



The Heritage Society

Eve Hargrave Smith '53HS gives back to the school that gave so much to her



Eve Hargrave Smith '53HS wanted to give back to Saint Mary's, the school that had given her a strong academic education and prepared her for success as a college student at Duke University. Specifically, Eve wanted to help other young women have the opportunity to receive the same type of education she received as a high school boarder at Saint Mary's in the 1950s.

It is not surprising, then, that Eve and husband Sherwood established two endowed funds, the Eva Hackney Hargrave Smith Scholarship Endowment and the Katharine Rose Whitfield Scholarship Endowment, that provide scholarships for students who have academic promise and who would not be able to attend Saint Mary's School without financial assistance.

"As costs have risen, it seems imperative that more financial assistance be available to deserving students," says Eve.

Eve has enjoyed spending time with and getting to know recent scholarship recipients, and even forged a special friendship with one deserving scholar, Tara Elise Richard '15 of Montrose, Colo., among others.

In addition to numerous major gifts made to Saint Mary's during her lifetime, Eve says she has also included the school in her will, qualifying her for membership in the Heritage Society.

This type of generous support to Saint Mary's is just one way Eve has served the school over the years. She has also served in volunteer leadership roles, as a member of the Board of Trustees, the Alumnae Council, the Strategic Planning Committee and the Gifts, Acquisition and Decorating (GAD) Committee and has been a consistent donor to the Annual Fund and capital campaigns. In 2009, she was honorary chair of the Auction Gala.

Eve's fondest memories of Saint Mary's include "friends, Chapel, Evensong, Miss Bason and First East."

"My memories of friends, faculty and lifelong learning experiences at Saint Mary's have been a tremendously important and valuable part of my life," says Eve. "Living in Raleigh close to the school has enabled me to be involved in many activities, including being a parent and seeing two of my daughters develop as boarding students at Saint Mary's."

The Smiths have three daughters – Marlin Smith Dohlman '77HS, Cameron Smith Callaway '80HS and Evie Smith Davis – and seven grandchildren. Their interests beyond Saint Mary's include travel, grandchildren, the arts and Christ Church in Raleigh.

Eve's impact has been felt at Saint Mary's for decades, and her thoughtful planning for the future, as a member of the Heritage Society will ensure that the Smith family legacy will live on in perpetuity.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy at Saint Mary's through a planned gift, contact Margaret McGlohon '81C, director of alumnae relations, at memcglohon@sms.edu or 919-424-4171, to learn about becoming a Heritage Society member.