

The Thelma Zalk Scholarship

Donors: Richard, Mary and Adam Glassberg

Recipient: [Oryona Romadhon](#)



The Glassberg family could not think of a better way to honor philanthropist and animal lover Thelma Zalk than to have an Animal Health Foundation scholarship in her name. This scholarship is for a needy veterinary student in Indonesia which will not only help a deserving student but it also be a small step toward saving the Orangutan species and the forests of Indonesia.

Someone once told Dr. Glassberg that, "The value of your alma mater depends on its strength today" and Thelma Zalk has done many wonderful things to keep his alma mater, **The University of Missouri-Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine**, "strong.

She has been an ardent supporter of the Veterinary Medical College ever since her dog Lucy received hip replacement surgery many years ago. Thelma said "They were marvelous people, and I've made them my pet project ever since."

- She established the Zalk-Missouri Professorship in Tumor Angiogenesis, allowing the college to hire a professor to study blood vessels in tumors and discover ways to cure some cancers.
- She created an endowment for the Center for the Study of Animal Wellness, which among other things does much for the human animal bond, which is something near and dear to all of us involved with the Animal Health Foundation
- The veterinary college now has a state of the art library as a result of [Thelma providing funding](#). The library is the only one of its kind in Missouri and is one of only 28 in the United States.
- Thelma funded a veterinary student scholarship for a deserving financially challenged student. When she set up the scholarship she said, "It costs so much for students to attend veterinary medical school these days and we want people who really care for animals to be able to get the education they need to become veterinarians. I hope this will help some of them reach their goals."

Zalk Library at The University of Missouri-Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine



The generosity of Thelma's gifts to Dr. Glassberg's alma mater demonstrates the extraordinary depth of her commitment both to animals and to student education. Again, we could not think of a better way to recognize Thelma's generous support than to give a scholarship for a needy student in Indonesia to attend veterinary school.

Thelma's giving does not stop with the veterinary college.

- She donated the funds to build a stable for the **Missouri Humane Society**, which was a needed resource to serve the large animal population in the area. Nestled among 165-acres of woodland near Union, Missouri, the [Humane Society of Missouri's](#) Longmeadow Rescue Ranch is haven for hundreds of abused and neglected horses, cows, goats, pigs, ducks and other farm animals. The ranch is one of the most comprehensive horse and farm animal care and rehabilitation centers in the country.

Zalk Rest Well Stables near Union, Missouri for the Missouri Humane Society



- In 2006, Thelma commissioned famed sculptor Albert Paley (www.albertpaley.com) to build the now famous **“Animals Always” sculpture for the St. Louis Zoo**. If you are ever in St. Louis, do not miss seeing the massive 100-ton intricate creation. “Animals Always” is the world’s largest public zoo sculpture. It contains more than 60 recognizable animals, including elephants, penguins, giraffes and a giant salamander, as well as exotic vegetation. The sculpture, measuring 130 feet long, 36 feet high and 8 feet deep, is located in a new plaza and dominates the zoo’s southeast corner creating a welcoming new entrance to the St Louis Zoo and Forest Park.

“Animals Always” sculptures at the St. Louis Zoo

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