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Darell and Debbie Shepherd Make Gift to SWOSU Bulldog Angels Fund

Darell and Debbie Shepherd of Weatherford have made a generous contribution to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Bulldog Angels Fund.

The Bulldog Angels Fund was established by 2014 SWOSU Distinguished Alumnus and Carnegie native Bill Howell to benefit SWOSU students in times of crisis.

SWOSU Assistant to the President and Director of Institutional Advancement Garrett King said the Bulldog Angels Fund is a vital resource when all other options for assistance are exhausted or unavailable. The Bulldog Angels Fund may mean the difference in a student being able to continue learning at SWOSU or having to leave the campus due to external financial pressures.

The Shepherds are both SWOSU alumni and longtime benefactors of the institution. Darell generously provides free photography at numerous university events, and Debbie currently is serving a second term as a trustee of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc.

“SWOSU is deeply honored by this latest investment in our students from Darell and Debbie Shepherd,” said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. “Our entire institution continues to benefit from these faithful and generous friends.”

Since its founding, the Bulldog Angels Fund has steadily made grants enabling struggling SWOSU students to move forward. Student organizations and groups on the SWOSU campus have enthusiastically made the Bulldog Angels Fund a priority for fundraising and advocacy.

The Bulldog Angels Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$25 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For information on how to give to the Bulldog Angels Fund, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUBulldogAngels.com.

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