

# Profile:

## The Reinberger Foundation

The Reinberger Foundation and Case Western Reserve University share a common mission to improve lives through education, arts and community development. Established in 1966, the foundation has awarded nearly \$4 million to Case Western Reserve over the years. Much of its support has been directed to initiatives that promote innovative medical research, thus raising the level of health care in Northeast Ohio and around the world.

The Reinberger Foundation's grants include funds to establish the Reinberger Professorship in Molecular Biology and Microbiology at the School of Medicine, currently held by Jonathan Karn, PhD. It has also awarded support to the Center for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine—a basic science and clinical research consortium between Case Western Reserve, Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals. The center advances non-embryonic stem cell research ranging from the study of basic stem cell biology to clinical trials in humans. Perhaps most notably, Reinberger funding has allowed the university to leverage an Ohio Eminent Scholar award from the Third Frontier Project, which was instrumental in recruiting pediatric hematology and oncology researcher and physician Kenneth Cooke, MD.



In addition to medical research, the Reinberger Foundation has also supported the Case School of Engineering, in honor of its inaugural administrators, William C. Reinberger (CIT '43) and Robert N. Reinberger (CIT '43). The Reinberger Product and Process Laboratory in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering has established itself as a premier design, manufacturing and inspection facility in which mechanical engineering curriculum and research development naturally evolve.

**Twin brothers** William C. Reinberger (CIT '43) (**far right**) and Robert N. Reinberger (CIT '43), led the Reinberger Foundation after it was first funded through the estate of their uncle, Clarence T. Reinberger. In recent years, William's daughter, current president Karen R. Hooser (**right**), and Robert's daughter, vice president and treasurer Sarah R. Dyer, have joined their fathers in continuing the Reinberger Foundation's legacy of philanthropy.