Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) contributes to the well-being of individuals and families across the life course and in diverse contexts through undergraduate and graduate education, research, and involvement with Purdue Extension. We work in the following areas:

- **Early Childhood:** Undergraduate students prepare for licensure to work with typically developing and exceptional needs P-3 students. Extension programs developed in HDFS enhance early childhood and parent education programs. Researchers are developing an evidenced-based early childhood curriculum for U.S. military preschools worldwide.

- **Childhood and Adolescence** Researchers study parent-child relationships, cultural diversity, and peer relationships. Undergraduate students complete internships in community programs.

- **Aging:** HDFS researchers study stress and well-being, the management of chronic conditions, and patient-physician communication.

- **Families:** Family research focuses on topics such as family routines, marital interaction and health, and sibling relationships. HDFS works with Extension educators to support families throughout Indiana and with legislators to enhance family policies.

- **Health and Well-being:** Faculty and graduate students investigate issues associated with relationships in health, such as studies of sleep and autism, family routines and child obesity, and couples’ management of chronic disease.

- **Military Families:** HDFS is the home of the Military Family Research Institute (MFRI), which conducts research on the quality of life for military families (e.g., stress and resilience) and delivers outreach programs for veterans and their families.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Your contribution through *Ever True: The Campaign for Purdue University* helps HDFS focus on the needs of children and adolescents, the aging population, the effectiveness of families, and the enhancement of health and well-being.
2012-2019 CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES

FACULTY SUPPORT

Endowed and named professorships are among the highest honors that can be granted to a faculty member and are essential to recruit and retain top professors. An endowed named Headship will provide funding to address key initiatives and emerging programs, and distinguish the Department as one of the elite programs in the country.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Graduate student fellowships, undergraduate scholarships, and study abroad opportunities are a major need. Graduate student research fellowships address the needs of basic science and translational applications. Study abroad scholarships provide summer education programs to places such as China, Turkey, and Costa Rica, and semester programs to Ireland and Australia. We welcome gifts of all sizes. An endowment creates a perpetual legacy.

PROGRAMS

The Miller Child Development Laboratory School celebrates its 90th anniversary in 2016. With children from 6 weeks to 5 years, it serves as a hub for undergraduate education and instruction and campus-wide faculty research and provides a high-quality preschool experience. Your contribution of any amount supports scholarships for children from low-income families and funds to enhance the educational mission.

The Center for Families brings together faculty members and graduate students across Purdue. The Family Policy Institute supports legislators interested in families and the Military Family Research Institute supports veterans and their families. Your gift of any amount helps efforts to integrate outreach, teaching, and research activities that support families.

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