

Furthering God's Kingdom Through Christian Education



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Throughout the 1980s, Dollie Culp worked with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and their Christian Education Coordinating Board. In her work with the Coordinating Board, Dollie helped observe Baptist institutions and their students; due to her involvement with the BGCT, Dollie knew about Dallas Baptist University, but most of the stories she heard were about a financially troubled institution.

Years later, after the arrival of Dr. Gary Cook as president, Dollie visited the DBU campus to find a much different picture from the stories of the early 1980s. As a caregiver of her dear friend and former DBU trustee Erma Barnett, Dollie began attending DBU Women's Auxiliary Board meetings with Erma. Surprised by the growth of the University, Dollie became more and more involved with supporting DBU.

“During my time with the BGCT, I saw all the universities and their programs, but there was just a different atmosphere at DBU. I saw that Dr. Cook had a goal to make DBU a light on the hill, and he has done that,” expresses Dollie.

Erma Barnett was a long-time donor of the University, and she encouraged Dollie to join her in supporting a university which she believed in. Undoubtedly following in her late friend's footsteps, Dollie has made numerous donations of Qualified Charitable Gift Annuities.

Several of Dollie's gifts have even gone to support the Erma Barnett Memorial Endowment Fund, which is used in the church matching scholarship program that aids around 800 DBU students each year.

“I think it was the quality of the students and staff and their visions for building the University that really drew me to DBU,” Dollie says.

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Even though Dollie has long since retired from the Christian Education Coordinating Board and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, in many ways she is still doing that same job to this day—helping Dallas Baptist University support their students and further the cause of Christian education.

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To access the planned giving section on DBU's web site – www.dbu.edu – click first on “Give to DBU,” then click on “Through future planned giving.” For more information, call John Clem at (214) 333-5176 or email him at johnc@dbu.edu.