

Dear fellow E.W. Scripps Associates members,

Last year, my husband and I became members of E.W. Scripps Associates and have been impressed by the research projects our donation is supporting at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Over the past couple of months, we have met Scripps faculty and students and have seen first-hand the vital research they are doing. We are so impressed that we want to provide additional financial support to the important work performed at Scripps.

Tom and I would like to invite you, our fellow EWSA members, to join us in establishing an "E.W. Scripps Associates Endowed Student Prize Fund" to support graduate student research projects at Scripps. The idea is to create a Fund to exist in perpetuity that will generate an annual payout that will be awarded each year to support key research projects by Ph.D. candidates. This Fund could support research addressing issues of global significance, such as: climate change, earthquake and other natural disasters, drug-resistant diseases, water shortages, energy alternatives, air and water pollution, ocean acidification and marine life.

To encourage participation in establishing this endowment with your help, Tom and I are offering to match gifts **received by June 30, 2015**, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to a cumulative total of \$12,500. The Fund will be established when the minimum of \$25,000 is reached. To make it easier for you to participate, you may pledge your commitment over five years. Gifts of any amount are appreciated and will be matched by us.

Please join us in supporting our scientists of the future by completing the attached form or, if you prefer, you can visit the web site to make a donation online at: <https://giveto.ucsd.edu/>. Please call Mary Darling at (858) 822-4313 for more information or if you prefer to contribute by phone.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our invitation to support tomorrow's scientific leaders.

Your fellow EWSA members,

Tom and Maxine Baker