Drs. Tim and Peggy Trammell have collectively served Dallas Baptist University for more than 50 years. Dr. Tim Trammell, now in his 40th year of teaching, remains a full-time DBU professor. Dr. Peggy Trammell, his wife, taught full-time for 11 years, returning this past school year on a part-time basis.

In all of their years at DBU, the Trammells have seen many changes and a lot of growth and progress. Among the biggest of those changes, says Dr. Tim Trammell, is that DBU is now financially stable—and very much so.

“We used to always be known in the media as ‘financially troubled Dallas Baptist University,’” he says, though that “financially troubled” tag has long since been dropped. One of the reasons for this turnaround, says Dr. Trammell, is donor support.

And, as it happens, two of DBU’s most generous and most dedicated donors are the Trammells themselves. They have made regular donations since he joined the DBU faculty in 1969 and then took their generosity a step further by remembering the university in their wills.

“Teaching is the most rewarding ministry in which I’ve ever been involved,” says Dr. Trammell, who also served 21 years as a pastor and has written several dozen articles for a variety of Baptist publications.

“Teaching at DBU is special,” he adds, “because of the Christ-centered education and the quality of the students.”

When the Trammells were making out their wills, they knew they wanted to use a portion of their estate to make a difference in the world. DBU was named a beneficiary because it very clearly meets this criteria.

“We are convinced that DBU is making a difference,” says Dr. Trammell, “and we want to see the University continue to be strong. A key factor in the future strength of this institution is donor support.”