

Your **legacy** tells the story of your **life.**

Lynore and Robbie Robinson began working with The Dallas Foundation in 2014, when they established a donor advised fund. Over the next six years, the staff worked closely with the couple, establishing a deep relationship with them, learning about their interests and documenting the **philanthropic legacy** they wanted to leave.



Preserving the Robinson's Philanthropic Legacy

Robbie Robinson was a meticulous planner. As a U.S. Navy officer and later, director of development for EDS Corp., he had planned and managed the design and construction of dozens of naval bases as well as the Legacy business park.

His meticulous nature translated to his personal life as well. He wrote his own obituary. He methodically filled a thick black book with information, instructions, and advice to make life easier for his beloved wife, Lynore, should he die first. And he chose The Dallas Foundation to help create and steward the couple's charitable giving plan, in order to extend their philanthropic legacy long into the future.

Making North Texas Home

George S. "Robbie" Robinson, Jr. was studying in London for a doctorate in civil engineering when he met Lynore Ward, of Johannesburg, South Africa, on a blind date. They married in 1964. The couple lived on both coasts and in Hawaii during Robbie's 20-year career in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps (Seabees). In 1981, Ross Perot hired him to develop the 2,667-acre Legacy business park and EDS' new corporate headquarters. The Robinsons, and their young daughter, Anthea, made North Texas home.



Tragedy struck a few years later when Anthea developed cancer and died in 1986 at age 14. During her long hospitalization at Children's Health in Dallas, Anthea benefited from its Child Life program, which works to lessen the social and emotional toll of illness or injury on children. Seeing the impact it had on Anthea, the Robinsons became steadfast philanthropic supporters of the program.

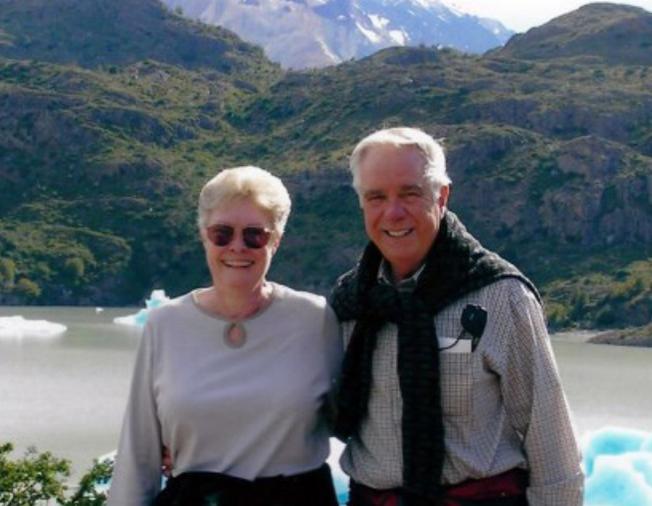
"They were grateful for what their daughter received and for what they received from it as well," said Rebecca Caso, who leads the Children's Medical Center Foundation board and worked alongside Robbie on multiple civic causes in Plano.

Robbie and Lynore shared a remarkable, five-decade marriage filled with professional accomplishments, civic leadership, a love for the arts and international travel. Lynore passed away in November 2018, after a brief battle with cancer. Robbie passed away late last year.

Choosing a Philanthropic Partner

With the aid of The Dallas Foundation, the Robinsons' philanthropy continues. One of several gifts from the couple's estate will endow the directorship of the Child Life program at Children's Health, and as they had desired, a portion of their estate will support an arts center in Collin County.

"The Robinsons offer a perfect example of how The Dallas Foundation can safeguard donor intent by documenting their wishes then aligning that vision with the needs of the community," said Gary Garcia, senior director of philanthropic partnerships at the Foundation. "A portion of the Robinsons' estate was to be directed to an arts facility project that never came to fruition. Since the couple made their home and was very active in the arts community in Plano, supporting an arts center that served both Plano ISD and the broader community allowed us to fulfill the intent of their philanthropy. We know the Robinsons would be thrilled to know how many people will benefit from and enjoy the facility that now bears their name."



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opposite, center: Robbie & Lynore Robinson with their daughter, Anthea
top left: Robbie & Lynore on vacation
left: Robbie & Lynore Robinson Fine Arts Center, Plano ISD

What's your story?

Impact your community today and tomorrow. The Dallas Foundation can work with you and your advisors to develop a charitable giving plan that spans generations, making a powerful difference in the lives of your loved ones, your community, and future generations. We can help you determine which planned giving vehicles will best fulfill your charitable goals:

- A gift in your will or living trust
- Business interests
- Charitable remainder trust
- Charitable lead trust
- Life insurance
- Personal property (including artwork)
- Real estate
- Retirement fund assets such as IRA and 401(k) plans

Here for **Good.**

At The Dallas Foundation, we have a simple motto: **Here for Good.** Our goal is to serve our community, and the people who live here, forever. We do that by linking philanthropic resources with the agencies and programs that need and deserve them. The nonprofits we fund help educate, heal, shelter, feed, comfort, uplift, and inspire residents of Dallas County and beyond. We work hard to lead, listen, and be responsive to both donors who entrust us with their dollars and the nonprofit agencies that seek funding from us. We all want to improve life in North Texas and the world beyond. When we do good together, we accomplish more.

Learn more about **planned giving** and how you can leave a legacy for your **community.**

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