



INVEST IN GDS

Ross Harris:

Greensboro Day School is a Part of Her Life

Ross Harris' longstanding relationship with Greensboro Day School has been integral in her life since the founding of the school. "I remember sitting in my room hearing my brother with his friends next door writing the school song and choosing the Bengal as the mascot."

Her brother, Carlton Harris '76, passed away in 1983 from leukemia at the age of 25, and the impact that GDS had on him is largely influential in Ross' involvement with the school. "I just know what a difference the Day School made in my brother's life and, even though I wasn't a student, in my life."

"We were one of the first families, and the Day School has meant so much to our family over the years. My mom and dad absolutely loved it and it seemed instinctive to become involved." Ross Harris' passion for Greensboro Day School is infectious. As a trustee, she gets to be a part of the school, something which she really enjoys. "Every time I go to GDS I'm overwhelmed by the opportunities for the children and the things that they're doing. The teachers are passionate about what they do and it shows." The reason why GDS stands apart is the fact that "it's not a cookie cutter approach to education."

The Harris family enthusiasm for Greensboro Day School is highlighted by her membership in the McLendon Founders' Society, recognizing individuals who have provided for Greensboro Day School in their estate plans, and her family's establishment of a permanent endowment to fund the Carlton

Harris '76 Scholarship that provides need-based financial assistance for three students each year. To respect the privacy of students who receive financial aid, the recipients of the scholarships are not announced publicly, however, the student recipients are given the option in the fall to meet and have lunch with her; all recipients have gladly accepted the lunch invitation.



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"I think it is our responsibility to plant the seed for what is yet to come, and for those of us who have benefited from GDS, how can we not take the time to allow others to have that opportunity?"

Dr. and Mrs. Carlton Harris, Sr. established the endowment to honor their son's memory and their daughter continues the family legacy. Harris is committed to the financial security of GDS, and encourages others to participate, whatever the size of the donation. "Whatever you can comfortably give is a huge difference in the future of Greensboro Day School. For me, [the reason why] I give is to leave something that I will never enjoy, but maybe the grandchild or great-grandchild of someone who went to school with my brother can enjoy."

– By Anna Hurd '06