

# John W. Stamm Planned Giving Society

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The late Dr. John W. Stamm admitted that when he was appointed to the deanship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry in 1989, he had never raised “one thin dime.” During a 15-year tenure as dean that ended in 2004, then an interim deanship in 2010 and 2011, Stamm raised more than a few thin dimes to increase the Dental Foundation of North Carolina’s (DFNC) and the school’s financial assets from \$3.3 million to nearly \$35 million.

His outreach efforts were critical to the construction of Tarrson Hall and Koury Oral Health Sciences Building, and the establishment of numerous endowed student aid and faculty support funds. Despite significant and steady state budget cuts during his tenure, Dr. Stamm maintained a stellar faculty that worked diligently to ensure the best in dental research, patient care, service, and teaching — qualities that helped educate and prepare nearly 2,100 graduates for the dental profession. Stamm passed away April 28, 2021. He was 78 years old.

In 2004, to honor all that Dr. Stamm did to strengthen the DFNC and ensure the school’s standing as one of the world’s best, the Dental Foundation of North Carolina’s Board of Directors established the John W. Stamm Planned Giving Society. The society recognizes alumni and friends who support the UNC Adams School of Dentistry through planned gifts to the DFNC. Planned gifts include vehicles such as bequests, charitable remainder trusts, and life insurance.

Members of the John W. Stamm Planned Giving Society are also members of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s Gerrard Society, which was established to recognize planned gift donors to any area of the University. The Gerrard Society pays tribute to Major Charles Gerrard, a Revolutionary War hero who willed the University a large tract of land. The University eventually sold the land to finance the construction of Gerrard Hall, which was completed in 1837 and still stands today.

Like Gerrard, these donors have made a planned gift, a gift for the ages. These gifts will ensure the school’s continued success and will create a permanent connection between the donors and the school.

We encourage you to consider joining the Stamm Society by making a planned gift to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina. In addition to providing for the school, you could enjoy substantial tax benefits from such a gift. Other potential benefits include:

**Satisfaction.** Whatever kind of gift you make, you’ll always receive the satisfaction of making an impact on the Adams School of Dentistry for generations to come. It is also satisfying to know your wishes will be honored because your gift will be used for the purpose you designated.

**Income for life.** You can make an irrevocable gift to the Dental Foundation now and receive income for the rest of your life. Or you can designate another person, such as your spouse, to receive lifetime income. After the death of the income beneficiary(ies), the Dental Foundation uses your gift to help the school as you instructed.

**Income-tax deductions.** If you make an irrevocable life-income gift, part of your gift will entitle you to a charitable income-tax deduction.

**Avoiding income-tax liability on retirement plans such as traditional IRAs and 401(k)s.** After your death, these can be more heavily taxed than the rest of your estate. It may make sense to designate the Dental Foundation, a charitable institution, as the beneficiary of your IRA or 401(k).

**Reduction of estate taxes.** When you make a charitable bequest or a life-income gift to the Dental Foundation, you reduce the amount of your estate that could otherwise be subject to estate taxes.

**Control of your assets during your lifetime.** If you need to retain the greatest possible control of your assets but still want to make a significant gift to the Dental Foundation to support the school, then you might consider making a bequest.

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*Planned gifts always have important tax implications. They take a little more time and forethought to arrange in the most beneficial way for the donor and the School of Dentistry. If you are interested in making a planned gift, please seek the advice of your financial adviser. We will be glad to work with you and your adviser.*

*For more information on ways to make a planned gift to the Dental Foundation of North Carolina to support the Adams School of Dentistry, contact Paul Gardner at [paul\\_gardner@unc.edu](mailto:paul_gardner@unc.edu), (919) 537-3258, or Campus Box 7450, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450.*



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