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The Homer A. & Mildred S. Scott Foundation was established in 1982 as their way to give back to their local community of Sheridan, Wyoming and the Dan & Jeanne Scott Family Foundation was set up to support 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations the Scott family supports and is involved with.

Homer and Mildred were very keen on programs and organizations that embrace all citizens and provide educational and character-building opportunities for young people. The Foundation works to strengthen the lives of people, who in turn, make our community a great place to live.

The Scott family's legacy was founded on ranching, in Montana and Wyoming, taking care of the lands, believing in and supporting sustainable ranch/farming methods. Our ranch and our family were recently (2014) honored with Land Stewardship awards both statewide (Montana and Wyoming), as well as regionally and nationally.

Since I moved to California in 1987, and have gotten involved with activities that utilize the ocean (sailing), I have become aware of the immediate need to rebuild and protect our oceans. I have asked my Family Foundations to help support my passion in this way. Based on the lessons imparted on me by my grandparents and parents I am happy to contribute to the Ocean Awareness Challenge on behalf of the entire Scott family.