Each day I wonder about the possibilities for a “better” Wyoming and through the work of the Ellbogen Foundation I can respond to some of the best of them. It doesn’t get any better than that.

Garland is generally and broadly involved personally as a volunteer and professionally in her position with the John P. Ellbogen Foundation. She has been president and chair of the foundation since its inception in 2003.

Raising a family and my position with the foundation have been my life’s work. The foundation is a family business, and I hope what we do matters—that is, making a difference in people’s lives.

The hallmark of Ellbogen Foundation support is for education, particularly teacher quality. Even so, we know that we must provide resources for basic needs in order for the impact of accomplished teaching to be fully realized. If basic needs are not met, it doesn’t matter what happens in the classroom.

Garland has served on several boards at the University and for organizations serving children and families throughout Wyoming.

Theodore Roosevelt said, “Far away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.” I am fortunate for the opportunities provided to me.