

the Goodmans' Legacy:

“Don and Ruth Goodman were committed to expanding the frontiers of research. Their gift will advance pioneering research and education for decades to come.”

~ President Barbara R. Snyder



Donald Goodman, DDS (DEN '45) and Ruth Weber Goodman in 2004.

\$20.5 MILLION to Fund Discovery

Case Western Reserve University will receive the income from \$20.5 million in gifts from Donald Goodman, DDS (DEN '45) and his wife, Ruth Weber Goodman. The Donald J. and Ruth Weber Goodman Philanthropic Fund will reside at the university and the Cleveland Foundation. Income will be used to support education and research programs at the schools of medicine and dental medicine.

At the School of Medicine, the gift has been used to establish two professorships: the Dr. Donald and Ruth Goodman Professorship in Innovative Cancer Therapeutics, which is currently held by Mary J. Laughlin, MD, and the Dr. Donald and Ruth Goodman Professorship in Innovative Cardiovascular Research, which has not yet been appointed.

Donald Goodman credited Dr. Laughlin and research at the School of Medicine for prolonging his life for six years after he underwent an experimental treatment for acute myeloid leukemia.

“He got an opportunity to re-evaluate his life and think about how he could give back,” says his son, Bruce Goodman. “That was really the crux of how he came to this gift.”

Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD, dean and vice president for medical affairs at the School of Medicine, calls the gift “truly inspiring.”

“It is always gratifying to see a patient who has directly benefited from the application of cutting-edge medical research and who wishes to recognize the value of this through such a wonderful philanthropic commitment,” she notes.

Jerry S. Goldberg, DDS, dean of the School of Dental Medicine, says the endowment will allow the school to enhance its role as a leader in dental education and research.

“With the support of donors like the Goodmans, we are exposing our students to the best technologies and meaningful experiences, and fostering a culture of inquiry to create exceptional dental professionals—now and into the future,” he says.

Donald Goodman's granddaughter, Kayleen Goodman-McDowell, says the gift will live on for generations and will improve the lives of others. “This gift has allowed them to extend their values through a family legacy beyond any of our expectations,” she says.