

HSI Establishes a Lasting Gift for Children from Mary Wolff Estate

As a teacher of children for more than 25 years, Mary Wolff of Stillwater touched the lives of hundreds of children and their families. She was a teacher at Sunny Hill Nursery School and the Early Childhood Family Education Center in Stillwater. Being an educator of the young, Mary understood that when children were provided the help they needed in their early years; it positively impacted their future lives.

Mary passed away in 2004. She designated that part of her estate be given to HSI (Human Services, Inc.) “My mom valued and believed in the work HSI did,” says Mary’s son Erich. “To her it was really important that young children and families got a good start in life. Many children, their families and other organizations have been helped by HSI”.

Mary first became involved with HSI through her husband Paul, a local attorney with Eckberg, Lammers, Briggs, Wolff and Vierling law offices. Paul served on the HSI Board of Directors for 20 years prior to his death in 1996. To best honor Mary’s wishes, HSI has directed her gift to an endowment fund that will help support programs and services for children and families now and in future years.

“Thanks to Mary we’ll have a dedicated fund for families that is an especially appropriate legacy for Mary and Paul,” states Dr. Robert Butler, HSI CEO.

For over 35 years, HSI a local nonprofit organization, has been a critically important provider of services for our most vulnerable residents of Washington County. With 7 offices located throughout Washington County, HSI annually serves more than 8,600 residents.

The philosophy of the HSI children’s and family division is that services need to be community-based and family-centered. HSI’s child and family mental health division’s continuum of care reaches across the spectrum of needs, ages and situations. The comprehensive children’s mental health programs include case management, in-home or school-based therapy, behavioral management services, day treatment programs, and early identification and intervention programs that are supported by child psychiatry.

While this initial gift is the beginning of the permanent fund, it is expectant that individuals interested in contributing to the welfare of children would also consider a gift. For more

information about the Mary Wolff Endowment Fund for Children and Families or other endowments established through HSI, please contact the development office at (651) 251-5079.