

# Forever Society

## Leaving a Legacy



### Ron and Valerie Burman

In the last few years of Ron's life, he worked diligently with estate planning professionals to ensure that at his passing his estate could be put to good use for education and arts and culture needs not only today, but into the future through several endowed funds. Ron established the **Valerie Burman Art Plus Scholarship Fund** as a memorial to his beloved, late wife Valerie.

The fund awards a total of three annual scholarships to graduates of area High Schools who are seeking a double-major in art plus a practical field like education just like Valerie. Ron later established the **Valerie Burman Master of Fine Arts Fellowship Fund** and the **Ronald & Valerie Burman Fund for the Visual Arts**. Ron appreciated La Crosse Area Community Foundation for our help in bringing his charitable vision to life. Ron's hope was that by sharing his story, others will feel inspired to consider philanthropy as a part of their estate plans.



### Dorinda Hawk

Dorinda Hawk was an accomplished classical pianist and music teacher. After she moved to La Crosse she taught at Viterbo and UW-L before starting her own piano studio. Her kindness and positivity made her a much sought-after piano teacher. She was devoted to her friends, students, and improving conditions for local music teachers. In 2018 Dorinda passed away but left a bequest to La Crosse Area Community Foundation in her will to establish The **Dorinda Hawk Music Scholarship** which supports an area high school student who plans on pursuing a Music Piano/Keyboard major. In this way, Dorinda's passion for teaching and music will live on in her legacy.



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### Wayne and Joan Wojciechowski

Wayne Wojciechowski established the **Wayne and Joan Spieker Wojciechowski Memorial Fund** in 2021 to honor the passing of his beloved wife, Joan. The fund is designated to provide financial support for the needs of St. Clare Health Mission of La Crosse upon Wayne's passing. The Wojciechowski's were able to see the beginnings of St. Clare Healthcare Mission when it was first established by Sr. LeClare Beres, FSPA, in 1992. Since its inception, services have expanded to provide free healthcare to any individual that lacks the resources needed to obtain healthcare. With the encouragement of St. Clare Health Mission's Executive Director, Wayne created his bequest with the La Crosse Community. The impact the Wojciechowski's bequest could have on the community by being endowed as a fund with the foundation, rather than an endowment by itself at St. Clare would be much greater. Wayne states, "La Crosse Area Community Foundation manages its donor's money well, they are a community-minded foundation that responds to the needs in La Crosse County to make it a better and safer community. The foundation is a good steward, which is vitally important."

