

New Series! EverGreen Legacy Voices: Meet Darrell H. Callicutt

Since stepping into my role at SKLT, I've been eager to meet and share the stories of the incredible people in our EverGreen Legacy Society. Through this new series, EverGreen Legacy Voices, we'll highlight members' personal connections to the land and their commitment to conservation.

For our first story, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Darrell and his wife at their beautiful Matunuck home to hear firsthand why they chose SKLT—and what this landscape means to them.

If you're an EverGreen Legacy Member and would like to share your story, I'd love to hear from you!

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For years, Darrell would bundle his little girl into the stroller, leash up the family's chihuahua, and head out the screen door with a stack of bags. That's how his quiet alter ego—the “trash-collector vigilante”—was born. Along the Matunuck shoreline, he would spend hours filling bags with washed-up bottles, tossed-aside wrappers, cigarette butts, and everything in between. To him, this daily ritual wasn't about making a show—it was simply another way to serve, to care for the places he loves and the communities that depend on them.

That instinct to serve has guided Darrell his whole life. Raised in Alabama, he grew up near the Gulf Coast, helping his grandfather haul in seafood catches. **It was there—in the salt air and wide-open waters—that his love of unspoiled places first took root.** Later, he spent three decades in the Navy, much of it aboard submarines, followed by nearly 30 years at Electric Boat. In every role, Darrell has carried with him the same values: discipline, dedication, and a steady respect for land and sea alike.

Darrell married his wife after just one date, and they've now shared 45 years of marriage! After raising their family in Connecticut, the two returned to Rhode Island, drawn by an ad for the home where they live today. In its coastline, Darrell recognized the same sense of home and possibility that has sustained him since boyhood.



Now, Darrell has made SKLT his “number one charity,” joining the EverGreen Legacy Society to help ensure that open fields, woodlands, and wetlands remain for generations to come.

He first discovered SKLT simply by seeing the land and wanting to know more—and he hopes that same possibility of curiosity and wonder will be there for his grandchildren. For Darrell, his legacy gift is about stability and choice: **“I just want my grandchildren to have the choice to come here, even if they don't want to. This means it's always an option if they want it. It will always be here.”**

Whether babysitting his grandkids, walking the beach at sunset, or driving down a country road and seeing cornfields instead of condos, **Darrell finds joy in the simple, lasting presence of open space.** His quiet service—both on the beaches and through his legacy gift—helps make that promise possible.



— Tasha Sussman Moss, Development & Outreach Coordinator

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To our current EverGreen members: thank you—your foresight ensures that the places we all cherish will endure.

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