

Margaret A. Godsea Conservation Fund

The family of Margaret A. Godsea established this fund in her memory to ensure that conservation efforts at the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge will continue for generations to come.

A well-respected businesswoman, Margaret was named one of the Top 10 Women in Technology in Houston and Atlanta, where her career allowed her to travel around the world.



Margaret and her husband of 40 years, Robert, also believed in the importance of embracing nature and the outdoors, raising their two children to understand its importance in everyone’s lives. Both their children grew up with the ethics of hard work, integrity, and a passion for the outdoors and life in general.

One of their children followed that passion for wildlife to work for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service where he is now a manager of one of the largest refuge complexes in the country. His love for preserving nature is obvious in the work he does each day to preserve and protect wildlife and the land and water they need to survive. Their daughter, also an outdoor enthusiast, enjoys hiking and participating in triathlons, bringing that love into her everyday life.

Margaret’s optimism was contagious and made everyone around her feel like they could accomplish anything they put their mind to. Her husband chose to establish this endowed fund to honor and recognize her love of the outdoors and the importance of the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge and what it offers to the community, its visitors from around the world, our future conservation stewards, and, most importantly, the wildlife that need it to survive.

Individuals, families, businesses, or foundations interested in making a gift to support the Margaret Godsea Conservation Fund can visit dingdarlingsociety.org and click the donate button.

To learn more about establishing your own permanent endowed fund, call 239-472-1100 ext. 4. Donors can establish an endowment with a gift of \$10,000 or more. Proceeds earned by the investment go towards supporting the Refuge mission.