift.org/ira-charitable-rollover](http://www.jax.planmygift.org/ira-charitable-rollover).

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