

A Lasting Gift

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An excerpt from a poem written by Pearl

*We were a family brought up on a farm,
our dad owned acres of land.
He worked hard in the fields
and tried to raise crops that
would be in the greatest demand.
Our mother worked hard to keep us trim,
Oh life on the farm, it sure wasn't dim.
Our names were Bernice, Gladys,
Pearl, Olga, Orville and Ralph.
With a family of six,
We sure pulled plenty of tricks.
One by one we went off to school,
With our dinner pails in hand.
Our orders were
"Be sure you listen to the teacher."
"And that you understand."
We were so happy when school
would start in the fall,
We all had grown so much,
our clothes were way too small.*



Pearl of St. Paul Park

Pearl, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother is also a poet, a lover of dogs and a caring community member. Throughout the years, Pearl's care and concern for others has reached out to many in her community by tending to ill friends or neighbors or sending greeting cards to those in nursing homes who needed cheer or caring for or encouraging the neighborhood children, writing poems for a special friend or helping a family whose young child needed many surgeries were ways that she touched those around her.

To visit with Pearl clearly explains why her home is filled with pictures, gifts, cards and letters from many grateful recipients of her kindness. Ask her why she cares so deeply about HSI, Pearl will share that it's another way she can do something to help someone in need.

"HSI is a good place; they have a lot of different programs such as transportation and Meals on Wheels. When there is a need whether it's for children or older adults, HSI is there for them. This agency is important to the community."

For the past two decades, Pearl has faithfully been a supporter of HSI (Human Services, Inc.). "I first got interested with HSI when I started riding the transporter many years ago. I never drove because I never got my license. Each time I rode, I'd watch the drivers. They were always so concerned with our safety, helpful and always very friendly. Soon I made many

friends on those busses. My drivers would take me and others to the doctor, birthday parties of friends, shopping, and other social gatherings. It's important to give good services and they do! Those busses kept me connected to the community."

In 2003, Pearl decided she wanted to give more but knew she could not greatly increase her once a year gift. "I'm from a generation that if you can help you do. I like helping people and know they appreciate all that you do for them. I would donate what I could afford but I wanted to make a larger gift. So I decided if I pledged a certain amount every quarter I could afford that, plus at the end of the year I would have made a much larger gift." With her wonderful, warm smile Pearl continues, "I get a lot of requests for donations but I chose HSI as one of my special charities because they have been helping so many people for a long time. It's important to me to continue to help my community that's been good to me." Pearl's goal is to continue to help HSI, "Because they are quite a service to the community, I hope others will consider making pledges too. It's easy, just fill out the pledge form and they send something to remind you."

For more information about making a pledge, planned gifts or visiting with the development office, please call Joyce at 651/251-5079.

Creating a Personal Legacy

If given the opportunity, most would like to make a lasting contribution, a legacy that says "I was here, I made a difference in this world, my life was important."

Friends of HSI who include us in their estate plans know that they are building a legacy that will help future generations of children, families and seniors.

Please call Joyce Flynn at 651/251-5079 or jflynn@hsicare.org to learn about the possibilities of leaving a legacy that will positively impact the lives of many!

Please consider:

- Including HSI in your will and living trust
- Leaving a portion of your life insurance to HSI
- Designating us as beneficiary of a retirement account, IRA or CD
- Making a gift of appreciated stock
- Donation of real estate

Other Giving Opportunities at HSI

Memorials
Honorariums
Golf Sponsorships
Transporter Sponsorships