"I hope one day someone comes to the archives of the SUU Special Collections and says ‘I had a great-grandfather that played football here. Do you think we can find a photograph of him?’ and it will be there because of me."

**The Project**

I photographed, edited, and compiled 500 photographs of Southern Utah University Athletics for SUU’s Special Collections Library.

**The Inspiration**

I had several moments of inspiration but the one that helped me decide exactly what I was going to do was when I discovered SUU’s Special Collections had photos of athletes from the early 1900’s. I’ve been photographing for SUU’s football team for the past few years and felt these pictures belonged permanently with the university—just hadn’t known where.

**The Challenges**

Having enough time to complete this project and my other obligations was my greatest challenge. I am the mother of eight, took 17 credits of college courses, and shot and edited photos of the football team for around 20 hours per week.

**Benefit to Others**

This project will ensure a permanent collection of historical photos for future generations to enjoy. I have now committed to donating 500 photos per year to SUU for as long as I am shooting.

**Benefit to Myself**

It has given me peace of mind to know my photographic history is secure somewhere. Before this I had to delete thousands of photos every year to maintain enough space for new ones.