I was honored to establish a named, endowed scholarship fund at JAX with the proceeds directed to the Summer Student Program. I benefited from high-quality education throughout my life without having to worry about how I would pay, and it’s important to me that I give back to young scientists who might not be so lucky. The Jackson Laboratory Summer Student Program introduced me to the strict organization and dedication needed to pursue a career in basic research. I marvel at how the scientists and mentors of the students have to be remarkably creative to choose projects amenable to completion during a short summer.

During my summer at JAX, I studied chemotherapy and immunotherapy for treating Hodgkin’s-like lesions in mice, under the guidance of Dr. Edwin Murphy. The particular mice that we were studying spontaneously developed the tumors at around 11 months of age. My memory of first walking into Dr. Murphy’s lab was of him and his research associate discussing “Murphy’s Law,” and our conversations only grew more interesting from there! I successfully completed the requirements including the proposal, research project, final paper and presentation. More than 45 years later, I still feel awestruck of my accomplishments under the guidance of JAX investigators during that exciting summer of learning.
SUPPORTING THE SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM AT JAX

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The Summer Student Program served as an early foundation for my career. I have been blessed in being able to utilize the experiences from JAX to participate primarily in clinically related research and the education of future generations of doctors. Today, as a retired clinical associate professor emerita of pediatrics at the University of Michigan, these interests continue.

My summer at JAX was special in so many ways: It helped me grow as a person, and reinforced my decision to pursue a career in medicine. This is an educational experience that must not be threatened by lack of funding. Through current gifts and through my IRA beneficiary designation and trust arrangements, it is an honor to do my part to support the Summer Student Program now and in the years to come.

—PAMELA BROWN, M.D., PH.D., SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM CLASS OF ‘71

Where are you with your will?

A will isn’t just a list of who gets your belongings — it’s a reflection of your life. It reveals who and what mattered most to you.

Just as people are in different stages of life, they’re also in different stages of will planning. Which stage are you in? See which stage fits you, and what you need to know.

1. I DON’T HAVE A WILL. DO I REALLY NEED ONE? 

Definitely. A will is the most important estate planning document an adult can have, no matter your age or income. If you have children or own property or possessions, you need a will. Don’t let the state in which you reside decide what happens when you’re gone. Having a will saves your loved ones time, money and heartache.

2. I’M READY TO CREATE MY WILL. 

Great! You’ve taken the first step to creating a secure future. Work with an estate planning attorney to compile a list of your assets and who you want to receive them. Select an executor to implement your will after your passing, as well as name guardians for any children or dependents under your care.

3. I HAVE A WILL BUT WANT TO UPDATE IT. 

Good idea. You can consult with your estate planning attorney about changing your will whenever you want. Some situations that could prompt an update:

+ New marriage
+ Birth of a child
+ Passing of a loved one
+ Self-sufficiency of grown children
+ Changes in tax law
+ A desire to make a gift to JAX

YOUR WILL CAN FURTHER OUR MISSION

We would love to talk with you about how a gift in your will can make a meaningful difference at JAX. Contact Laura Eldridge, CFRE, at laura.eldridge@jax.org or (860) 837-2328 to start the conversation.

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“What is a legacy? It’s planting seeds in a garden you never get to see.” That line from the acclaimed musical Hamilton is poignant — but it isn’t entirely accurate.

As you consider your own legacy, you can see the garden. You see the great things the people and causes you care about are doing now — and the great things they could do in the future.

Our goal is your goal: Make the biggest difference possible and help the most people possible. That means getting the most value out of your assets, including your hard-earned retirement savings and investments.

As much as 37 percent of your retirement plan assets can be consumed by income taxes after your lifetime — distributions from inherited retirement plan accounts are taxable as ordinary income to the person who receives them. But when you give all or a percentage of your retirement plan assets to JAX, we receive 100 percent of the funds. The IRS takes nothing.

Let us help you get your legacy garden growing. Here’s how:

1. Contact the administrator of your retirement plan and request a change-of-beneficiary form or simply download a form from your provider’s website. (You may modify beneficiary designations at any time to meet your changing needs.)

2. Decide what percentage of the account you wish to give to JAX and name us, along with the stated percentage, on the beneficiary form. Return the form to your plan administrator.

3. Tell us about your gift! If you’ve named JAX as a beneficiary of your IRA or other assets, please let us know. By notifying us of your gift, we can ensure we use it exactly as you intend. Plus, it would be our honor to thank you.

WEIGH YOUR CHOICES

We can help find the right giving option for you. Learn more about how you can meet your charitable goals and make the greatest impact with your gift by requesting our FREE guide 12 ways to make a meaningful difference. Simply return the enclosed reply card today!
Since our discovery, 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.

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+ 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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