

A Legacy That Lives Beyond a Lifetime

Honoring Armand and Mary Brachman with the SCI Family Legacy Award

There is a certain truth long understood by those who live close to the land: the value of our natural world is not measured only in what it provides today, but in what we choose to preserve for tomorrow. As Theodore Roosevelt reminded us, a nation behaves well when it treats its natural resources as assets to be passed on to the next generation, increased, not diminished, in value.

That principle is not abstract, it is lived, it is practiced, and it defines true legacy.

True philanthropy, at its best, is not driven by recognition. It is driven by responsibility, by the understanding that what we inherit is not ours to consume, but ours to steward. This belief has defined the lives and generosity of Armand and Mary Brachman.

Their philanthropy reflects a distinctly Rooseveltian spirit, one rooted in action, stewardship, and an unwavering commitment to both conservation and use. They understand that conservation does not stand apart from development; it depends on it. It requires not only protection, but engagement. Not only intention, but sustained effort over time.

For the Brachman's, giving has never been passive. It has been deliberate, purposeful, and forward looking. Most importantly, their shared commitment to conservation reflects both experience and understanding. While Mrs. Brachman is not a hunter, she has long recognized and championed the essential role that hunting plays in conservation. She understands that hunting, rooted in science and stewardship, is one of the most effective tools for sustaining wildlife and wild places, and that meaningful progress depends on those willing to support what works and advance efforts where it matters most. Her perspective speaks to something larger. Conservation is strongest when it is embraced not only by those in the field, but also by those who support and believe in its purpose.

They recognize, as Roosevelt did, that the future of conservation and hunting does not secure itself. It demands planning. It demands voices willing to stand firm in critical moments. And it demands individuals who are willing to do the work, often unseen, that ensures these traditions endure and continue moving forward in a meaningful way.

Their commitment has always extended beyond themselves. It is grounded in a belief that future generations deserve the same opportunities to experience the outdoors, to understand the responsibilities of stewardship, and to live the values that hunting instills discipline, respect, and a deep connection to the land. Advancing those opportunities requires more than preservation. It requires leadership in education, access, and engagement in order to move the needle in a meaningful way.

Over the years, Armand and Mary Brachman have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the mission of Safari Club International and the broader conservation community. Through their support of advocacy, education, and conservation initiatives, they have consistently invested in work that

strengthens wildlife populations, advances policy, and ensures the traditions that sustain conservation remain strong and relevant.

They understand something fundamental. The freedom to hunt and the health of our natural world are never guaranteed. They must be defended. The next generation must be taught. Stewardship must be actively carried forward, even when progress requires patience and persistence.

This is the essence of legacy. It is not what is said, but what is sustained and what is advanced.

The SCI Family Legacy Award recognizes individuals and families whose leadership and generosity ensure that our shared values endure across generations. Few embody that responsibility more fully than Armand and Mary Brachman.

Their legacy will not be measured solely by what they have given, but by what their giving continues to make possible: future hunters stepping into the field, families maintaining a connection to the land, and conservation efforts that grow stronger with time.

In honoring Armand and Mary Brachman, we recognize a legacy built not only on generosity, but on stewardship. It reflects the enduring truth that the greatest gift we can offer the future is a world strengthened by our care and advanced through our action.

For their vision, their leadership, and their steadfast belief in conserving and advancing our natural heritage, we are proud to present the SCI Family Legacy Award.