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Ilse Droell Memorial Women's Medical Career Scholarship Fund



Thank You. Through your generous donation to the Ilse Droell Memorial Women's Medical Career Fund, you are joining friends and family of the late Ilse Droell, and the Morton Community Foundation in creating a permanent source of future support for women entering a medical field.

Ilse Droell, my mother, was born in Germany in 1913. At the age of 14, after her younger brother died of meningitis, she decided to become a physician. Upon completing a college prep school, she entered Justus Liebig University Giessen in Giessen, Germany. She was one of only four female medical students. After completing her internship in 1937 she got married and started a family. In 1939 World War II began. The war and post-war occupation lasted through 1947. During this time her home was bombed out and her husband was gone, serving the military, nearly 7 years. Nevertheless, she volunteered her medical skills assisting the county physician and the village mid-wife and provided medical care to prisoners in a forced labor camp. At the end of this time, when it had become financially possible for her to resume her studies, ten years had elapsed since her internship and she was ineligible to complete her medical residency. She then moved to Langen (Hessen), Germany, where she and her husband spent the rest of their lives being active in the welfare of their city. Ilse Droell died Christmas morning 2010 at the age of 97 years and seven months. I am glad she will help others to reach their medical education goal through the Ilse Droell Medical Scholarship Fund. (by Hanna Vernon, daughter of Ilse Droell. Hanna lives in Morton with her husband, James Vernon.)

What is endowment? *By giving to this fund through the Morton Community Foundation, you benefit women, forever, who are pursuing a medical career. Your gift is invested over time. Earnings from the fund are used to provide scholarships each year to Morton High School Seniors, or women who have started their medical education, put it on hold, perhaps to raise a family, and are now continuing their education. Your gift—and all future earnings from your gift—is a*



The power of endowment

A half century ago, Paul Cesarz made a choice that continues to benefit his community today. He created an endowed fund in 1952 with \$150,000 in assets. The fund immediately began earning income and distributing grants to causes important to him. Fifty years later and 35 years after Paul's death, the Cesarz Fund had grown to \$1,066,003. And in that 50th year, it generated more than \$50,000 in grants, supporting a range of community needs—a park renovation, a museum exhibit, cancer research, and more. Because Paul chose to endow his gift, he has enabled more than \$1.1 million in grants to go to his community—almost eight times the impact he would have made by giving the original gift to charity all at once. And though Paul has passed away, the fund in his name will go on supporting his community, leaving a lasting legacy.

This example comes from another Community Foundation, but it can happen in Morton too.