

Financial Spotlight

Bequest supports scholarships, carries on alumna's legacy

An anonymous alumna of Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine will leave a legacy of generosity to future medical students. The doctor's \$3 million bequest will provide scholarships to encourage qualified women to enroll in the School of Medicine.

"When donors choose to include us in their estate plans, it allows us to look at our financial future with confidence," says Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD, dean of the

medical school and the university's vice president for medical affairs. "We are grateful these scholarships will alleviate the financial burden of medical education, attract more women to the School of Medicine and encourage more women to consider a career in medicine."

The donor's family says the will commitment will allow the 84-year-old physician to make a lasting statement on a cause she has championed throughout her life.

"My aunt considered herself lucky to have the opportunity to attend the School of Medicine at a time when many young women wouldn't have dreamed of becoming physicians," her niece says. "By leaving a bequest to the school she is able to open up to others the opportunities that she fought so hard to achieve. I know she is proud to leave that mark on future generations of women."



Estate Planning

How does it work?

We all want to leave a legacy—a gift that will benefit future generations after we're gone—but most of us face real limits on what we can contribute during our lifetimes.

Bequests and other planned gifts not only benefit the future of Case Western Reserve and its students and faculty, they also allow donors to leave a larger legacy than they ever thought possible.

It is easy to include the university in an estate plan by adding a simple codicil to an existing will or by including language in a will that is being drafted. It is also possible to make an estate gift without revising a will or trust by naming the university as a beneficiary under a life insurance policy, individual retirement account, 401(k) or Keogh plan.

The planned giving team at Case Western Reserve recognizes that major philanthropic decisions are often made in partnership with both an individual donor and his or her estate or financial advisor, and is happy to assist donors and their advisers at any step along the way.

To learn more about how Case Western Reserve can help you plan your estate, please contact John F. Shelley, executive director of planned giving, at 216.368.4460 or giftplan@cwru.edu, or visit cwru.edu/giving/planned.



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