

WHY PLANNED GIVING?

Dorothy Simpson Dorion '57 is passionate about patient care and the next generation of healthcare professionals. Dottie was one of the founders of the Community Hospice of Northeast Florida in 1978 and Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, serving Jacksonville, Florida since 2003. An exceptional athlete, she also started the Adopt-A-Triathlete Program to collect athletic gear to benefit aspiring athletes in underserved countries. It is with that spirit of compassion and forward-thinking optimism that she calls on her fellow alumni to invest in the next generation of nurses.

"Our country is desperate for well educated nurses", Dottie writes, "and if you or a family member has been hospitalized, you know this from personal experience.

"In the '50s, we were educated primarily to work in hospitals, clinics, doctor's offices, in private duty or as visiting nurses. My education also prepared me for child rearing and leadership as a board member of the Hospice of Northeast Florida and of the USA Triathlon Women's Commission. Today, the roles and

opportunities for nurses have grown significantly. It is through the experience of being a nurse that I have grown as a person and have been privileged to serve others. If you are like me, then you know that your presence as a medical professional can bring reassurance to difficult situations. For that we can all thank our instructors at Columbia.

"Nursing school tuition in the '50s was approximately \$800 per year. It is an entirely different scenario today when tuition exceeds \$62,000 for the first year of the Combined BS/MS Program.

"The knowledge that your planned gift will provide a nursing student with the means to continue in school and ultimately pursue a meaningful career is extremely satisfying. Through the years, nurses have saved lives and improved patients' quality of life. What you give today will live on – what greater satisfaction could you ask for?"

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