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Leaving a Lasting Legacy through a Donor Advised Fund

When Darryl Hote received an inheritance after the passing of his parents, he knew he wanted to give a portion back to Walthall County and the community that his parents loved so much. He also wanted to honor his parents so he set up the Bob and Lee-Wood Hote Walthall County Enhancement Fund at The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation.

His family's roots in Walthall County are deep; Hote estimates that his mother had around 127 first cousins in the area. "My parents lived in New Orleans, but Mom was from Walthall County and we all loved driving up to see our family and friends as often as possible," said Hote. He knew that his parents, who were passionate about giving their time and money to various charities throughout their entire life, would want to continue helping others even after they passed. With that in mind, Hote set out to find the right vehicle to make his contributions and preserve his parents' legacy.

After exploring all of his options, Hote decided to set-up a Donor Advised Fund with The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation. By setting up a Donor Advised Fund, Hote has the freedom to direct money from the fund to any church, school or other nonprofit organization in Walthall County, while The PineBelt Community Foundation manages the money, the investments, and the disbursements for only 1%. This arrangement allows other family, friends, and community members to take advantage of the foundation's 501(c)(3) charitable status to make tax-deductible contributions to the fund, which will in turn be used to carry out Hote's charitable vision.

Already, Hote has created two scholarships for Walthall County students, hosted a banquet for police officers, and more. He's currently working on creating and installing road signs to discourage Walthall County drivers from littering. "The basic idea behind the Bob and Lee Wood Hote Walthall County Enhancement Fund is to make the community stronger and make

people's lives better. That's what my parents valued and that's what they would want to do with this money," said Hote.

Donor Advised Funds, like Hote's, are great tools for those interested in leaving a legacy that will last long after they are gone. Donor Advised Funds can be established as an endowment, which requires a balance of \$10,000 before the payout (but it can be started with just \$1,000); then the payout is a percentage of the fund balance per year. This can be thought of as a person's "charitable savings account."

Donor Advised Funds can also be set up as a spend-down fund – or this can be referred to as a "charitable checking account." Many donors use this type of fund instead of setting up a private foundation or if they make a lot of money in one year and need a tax write off, but they don't want to give away all the money at once. For example, if a person had a gain in their stocks and didn't want to pay taxes on the capital gain, they could donate the stock to their Fund set up at the PineBelt Community Foundation.

Another advantage to many donors is that the fund can be an anonymous fund. For example, the PineBelt Community Foundation has Donor Advised Funds called *Angel Heart* and *Blessing and Hope*. Anonymous donors set up these funds and the recipient of their grants will never know who gave the gift!

Nearly any type of asset can be used to establish the fund, including cash, marketable securities, closely held securities, real estate, or other property. The PineBelt Community Foundation's Investment Committee has selected Vanguard, one of the world's largest investment management companies, to provide cost-effective and efficient management of the Foundation's endowed assets.

If you are interested in setting up a Fund to leave a legacy for you or your loved one, call The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation at 601-583-6180 or e-mail us at contact@PineBeltFoundation.org.

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Photo Attached: Bob and Lee-Wood Hote

