Amy Bell... hunter, horsewoman, philanthropist, and friend to all.

Whether known as a tenacious horsewoman, a seasoned traveler and huntress, a dedicated but private philanthropist, or as a “best friend” to many, Amy Doris Bell touched lives across the world. She loved her horses, dogs, family and friends, and she loved the Lord. Her sudden death on May 16, 2014 left a void in the lives of her family and friends worldwide. Amy, a Life Member of Safari Club International, was the youngest of three children of Ellen and Larry Bell of Midland, TX, as are her father Larry and her brothers Matthew and Brian.

At her passing, Amy managed the Comanche Springs Ranch in Weatherford, TX and Kalpowar Quarter Horses, both Bell family companies. It was while at the Ranch where she experienced some of her greatest joys and where she transformed from a little girl of hopes and dreams, into a woman of friends, faith and a calling. Being a ranch manager was not Amy’s “calling.” Living out her “cowgirl dream” — raising and showing horses, hunting and traveling, loving and serving her neighbor — especially children in need — was her calling.

Philanthropy was a quiet, important part of Amy’s life. In her early twenties, she established the Amy Doris Bell Fund at the Permian Basin Area Foundation. The Foundation’s primary focus was to support agencies worldwide that provided education and wellness for children. Amy helped fund numerous projects with Child Fund International, Salvation Army, Feed the Children, and she also sponsored a much beloved child in Zambia.

Amy took the lead on numerous Bell family hunting and sight-seeing trips, traveling to Africa several times including trips to Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, and Zimbabwe as well as to Spain and to New Zealand. Wherever she went, Amy made close friends and, along with all of her family, always looked for opportunities to “Pay It Forward” to those less fortunate.
Bell Family Encourages Hunters to “Pay It Forward.”

It is with great joy that we announce this continuing partnership between the Bell family and SCI Foundation by establishing the Bell Family “Pay It Forward” Blue Bag program in memory of Amy D. Bell. It is our firm belief that this new emphasis on this long-standing Foundation program that we will greatly expand our reach to those less fortunate throughout the world through the generosity and support of the SCI hunting family.

“We all know that hunters are some of the most caring and giving souls on earth. They care about people, they care about the conservation of animals and they care about leaving the world a better place than they found it. Hunter’s throughout the world make a special effort to give back to the communities they are visiting and hunting on a regular basis. We hope that by spreading the word about this Blue Bag program in a more deliberate way we can bring attention to this pattern of giving where hunters are routinely Paying It Forward to those less fortunate all over the world. We believe that making a significant contribution to this important Foundation project will continue Amy’s legacy of “Paying It Forward” and draw attention to the giving spirit of our SCI family.” Larry Bell, SCI Foundation Supporter and SCI Life Member.

Giving back to communities is a SCI value. SafariCare Blue Bags are filled by chapters, individual members, church groups or even groups of schoolchildren or scouts. The contents may include medical, educational, and other relief supplies, or clothing and toys. The Blue Bag is taken to remote areas of the world by hunters who have planned hunts in these regions. The supplies are delivered directly to villages, clinics, orphanages and schools, doctors, caretakers and teachers to use with people in need. SCI and SCI Foundation, like so many organizations, put forth enormous effort each year to help improve the quality of life throughout the world. Learn more at www.SafariClubFoundation.org

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

When filling your empty “Blue Bags,” remember that buying the contents in local stores in the areas in which you are distributing them not only saves shipping costs, but increases the benefit to the local economy, doubling your impact.