



BELK DAUGHTRIDGE^{'71} & ANN BACOT IGOE DAUGHTRIDGE^{'76}

WHY WE GIVE.

"To whom much is given, much is expected," says Belk Daughtridge. He believes giving back is not only a core belief he shares with his wife, Ann Bacot Igoe Daughtridge '76, but also an idea-centered heirloom they hope to pass down through their children.

"We love education, so we knew we wanted to give to a school," adds Ann Bacot. "We chose Porter-Gaud because of its first-rate teachers and excellent curriculum. You have to have teachers who will make the children want to learn—and this is what Porter-Gaud does so well."

They should know. The Daughtridge and Igoe families have long maintained strong family ties to Porter-Gaud. Although, neither Belk nor Ann Bacot are actually graduates, Belk began at the Gaud School and later went on to Porter-Gaud. Belk's four children and one niece also went to Porter-Gaud. Ann Bacot began her tenure at Porter-Gaud in the first co-ed class. Her brother also attended Porter-Gaud, as well as her two children who both attended and graduated from Porter-Gaud; while her father attended the Gaud School and her grandfather attended Porter Military Academy.

With this type of legacy spanning so many generations, it's not surprising that they chose to benefit Porter-Gaud with an unrestricted planned gift funded through a charitable reminder trust.

According to the couple, Porter-Gaud instills important ethical and educational values into every student that walks through the doors. Belk explains, "I admire Porter-Gaud. I admire what it does, what it stands for, and the values that it perpetuates. Porter-Gaud serves a great purpose."

"Quite frankly," he continues, "our kids attended Porter-Gaud because it's the best school to go to... however, the money we are giving is not for me or my children, but it is for someone's grandchildren and likely someone we know's grandchildren. Through this gift a child will get a better opportunity to succeed in life, and who knows, perhaps become a Sally Krawcheck."

And while they certainly put a lot of thought into what their gift could be used for at P-G, their decision to give and how to do so was ultimately a simple one.

"When every gift is restricted you don't have the funds to do much of anything- this can be problematic. We didn't want to handcuff the school. We trust Porter-Gaud and that is why our gift is unrestricted," says Belk.

The Daughtridge family gift will carry on a legacy of education and philanthropy for future generations of P-G students and faculty.

"Having the money allows the school to hire the best teachers and build the best facilities. These two things attract the best and brightest. It is self-perpetuating and we are honored to help carry on Porter-Gaud's tradition of excellence."