

Don and
Willadean
Ramsey



Don and Willadean Ramsey have been giving to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation since 1979. Married for 43 years, they are the founders of the much-loved Blue & Gold Sausage Co.

In 2000, the couple established the Oklahoma FFA Foundation endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation in order to ensure the growth and prosperity of agricultural education.

The Ramseys and their two sons, Greg and Brett, also recommend grants from an advised fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, supporting agricultural education programs and the Dale Rogers Training Center.

"There comes a time in someone's life when helping others becomes more important than helping yourself," says Don. "When you get to that point, you'll enjoy it so much."

Encouraging agricultural education

When Don and Willadean Ramsey met at a pig sale in the 1960s, they could have never imagined the important role that pork would play in their future. An agricultural education teacher at Jones High School, in the 1960s Don came up with the idea of processing hogs into breakfast sausage, which his FFA chapter then sold to raise funds. Soon after, the couple started the Blue & Gold Sausage Co. that today works with 900 groups that sell the company's pork and chicken products to raise money for special projects.

Born out of that same desire to help FFA members succeed and prosper, the Ramseys established the Oklahoma FFA Foundation endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation in 2000 to provide scholarship programs, career development events, proficiency awards and statewide leadership development to the nearly 24,000 members of 362 chapters across the state. In addition, they started the OSU-Agricultural Education Scholarship Inc. endowment in 2000.

Don and Willadean's sons, Brett and Greg (pictured in middle), presented a contribution on behalf of their family to the Oklahoma FFA Foundation during the 2008 state convention.

Great Gifts

"We wanted to do something that would continue to help the groups we support," says Don. "The personal satisfaction we get from helping others increases as we get older."

"Don and Willadean Ramsey are truly, a very special couple in the history of the Oklahoma FFA Foundation," says Kendall Brashears, executive director of the Oklahoma FFA Foundation. "We are exceedingly grateful for their dedication and generosity to the Oklahoma FFA."

To make a contribution to the Oklahoma FFA Foundation's charitable organization endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation or to find out more about charitable giving, please contact us at 405/235-5603 or visit www.occf.org/giving.



Helping Our Community

Through a Great Gift

Since 2000, the Oklahoma FFA Foundation's endowment fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has been supporting the activities of the state's 362 chapters and nearly 24,000 members. Established by Don and Willadean Ramsey, the endowment makes possible FFA scholarship programs, career development events, proficiency awards and leadership development throughout the state.

Thanks to donors like the Ramseys, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation continues to make a positive impact in the community. For more information on how we can help you help the community, please contact us at 405/235-5603 or visit www.occf.org.

Through participation in FFA, students develop their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success.



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