

# Heard Family Makes Gift to SWOSU Bulldog Angels Fund

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The Corky and Missy Heard family of Clinton has made a generous contribution to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldog Angels Fund in Weatherford.

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

Garrett King, executive director of the SWOSU Foundation, 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.

Corky (SWOSU Class of 1987) and Missy (SWOSU Classes of 1987 and 1992) are the owners of United Country Heard Auction & Real Estate. Corky and Missy have long been active in the National and Oklahoma Auctioneers Associations, the National and Oklahoma Associations of Realtors, the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and the First Christian Church of Clinton. Corky currently sits on the Board of Directors of the SWOSU Athletic Association. Prior to devoting her time fully to Heard Auction & Real Estate Missy taught for over 26 years in the public schools.

Corky and Missy are the parents of two daughters: Jessica (SWOSU Classes of 2014 and 2016), who currently serves as coordinator of external affairs for the SWOSU Athletic Department and works as a professional ringman, and Harley, who is currently an undergraduate at SWOSU and works with Heard Auction & Real Estate as auction cashier.

“This very generous gift from the Heard Family is truly appreciated,” said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. “Our entire student body will benefit from the philanthropic spirit of these compassionate, enthusiastic alumni.”

The Heard Family’s gift is helping to build an endowment in excess of \$100,000 to perpetuate the Bulldog Angels grants into the future. Their generosity will be memorialized on a Bulldog Angels monument that is coming soon to the SWOSU campus in Weatherford.

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 \$20 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.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com).