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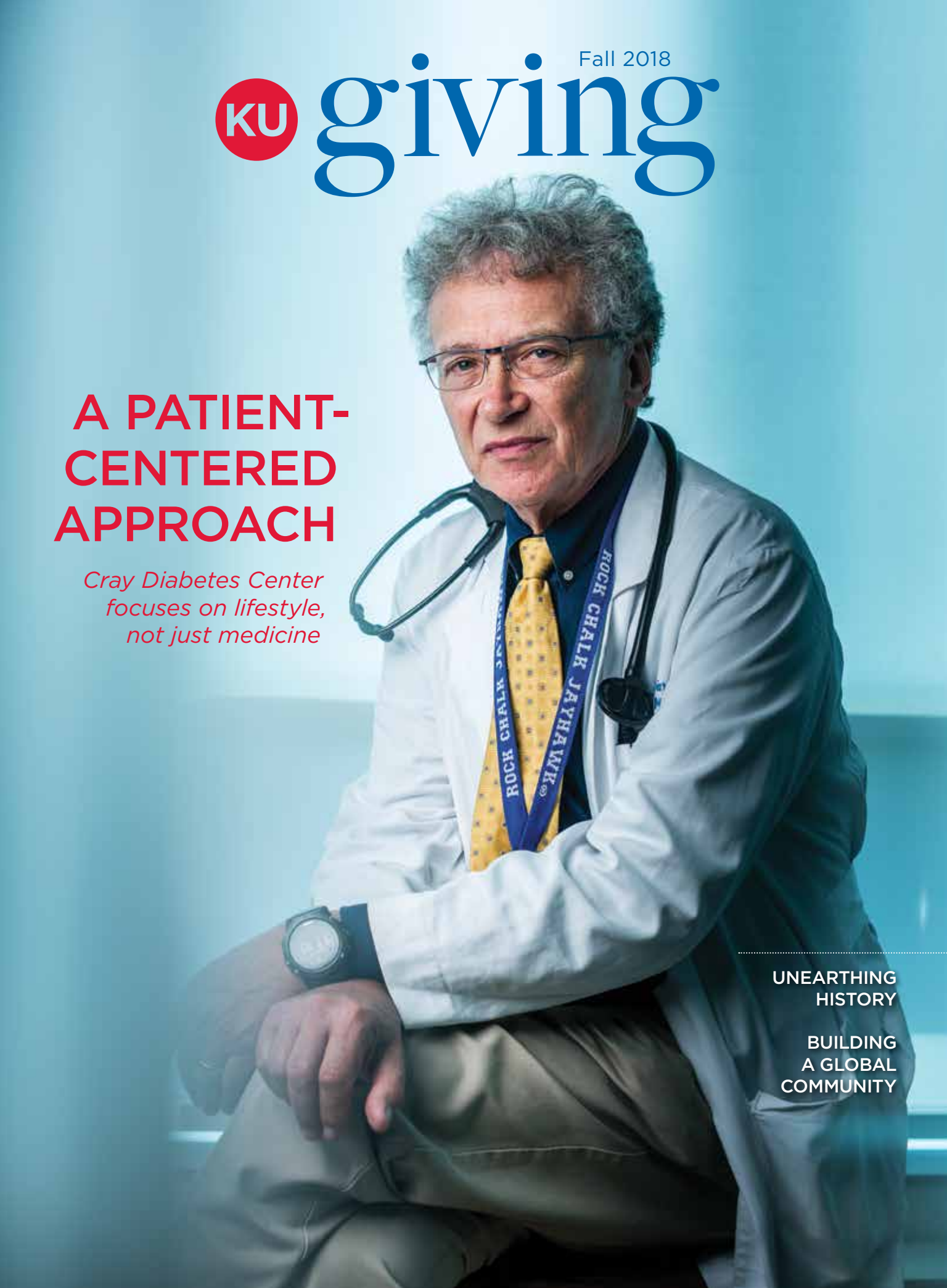

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Jaw-dropping discovery

The rare find of juvenile Tyrannosaurus rex *fossils, including this nearly complete jaw excavated in 2017, keeps KU paleontologists going back to Montana's Hell Creek Formation. There is some uncertainty about whether the bones belong to a young* T. rex *or another species entirely, however, the KU team aims to answer this question through further investigation. Researchers found that the fossil glowed under a black light, which is helpful when separating bone from rock. Team* T. rex *just returned from another site visit, funded through private support.* *See more on Page 12.*

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ROCK CHALK CONNECTIONS

THERE ARE PEOPLE WE MEET IN OUR CAREERS WHO ARE UNFORGETTABLE. They have extraordinary talents that set them apart, and we know they're going to move on to greater things.

Bill Redlin is one of these people. I met Bill when I joined KU's University Relations Department in 1977 as a young broadcaster. He was news director for KANU, the Lawrence public radio affiliate, and I looked up to him — to me, he was awe-inspiring. He was the consummate broadcast journalist, using his deep voice to provide listeners not just the news, but stories with context and thoughtful detail.

The original Stouffer Place apartments, where the Redlins lived on campus.

After working at KANU from 1971 to 1981, Bill was recruited away for a prestigious position in Washington, D.C.

Years later, I met his wife, Nina, at KU-related events. Intelligent and engaging, Nina is unforgettable in her own right. She warms up any room with her smile.

Like many alumni, the Redlins formed lifelong connections at KU and leveraged their experiences here into successful careers. They have led interesting lives and have become loyal donors — you can read more about their life story on Page 20 of this magazine.

Countless alumni have arrived on Mount Oread as young people with potential; their KU educations and experiences have catapulted them into rewarding careers. They represent the best of the Jayhawk spirit — down-to-earth, hard-working and competent. They can stand up to any challenge, anywhere and show the world the quality of a KU education.

That is what motivates most KU alumni to give back to their alma mater. It's a memory of making friends in a collegiate setting with outstanding faculty. But most of all, it's a feeling of gratitude for a life transformed and the desire to lift others so they can improve their own lives.

Each of us has a memorable story of coming to this university in the middle of the Heartland. Regardless of our background, our field of work or where we live, we recognize what the University of Kansas has meant in our lives. It's a bond that connects us and makes us proud to be called Jayhawks.

BUILDING A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

OVER WINTER BREAK IN DECEMBER 2017, SIX KU STUDENTS AND TWO PROFESSORS TRAVELED TO TORBECK, HAITI, TO BEGIN THE INITIAL BUILDING PHASE OF A COMMUNITY CENTER.

Hurricane Mathew devastated Haiti in 2016, and it became clear that Torbeck needed a center that also could be an emergency shelter.

"KU Architecture and Design has a history of working with underserved communities, and this remains an important part of our mission," said Chad Kraus, associate professor in architecture and Haiti participant.

First, they had to figure out how to fund their trip. Frank Zilm, Chester Dean Director of KU's Institute for Health+Wellness Design, partnered with KU Endowment to create a LaunchKU crowdfunding campaign to send six students to Haiti. With a lead gift from Zilm and his wife, Margaret, the campaign raised just over $12,000 from 48 donors in 30 days.

KU students and professors partnered with the Global Birthing Home Foundation, and the plans for the community center were developed by 12 students enrolled in the first-ever Global Studio course. The students learned how to use locally sourced materials such as rammed earth and bamboo for the center. The project quickly became an important lesson in design and also in transferring technology from one culture to another.

The goal of the initial building phase was to construct rammed earth walls on an existing foundation. The plans were sent ahead of time, but when the team arrived, they discovered the foundation was not built accordingly. The team taught the community how to build a rammed earth wall at a different location. When the KU team returned home, they went back to the drawing board. Revisions to accommodate the existing foundation will be addressed in a future global studio course.

The students gained valuable hands-on design and building experience during their Torbeck trip. They also learned how to adapt to changing conditions and to work with team members across cultural and language barriers.

"From the moment we arrived in Haiti, our on-the-spot problem-solving skills were tested and we were forced to re-evaluate our way of thinking," said Brighid Hegarty, a graduate student in architecture. "I'm glad we were given the opportunity to spread construction knowledge while experiencing a new culture. It is an experience I will never forget."

VICTORIA SICKINGER

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE: KU architecture students shared their design knowledge with community members in Haiti. The students gained hands-on building know-how and experienced another culture.

WHY I GIVE

"It's not what you get in life that's important — it's what you share. I'm concerned about young people and their education, because I've lived long enough to know that the kids who have an education are able to go farther in life."
Lavon Brousseau, Concordia, Kan. (said in 2014)
Estate gift to establish several funds named after Jack and Lavon Brousseau to support an Honors Scholars program, student scholarships in the College, a Center for Learning at the Spencer Museum of Art, humanities awards and scholarships for students in the UKanTeach program

"Lance was a Kansas man who loved KU and Lawrence. It made him who he was. He considered his time in Lawrence to be nothing short of magical. Those who loved him most recognize this and want to give back to the community that gave us such a wonderful man."
Amber Denker, Toluca Lake, Calif.
Gift to establish the Lance J. Williams Opportunity Fund to foster interdisciplinary connections between the arts and sciences

"The main goal of the endowment is to help graduate students, but it's also to demonstrate our appreciation of the quality of the East Asian art history program here and our desire to see it continue to flourish."
Marsha Haufler, professor emerita of art history, and Chris Haufler, professor and chair of the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Lawrence, Kan.
Gift to establish the Marsha S. and Christopher H. Haufler Scholarship in the Kress Foundation Department of Art History

"My experience as a graduate student in the KU School of Engineering and the mentorship from faculty there paved the way for future success. I want to foster an entrepreneurial spirit in the next generation of engineering students."
Raj Ananthanpillai, master's in electrical engineering 1988, McLean, Va.
Gift to establish the Ananthanpillai Family Graduate Student Support Fund

"I grew up in Coffeyville, Kansas. I graduated from Coffeyville Community College, KU and KU Medical Center. I support education particularly in the rural Kansas area."
Terry Powell, M.D., bachelor of arts 1964, M.D. 1968, Claremore, Okla.
Gift to establish the Powell Coffeyville Community College Transfer Scholarship

"Four years ago, I went on a mission trip to Haiti with my church through Beyond Borders. I fell in love with the people and saw how much impact one person can have there. I want to help the KU Institute of Haitian Studies and facilitate internship opportunities for students in hopes they will have a similar experience and develop a lifelong commitment to the country and its people."
Pete Rowland, Ph.D., professor emeritus of political science, and Char Rowland, Crested Butte, Colo.
Gift to establish the Pete Rowland Haiti Service Learning Initiative

"They both had a great love for their vocation of speech and hearing pathology, and they also loved giving back to the community. They created the CARE Fund to give back and support the very purpose they dedicated their entire careers doing."
David Robinson, Prairie Village, Kan.
Estate gift from Donald L. Robinson and Mary A. Carpenter, who both taught at KU Medical Center, to establish the Carpenter and Robinson Epilogue Fund, or CARE fund, to help people with communication disorders

"It's very rewarding to help the up and coming generations. I had a Summerfield Scholarship and got out of college with no debt. KU has an excellent art history department, and I wanted to help what was already an exceptional department."
Don Sloan, Lawrence, Kan.
Gift commitment to establish the Don Sloan Scholarship for art history students

WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKPACK?

"A HEADSET," said Alex Olsen, a May 2018 graduate with a degree in dance and a minor in psychology. "My passion is producing dance. I like to say that I 'make dance happen' and a headset represents what I do well because it keeps me connected to everyone."

Olsen originally wanted to be a dance therapist and was a double major — but after working on her first dance showcase — she was hooked.

"I love so much about KU, but what's been the best are the opportunities I've been given," she said. "Many dance programs wouldn't allow me to create my own shows."

In March, Olsen produced Boundless, a dance showcase inspired by the women's movement. She is passionate about creating shows that make a strong statement and impact the community.

None of this would have been possible without scholarships. Olsen said the support has inspired her to work even harder in school and also allowed her to intern with the American Dance Festival. That experience taught her how to work with lighting designers and choreographers, how to set a stage and everything else needed to run a show.

This fall, Olsen is pursuing a master's in creative leadership in the arts at Northwestern University. She plans to become a dance company manager and focus on creating progressive, accessible performances.

"I just hope donors know how much they help," she said. "They give money to students who want to make a difference in the world, and that's such a generous and powerful thing to do."

VALERIE GIELER

WHAT'S IN YOUR BRIEFCASE?

"A TURTLE, A REPLICA OF THE STONE ONES IN THE U.S. SUPREME COURT BUILDING," said Lumen Mulligan, KU Law associate dean and professor. "Turtles represent the slow, yet steady, pace of justice."

Mulligan has a professorship funded through private giving, the Earl B. Shurtz Research Professorship. He also oversees the Medical-Legal Partnership and directs the Shook, Hardy & Bacon Center for Excellence in Advocacy.

"The law school would be a shell of itself without support from alumni and friends," he said. "I'm grateful to have a professorship and for KU Law's culture that inspires alumni to give back."

Mulligan loves working with students because he finds it invigorating and challenging. The Medical-Legal Partnership helps low-income patients at Lawrence Memorial Hospital and The University of Kansas Health System. For instance, a patient in an apartment with a mold issue might not get sick if she could get legal help with her living situation. This program improves patients' lives, gives students experience and saves the hospitals money.

The Shook, Hardy & Bacon Center enhances skills-based legal education. Firm attorneys volunteer to teach sessions, and the center sponsors symposia that often include high-profile speakers such as U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Mulligan also writes articles and books, including the three-volume *Kansas Law and Practice,* and serves on the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeal Criminal Justice Act Panel and several state-level committees.

"KU Law is an institution deeply worth engaging with; it is furthering the health of our democracy," he said. "KU graduates are business leaders, supreme court justices, public defenders and elected officials."

VALERIE GIELER

A PATIENT-CENTERED APPROACH

CRAY DIABETES CENTER FOCUSES ON LIFESTYLE, NOT JUST MEDICINE

BY MICHELLE TEVIS

DAVID ROBBINS, M.D.

Cray Diabetes Professor of Medicine and director of the KU Diabetes Institute and the Cray Diabetes Self-Management Center

SALLY CRAY KNEW FIRST-HAND THE IMPORTANCE OF DIABETES EDUCATION. SHE HAD THE CHRONIC DISEASE THAT RESULTS IN HIGH BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS.

Because of her experiences during treatment, Sally and her husband, Cloud "Bud" Cray of Atchison, Kan., decided to fund a diabetes care center at KU Medical Center that has reimagined care for patients.

At the time of Sally Cray's diagnosis, in the early 1950s, not much was known about the disease, of which there are two types: type 1 and type 2. The pancreas does not produce enough insulin with type 1 diabetes. With type 2, the more common form of diabetes, the body isn't able to use the insulin it has correctly. There is no known cure for either type.

The model for diabetes treatment and education back then meant a quick meeting with a doctor and a prescription for medication. And that didn't satisfy the Crays. They knew there was a better way, and they set out to start a center that focused on broader aspects of care — not just medicine but also lifestyle.

"Diabetes is a very complex disease that involves what you eat, how you exercise — it's constantly there," said endocrinologist David Robbins, who directs the Cray Diabetes Self-Management Center at KU Medical Center. "The disease can cause a real impairment on a patient's quality of life."

The Crays established the Cray Diabetes Center at KU Medical Center in 1979 with just one doctor, Joseph Kyner, and nurse practitioner George Ann Eaks on staff to provide patient education.

The center is now known as the Cray Diabetes Self-Management Center, and the team has evolved to include endocrinologists, physician assistants and dietitians, some of whom are also certified diabetes educators. It provides about 6,500 patient visits a year.

Karen Seaberg, of Atchison, Kan., is vice president of the board of directors for the Cray Medical Research Foundation and Bud and Sally Cray's daughter. She said her mother, Kyner and Eaks worked as a team.

"The three of them developed this model where, when treating a patient with diabetes, it's more than just a doctor visit," Seaberg said. "It's about conversations, listening and problem solving."

Sally Cray died in 2010, but the Crays' contribution to the health of diabetes patients in the Kansas City area and beyond has continued.

"The Cray gift is what makes this model possible," Robbins said. "The Crays' marching orders to us were to not have hurried medicine."

The modern, team-style approach to diabetes care at the Cray Center means that patients are seen by an advance practice provider, typically a nurse practitioner or physician assistant, a registered dietician and a certified diabetes educator. Physicians follow up with patients when appropriate.

The center has classes and one-on-one educational opportunities for patients on topics ranging from foods that affect blood sugars to using an insulin pump. The center also coordinates a monthly diabetes support group that meets in Leawood, Kan.

"We focus on self-management, teaching patients the skills they need to feel confident in taking care of themselves," Robbins said. "In a way, we're trying to work ourselves out of a job, although we never quite get there."

Even diabetes patients with a history of excellent medical care find something new to learn about themselves and their disease at the Cray Center.

AHEAD OF THEIR TIME: Cloud "Bud" Cray and the late Sally Cray worked with medical professionals to develop a whole lifestyle approach to treating diabetes after Sally was diagnosed with the disease. The Cray Diabetes Self-Management Center is nearing its 40th anniversary and carries on the couple's legacy today.

Jeff Novack, of Kansas City, Mo., was 18 when his late father, an internist in New York, diagnosed his type 1 diabetes. He has lived with the disease for 44 years and always benefited from excellent care. However, he said, Robbins and the staff at the center have helped him find a more "human" perspective on his disease.

"They have helped me control my own tendency to obsess over controlling my diabetes," Novack said. "That control is always important, but I've learned to loosen up a bit."

The Cray Center is outgrowing its current office space. It serves patients at two locations, at KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan., and in Overland Park. Another satellite office is opening in Gladstone, Mo., in a KU clinic that had space available.

"We have to triage our waiting list of patients; we've outpaced our ability to see patients because of our limitation on physical space," Robbins said.

Robbins said the Crays' mandate involves not just KU patients, but the health of patients across the state of Kansas and beyond.

"We have been reaching out to some of the partner hospitals of The University of Kansas Health System, such as St. Joseph, Mo., and Hays and Great Bend, that are now affiliating with us," Robbins said. "We are taking the lessons we've learned and sharing with these organizations."

Bruce Armstrong, of Kansas City, Mo., has been reaping the benefits of care at the Cray Center for more than 20 years. Diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in his

A LEGACY OF SUPPORT

For almost 40 years, Cloud "Bud" Cray and the late Sally Cray have supported diabetes care and research at KU Medical Center.

The Cray Diabetes Center opened in 1979. In 1981, the Crays, of Atchison, Kan., established the Cray Medical Research Foundation. The foundation has supported the center, now known as the Cray Diabetes Self-Management Center, and ongoing diabetes research through the Cray Diabetes Institute.

Bud Cray, a native of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., earned a chemical engineering degree at Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland. He joined MGP Ingredients in Atchison, Kan., in 1947 and in 1962, he succeeded his father, Cloud Cray, Sr., as president of the company. He retired in 2015.

Sally Cray, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, attended Case Western Reserve/Flora Stone Mather College for two years and married Bud in 1944. Soon afterward they moved to Atchison, where they worked, raised their family and served the community. She died in 2010.

In April, the foundation's gift of $2 million established the Bud and Sally Cray Diabetes Professorship, which will support the Endocrinology, Metabolism & Genetics Division of the Internal Medicine Department at KU Medical Center. David Robbins, professor of medicine and director of the KU Diabetes Institute and the Cray Center, is the first recipient of the professorship.

CARING ADVICE: Andrea Dohlman, nurse practitioner and certified diabetes educator, talks with patient Bruce Armstrong about taking care of his feet during an appointment at the Cray Center in Kansas City, Kan.

mid 20s, he has experienced many ups and downs in the more than 40 years since then. With support and education from the center, he uses an insulin pump and has much more control over his disease than he's ever had.

"The staff here has always been supportive and tried to help me understand things if I wanted to explore something related to my disease," Armstrong said. "They care about me as a person."

EDUCATION AT THE CRAY CENTER

Classes and educational opportunities at the Cray Diabetes Self-Management Center cover a variety of topics related to diabetes care and management. One-on-one educational meetings are also available.

Classes typically meet monthly and include:

- **Diabetes Survival Skills**, offered weekly, gets to the heart of basic needs for people with diabetes.
- **Carbohydrate Counting** takes a close look at how food affects blood sugar and teaches patients how to estimate the amount of carbs eaten and the amount needed.
- **Pump and Sensor Preview** gives those curious about insulin pumps, which deliver insulin continually, a chance to learn more.
- **Hypoglycemia Unawareness** teaches attendees how to identify hypoglycemia (a condition caused by low blood sugar) how it develops, and how to restore awareness.

UNEARTHING HISTORY

KU PALEONTOLOGISTS TRACK DOWN RARE *TYRANNOSAURUS REX* FOSSILS

BY VALERIE GIELER

DAYS SPENT CROUCHING DOWN DIGGING IN THE DIRT in Hell Creek Formation in Montana through sweltering heat and 40 mph wind gusts doesn't sound like an ideal summer vacation for most people. To student and staff paleontologists at KU, however, it is an opportunity of a lifetime. The team, led by David Burnham, has discovered *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossils and brought them back to campus for study over the past four years.

The most exciting find to date has been the bones of a young *T. rex*, first uncovered in 2016. So far, the team has retrieved upper jaws with a complete set of teeth, cranial bones, some back bones, part of the hip and sacrum, and a portion of the foot. The discovery is intriguing because only about a dozen young *T. rex* examples have been found and, despite the creature's notoriety in film, little is known about it. Studying the *T. rex* fossils can reveal how these enormous dinosaurs grew, lived and evolved.

"The jaws of the juvenile indicates that it had not yet acquired the huge bite force we see in adults, which is necessary to kill and consume large prey items," Burnham said. "This indicates there must be differences in feeding and behavior for young *T. rex*."

The team is still sifting through the findings from their month-long field visit this past June. Among the new fossils collected are thought to be *T. rex* ribs, teeth and some unidentified fragments, along with a variety of plant and additional animal fossils. Collectively, the fossils provide a snapshot of what life was like millions of years ago.

The expeditions have been made possible through LaunchKU crowdfunding efforts and lead gifts from John Weltman and Cliff Atkins, whose son attends KU.

IN THE FIELD: KU paleontologists, including undergraduate students mentored by David Burnham, explored Montana's Hell Creek Formation this past summer with the hopes of finding additional young *T. rex* fossils. Sometimes fossils float to the surface after years of wind and rain.

When a promising area is located, the crew starts excavating with larger tools and shovels. They switch to smaller tools such as brushes and knives once they get to the bone layer. Digging for fossils is quiet, almost meditative work, and the team spreads out to slowly work away at the dirt.

THE THRILL OF DISCOVERY: *Above*: Beautifully preserved plant fossils can tell more about the flora of the area during the time that the dinosaurs lived. *Below left:* A neck rib bone was collected with other fossils thought to belong to the same dinosaur. *Below right:* The crew gradually removes all the media around a theropod rib bone so it can be wrapped in a plaster cast and removed for further study.

KU'S FERTILE ENVIRONMENT LEADS TO DISCOVERY

FORMER POSTDOC AIMS TO INSPIRE NEXT GENERATION

BY VALERIE GIELER

IN 1966, FELIX THEEUWES AND HIS WIFE, MARIE-THERESE, SOLD ALL OF THEIR BELONGINGS FOR A ONE-WAY TICKET FROM LEUVEN, BELGIUM, TO KANSAS CITY. The couple traveled to Lawrence with their three young children so Felix could work as a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Kansas.

Felix earned his doctorate in physics at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium and could have remained there, but he said the adventure to go to Kansas was too attractive to pass up.

Years later, the Theeuwes family still feels a strong connection to KU. The couple was inspired by their experiences on campus to create the Felix and Marie-Therese Theeuwes Postdoctoral Fellowship with a gift of $1.5 million. The fund will support postdoctoral fellows in chemistry, physics, biology or pharmaceutical chemistry to come from Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium to KU for two years. The Theeuwes Fellowship is the largest one of its kind at the university. The fund's intent is to encourage culture exchange and to spark scientific discovery and innovation, just as Felix's fellowship did 50 years ago.

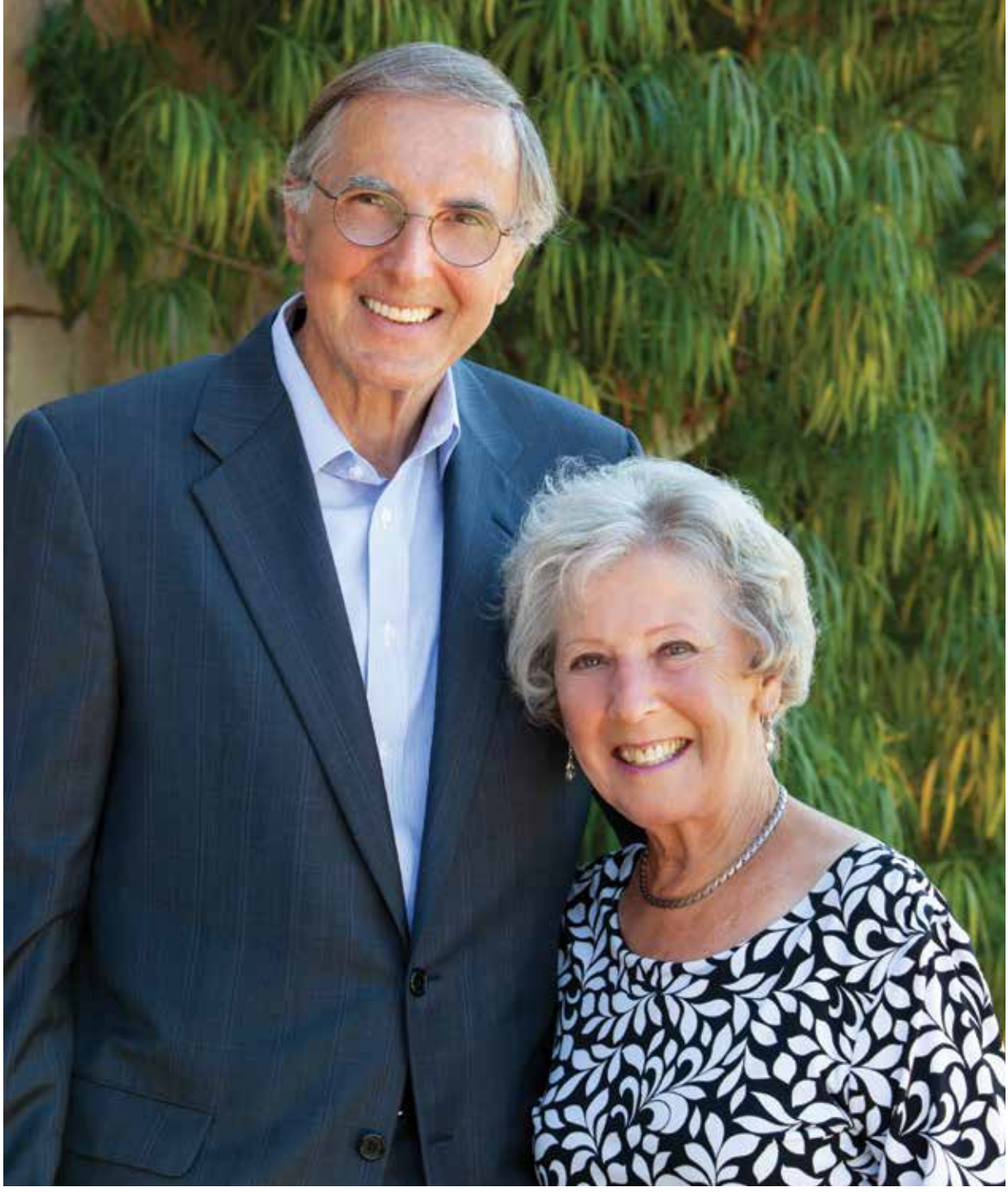
"I'm grateful to Felix and Marie-Therese Theeuwes for funding this postdoctoral fellowship. It's a win-win for KU and for the students. KU will benefit from bringing top-notch scholars from Belgium to engage in scientific research with our faculty. The students will benefit from the guidance and knowledge of our esteemed faculty members," said Chancellor Douglas A. Girod.

Felix came to KU to join professor Richard Bearman's lab to research the thermodynamic properties of the noble gases krypton and xenon in liquid form. A National Science Foundation grant funded the necessary pressure, volume and temperature equipment, which they built from scratch in Malott Hall. According to Felix, equilibrium thermodynamics requires patience because capturing the data is a slow process that needs careful attention.

"For safety purposes, the equipment included sensors for pressure, temperature and vacuum insulation," Felix said. "This monitoring was needed at all times to prevent potential explosive consequences. If the sensors reached a set threshold, an alarm would buzz at home under our bed. Now and then, Marie-Therese and I would drive up to the lab in the middle of the night to fix a problem."

Professor Joy K. Ward, associate dean of science research, expressed that the Theeuwes Postdoctoral Fellowship will be important for enhancing collaborations between scientists at KU and in Belgium through this extraordinary gift. "Felix and Marie-Therese have a strong understanding of the commitment and hard work that are required for a successful career in the sciences," Ward said. "Their contributions to medicine and pharmacy are a source of pride for the university. Through their endowed fellowship, numerous early-career scientists will have the opportunity to thrive at KU while advancing science in ways that will benefit society for many years to come. We are so very grateful for their generosity and support of KU."

Those years in the lab were productive; they gathered extensive data and published eight papers. In 1970, the project was coming to an end and Felix was looking for a job. Bearman connected him with Takeru (Tak) Higuchi, KU distinguished professor and ALZA Corporation vice president of research, which had a laboratory across the street at KU's West Campus.



"I told Tak that I knew nothing about drugs and I kept refusing my only job offer, but he insisted that thermodynamics was all that mattered," Felix said. "His idea was that he needed scientists from different disciplines to develop the new field of controlled drug delivery. Even though I worked with Tak for only one year, we coauthored two papers and forged the beginnings of the commercial osmotic systems patents and business."

From these early stages, Felix launched a successful career in pharmaceutical development. He worked at ALZA Corporation for nearly 30 years and then co-founded DURECT Corporation in 1998. He holds 245 U.S. patents for his inventions, has published some 80 articles and book chapters, and is a fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists.

"I am forever thankful to Professor Richard Bearman, Professor Takeru Higuchi and the University of Kansas for creating this fertile environment where academia and industry bonded to give rise to the creation of new technologies, medicines and also prosperity for a large number of families," Felix said.

To read Felix Theeuwes' personal recollection of his experiences at KU, visit www.kuendowment.org/theeuwes-memoir

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

First FDA-approved treatment for polycystic kidney disease

A drug with a decades-long history of research and testing at KU Medical Center was recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration as the first treatment for autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD), the most common form of polycystic kidney disease. "This is the aspiration of all of us here to be able to do science that develops a completely new treatment that can then be translated to the bedside; tested in patients; and shown to be effective," said Alan Yu, professor and director of the Jared Grantham Kidney Institute. The drug, Tolvaptan, has shown it can slow the progression of the disease and while not a cure, is a significant breakthrough in the treatment of ADPKD. The drug is marketed under the name JYNARQUE™.

New service award for students

The Dole Institute of Politics recently announced the creation of a new annual award for KU students. The Robert J. Dole Service to Country Award is given to a member of the institute's Student Advisory Board for their demonstrated leadership and commitment to public service. "Our Student Advisory Board offers unparalleled opportunities for students interested in political involvement and public service," said Bill Lacy, director of the Dole Institute. "We are pleased to have this avenue to honor their contributions and grateful to John Pinegar and Kathleen and Douglas Smith for their generosity in creating this award."

A first in education

The University of Kansas has launched the nation's first college-based center dedicated to the exploration of Montessori education. The KU Center for Montessori Research, founded this year, conducts joint research studies to examine the potential influence of Montessori principles on education and human development. The center's mission is to build a robust body of knowledge so Montessori education and philosophy will benefit all children.

Celebrating campus diversity

This past April, members of the KU community gathered to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center. The center was made by possible through the support of the Sabatini Family Foundation. Hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the event marked the 2008 opening of the center, whose mission is to recognize and celebrate diversity at KU.

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The KU School of Pharmacy is No. 4 in the nation in National Institutes of Health funding.

JAYHAWK FAITHFUL

Thanking loyal Jayhawks

KU Endowment has unveiled a new recognition program to celebrate the university's most dedicated donors. Jayhawk Faithful acknowledges supporters of KU who have given gifts of any size for two or more consecutive years. Members receive annual appreciation mailings and a Jayhawk Faithful window decal, as well as special items for milestone giving years.

Hope for people struggling with addiction

As health practitioners, politicians and families grapple with solutions to the opiod crisis, KU is establishing a new resource to better understand and treat addiction. With a $2 million gift from KU alumnus Daniel Logan and his wife, Gladys Cofrin, KU has launched the Cofrin-Logan Center for Addiction Research & Treatment. The center will serve as a hub for addiction research, training and outreach.

"The essence of treating addiction is about giving people hope," Logan said. "Part of what having a center like this does is give the opportunity to have hope that things can be different."

KU professor wins big at Cannes

Kevin Willmont, professor of film and media studies at KU, is garnering international fame as the co-writer of "BlacKkKlansman." The Spike Lee-directed feature film won the prestigious Grand Prix at the 71st annual Cannes Film Festival. The biopic tells the story of an undercover black detective and his Jewish partners who infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan in the 1970s. It is just the fourth American movie to receive the festival's second-highest award since the category debuted in 1967. "BlacKkKlansman" opened nationwide on Aug. 10.

Professorship honors a life of service

The Hall Family Foundation of Kansas City, Mo., has made a $500,000 gift to create the Robert Almy Kipp Professorship of Practice in City Management. The professorship honors Kipp's career, his civic leadership and his service in the field of urban development. Robert Kipp, of Leawood, had a distinguished civic and professional career, including serving as city manager of Kansas City, Mo., CEO of Crown Center Redevelopment and vice president of Hallmark Cards. "I am honored by this recognition because KU's city management program has earned a distinguished reputation by instilling a sense of public service as well as humility and morality in its graduates," Kipp said.

You said it

"As a former Air Force ROTC student at the University of Kansas, I would like my gift to be designated to help their Student Veterans Center."

COL. GLENN MARTIN, BACHELOR'S IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING 1986

CENTREVILLE, VA.

"I was a Robinson scholar and this trip was life-changing for me, so I would like others to experience what I did!"

ELISSA FROST, BACHELOR'S IN EDUCATION 2014, BACHELOR'S IN OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES 2015, MASTER'S IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 2017

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

"In honor of my first born in his first year at KU. Doing it all on his own and using his God-given talents!"

ANGELA BURNES

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

"In honor of Ryan Haugaard, my kidney donor, and the support of KU throughout medical school and continuing education today."

CASEY POELL, M.D. 2002

MANHATTAN, KAN.

SENDING OUT AN SOS

KU STUDENTS FACING UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES have a new place to turn for help on campus. Launched through efforts of the KU Office of Diversity & Equity, Jayhawk Student One Stop (SOS) is an innovative support program to connect students with resources during troubling times.

Led by Mauricio Gómez Montoya and located in the Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center, Jayhawk SOS serves as a student advocate; offers personalized counseling; provides inclusive and accessible support practices; assists students with their academic goals; and supports the retention and graduation goals of the university.

Gómez Montoya works alongside students facing difficulties, helps them navigate university policies and practices, and taps into the expertise of campus and community partners who can deliver solutions or answers to their problems.

"Supporting our students academically, financially and emotionally is so important," said Gómez Montoya. "We want to help remove any obstacles to their success."

Students who reach out to Jayhawk SOS are already in crisis, so the team needs to be able to move fast to address their issues. One of Gómez Montoya's goals is having the ability to grant time-sensitive gifts to those in need. "Creating a specific fund for emergencies would be so helpful," he said.

"Although it is challenging keeping a positive attitude in the midst of troubling situations, it's so rewarding to receive a thank you note from a student you've helped or see a student return to their normal routine."

The Solon E. Summerfield Foundation provided the initial funding for Jayhawk SOS.

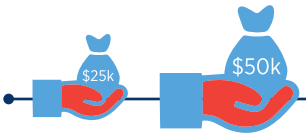
JODI BOUYACK

THE POWER OF ENDOWED FUNDS

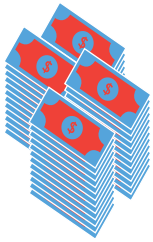
PERPETUAL SUPPORT. IT'S A FUNDRAISING TERM THAT MAY BE HARD TO GRASP. But it's the best way to explain the power of an endowed fund. It means these funds will benefit the University of Kansas as long as it exists.

When you create an endowed fund to benefit KU, you enter into a partnership with KU Endowment intended to last in perpetuity. The goal is to ensure that your gift will provide consistent support every year while protecting its value for generations. You decide how to name your fund — in your name, in honor of a loved one, or after your favorite professor, for example. Whatever name you choose will be known at KU forever, creating a lasting legacy.

For some purposes, such as program support or a student award, a $25,000 contribution is sufficient. For undergraduate scholarships, the minimum gift is $50,000, which you can donate in installments of up to five years.



You can create an endowed fund to support any purpose at KU.



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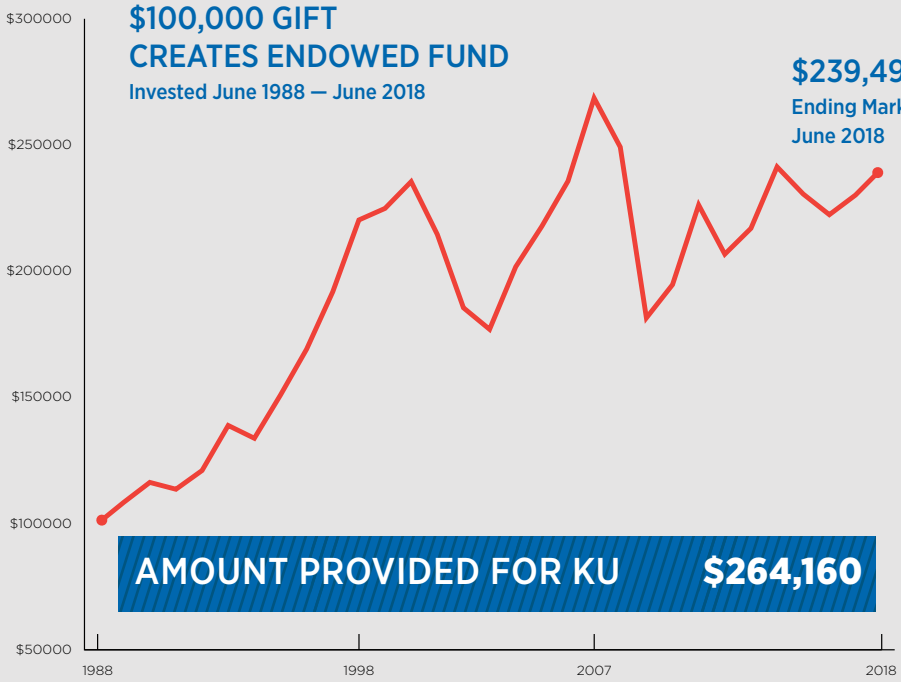

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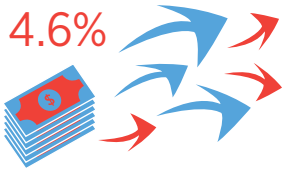

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LIFE-CHANGING KU EXPERIENCE INSPIRES GIVING

IT WAS A BLISTERING AUGUST DAY when newlyweds Bill and Nina Redlin arrived in Lawrence from Ohio 48 years ago. They got a modest apartment in Stouffer Place for married students on campus, and their first purchase was a window air conditioner.

They had moved to Kansas so Bill could pursue a master's degree in broadcast journalism at KU. He became news director at KANU on campus, a job that later opened doors for him. "We got superior educations at KU that changed the course of our lives," said Bill.

Through several twists and turns, Bill landed a job hosting the Morning Edition program at one of the most prominent public radio stations in the country, WAMU, in Washington, D.C. He was there during the 9/11 attack, where he recalls narrating the day's events from what he could see on TV. For 24 years, he woke up at 2:30 a.m. for the morning newscast. He then moved to midday host.

"For many years, I worked early mornings and Nina late evenings, so we passed each other in the hallway at home. I think it extended our marriage," said Bill in jest.

Nina and Bill met on a blind date at the University of Dayton, where they both completed their undergraduate degrees. A stint as a secretary at the KU pharmacology department inspired Nina to pursue a degree in pharmacy at the university, a career she held for 35 years.

The 1950s Stouffer Place apartments were razed three years ago and replaced by modern ones in the new Central District this year. However, the Redlins have vivid memories of living in the original ones. Lawrence will always be their home, since it's where both of their children were born and where they made lifelong friends.

JAYHAWKS FOR LIFE: Bill and Nina Redlin honored their deep connection to the university by creating endowed funds to support students through their IRAs, a giving option that they feel could be used by more people.

Now retired and living in Virginia, the Redlins come back to Lawrence periodically, as Bill serves on the William Allen White Foundation board of trustees. "We love walking on Jayhawk Boulevard, it brings up so many memories and it's so beautiful," said Nina.

They have been donors to KU for many years, but recently they decided to establish endowed funds to support students in journalism and pharmacy. They are funding them through IRA Charitable Rollovers, which enables them to roll money directly from their IRAs since they're over 70. "For us, it's a win-win. We are able to make a larger contribution to KU and it decreases our taxable income," said Bill.

ROSITA ELIZALDE-McCOY

140 TREE-MENDOUS YEARS

ON MARCH 29, 1878, Chancellor James Marvin canceled classes so students could participate in the first KU Arbor Day event and help plant 300 trees. Today, KU's Lawrence campus is known for its trees and landscape — but that distinction was in jeopardy just a few years ago. Trees all over campus were being removed due to age, disease and storm damage at a faster rate than they could be replaced.

In 2012, Replant Mount Oread was founded to bring together the campus, community and alumni to plant trees and develop a "tree bank" to fund future trees. Since then, 175 trees have been planted. Just as important, the tradition of students pitching in has been rekindled so they once again have the chance to contribute to the campus forest.

To celebrate this success and the 140th anniversary of KU's first Arbor Day, the spring 2018 Replant Mount Oread event highlighted the environmental impact of trees planted through the program. The trees provide much more than campus beauty and shade. It is estimated that over the trees' lifetime, 8,716 pounds of pollution will be prevented and 300,682 kilowatt-hours of electricity will be saved.

Replant Mount Oread is coordinated by the Center for Sustainability and supported entirely by gifts through KU Endowment.

YOU CAN HELP

To be part of growing the program, contact Dale Slusser at 785-832-7458 or dslusser@kuendowment.org, or visit www.replant.ku.edu.

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