Quest Legacy Society

Planning makes a difference for future generations
SAA's MISSION:

“To be a leader in the quest to cure ankylosing spondylitis and related diseases, and to empower those affected to live life to the fullest.”

It’s now estimated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that 2.7 million Americans suffer from AS and related diseases.

*Can you help cure ankylosing spondylitis and related diseases? Can you help empower those affected to live life to the fullest?*

*Yes, you can.*

You can ensure that SAA continues to advance research, provide education and advocate on behalf of all those in the spondylitis community by making a planned gift to SAA today.

**Please consider a planned gift so that the next generation has it better.**

*“Through my legacy gift, I am making a lasting contribution so future generations will not have to experience the disease in the same way I have.”*

- Brian Mackenzie
JOIN THE QUEST LEGACY SOCIETY

The Quest Legacy Society is our way of expressing our gratitude and honoring those special supporters who have designated a planned gift to the Spondylitis Association of America. Quest Legacy Society members are ensuring a future wherein SAA can continue to fund medical research, produce educational programs and advocate on behalf of the spondylitis community.

The reasons for making a gift to the Spondylitis Association of America are personal and varied. Perhaps you are grateful for the service and information we provided you. Maybe you would like to leave a legacy to benefit future generations that are affected by spondyloarthritis. Perhaps you are passionate about increasing the visibility of the disease. Or you may wish to take advantage of the tax benefits of making a gift. We all want to find a cure.

Whatever your motivation, you will find there are many ways to leave your legacy at SAA.
Brian’s gift will secure a brighter tomorrow for other young people with spondyloarthritis.

When I was a young boy, my days, like those of most boys my age, were filled with sports. Basketball, soccer, running—anything that kept me moving. Before my 12th birthday, however, those days came to a crushing halt. I was diagnosed with ankylosing spondylitis. My days playing high-impact sports were over.

For nearly 25 years, I have dealt with the effects of AS. Through my legacy gift, I am making a lasting contribution so future generations will not have to experience the disease in the same way I have. I want to help doctors, patients and researchers learn more about this disease. One of the best ways to further that goal is to make a planned gift to the Spondylitis Association of America, helping to ensure that those affected by AS are not alone - or without the resources necessary to cope with their disease.

Read more of Brian’s story at www.StopAS.org/quest.
Charlotte’s legacy gift will help us usher in the day that spondyloarthritis is no longer an unknown disease.

CHARLOTTE HOWARD | Quest Legacy Society Member

… leaving a legacy for future generations

Making the decision to remember the Spondylitis Association of America in my estate planning was a natural extension of the ongoing resources I have devoted to the SAA since I was first diagnosed with Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS) in 2002. A natural extension yes, but it is so much more than that.

For me, I would like to see a greater focus on women with this disease. And because I am an HLA B-27 negative female with AS, I have a genuine interest in this area.

However, finding these and other answers will take time and money -- resources to conduct research. So part of my reason for doing this is a little selfish, but hopefully it will benefit other women and men with AS in the future.

Read more about Charlotte’s story at www.StopAS.org/quest.
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE WEALTHY TO LEAVE A LEGACY

Planned gifts are a way to make a difference for millions of people with ankylosing spondylitis and related diseases. It is a thoughtful gift that supports the work of the Spondylitis Association of America. Your gift should ensure financial security for you and your loved ones, while allowing you to make a lasting mark by positively impacting the lives of the people SAA serves. With your permission, Quest Legacy Society members are permanently named on annual reports and public records. In addition, there are tax advantages to making a gift to SAA. There are a variety of planned giving options that can be tailored to your individual financial and charitable objectives.

There are many ways to contribute and to leave your legacy:

- **Cash** - puts your legacy to work right away
- **Stocks and Bonds** - puts your legacy to work right away, avoids capital gains tax
- **Life Insurance** - name SAA as a beneficiary on an old or new policy
- **Bequest** - name SAA in your will to make a gift that costs nothing during your lifetime
- **Retirement Plan Assets** - name SAA as a beneficiary on your IRA, 401(k), 403(b)
- **Real Estate** - donate house, vacation home, or commercial property to SAA and put your legacy to work right away
- **Charitable Gift Annuity** - provides lifetime steady income to you and ensures future growth
- **Charitable Remainder Trust** - provides variable or fixed income to you for life and ensures future growth
- **Charitable Lead Trust** - the trust makes payments to SAA for a specified number of years and the assets pass to you or your heirs

Read more about each of these options at [www.StopAS.org/quest](http://www.StopAS.org/quest).

This information is not professional tax or legal advice; please consult an attorney or professional advisor about your specific situation.
SPONDYLITIS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Since its inception in 1983 SAA has dedicated all of its resources to improving the lives of those affected by spondylitis. By funding and promoting medical research, fostering awareness and providing information and support, SAA has been at the forefront of every major advancement in spondylitis research, education and advocacy.

Many members and friends of the Spondylitis Association of America wish to support SAA in perpetuity. You can arrange to leave a bequest to SAA through your will, trust or other estate planning document. The following information is provided to assist you in developing your charitable gift and estate plans in consultation with your attorney, accountant, and/or other advisors. Remember to let us know of your planned gift so that we can properly acknowledge and thank you.

SAA’S LEGAL NAME

The legal name to be used when making gifts to SAA via wills, trusts and other gift-transfer documents is: “Spondylitis Association of America, a not-for-profit corporation, with its principal office currently located in Los Angeles, California - tax I.D. number 95-3890767.”

We are often asked what the best wording is to use in a will or living trust. We recommend the following:

“I hereby give to the Spondylitis Association of America, a not-for-profit corporation, with its principal office currently located in Los Angeles, California tax I.D. number 95-3890767, to be used for its general purposes:

- The sum of $____ [amount] AND/OR
- The following described property: ____________________ [description] AND/OR
- _________% [percent] of the residue of my estate.”

STOCK

To donate stock and receive a tax deduction, have your broker electronically transfer the stock to the Spondylitis Association of America. Contact the SAA office for further information.

For more information on the Quest Legacy Society and to download the IRS Determination Letter please go to www.StopAS.org/quest or contact: Richard A. Howard at (800) 777-8189, ext 231 or at richard.howard@spondylitis.org.
Thank you for considering becoming a member of the Quest Legacy Society. There needs to be a cure for ankylosing spondylitis and related diseases. People affected need support. Joining the Quest Legacy Society is a tangible way to make your values known in perpetuity.

Your support provides the resources necessary for us to stay in the forefront of spondylitis research and continue to provide programs and services to those affected by the disease. Together, we will continue to work towards the day that our combined efforts uncover the cure.

SAA has been awarded a perfect Four-Star Charity Navigator Rating four years in a row and was named as one of the Top Ten National Charities - of any size in the U.S.- for Fiscal Health, Accountability and Transparency by MSN Money.