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MEMORIALS

IN GRATEFUL TRIBUTE

The Margaret Mercer Stewart Scholarship Endowment Fund was created by Margaret Mercer Stewart to support the education of nursing students. Mrs. Stewart (1912-2005) was born in Aurora, Illinois. She graduated from West Aurora High School and attended North Central College. She was drawn to nursing, graduated from the Evanston Illinois Hospital School of Nursing in 1934 and then served as a staff nurse in Evanston. In 1939, she married Thomas Graeme Stewart, a descendent of the pioneer Stewart farming family of Tamarack (now Plainfield) Illinois The couple resided on and farmed the ancestral land from 1937 until Mr. Stewart’s death in 1970. Since that time, Mrs. Stewart continued to live on the farmstead and rented the land for agricultural purposes. She was able to achieve her wish of living on the farm until her death due in part to the care provided by her home health care aides. Mrs. Stewart was an accomplished musician, playing the piano, saxophone and clarinet.

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The Aurora Foundation has been named as a beneficiary of the estate of Howard E. Charles, Sr., a former resident of St. Charles.

The bequest of $3.4 million will be used to create an endowed scholarship fund in memory of his son, Howard E. Charles, Jr.

Harris Private Bank of St. Charles will manage the investments of the Charles endowment on behalf of The Aurora Foundation.

The income earned by the fund will distribute scholarships to students pursuing a career in the field of health care at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Eligibility is restricted to students whose primary residence is within St. Charles Community Unit School District 303.

The estate will not be fully distributed to The Aurora Foundation until late 2006 or early 2007. However the first scholarships will be distributed from the fund in May 2007.

Applications will be available after January 1, 2007 at St. Charles East High School, St. Charles North High School and The Aurora Foundation office.

Howard E. Charles, Jr. was born in Terre Haute, Indiana in 1928. He was the son of Howard E. Charles, Sr. and Elizabeth Charles.

Mr. Charles married and settled in Denver, Colorado, where he was a personnel director in the missile industry. He died in 1963 after a courageous battle with Hodgkin’s disease.

Attorney Robert Gorecki was a friend and colleague of Howard Charles, Sr. He was instrumental in helping Mr. Charles create this permanent memorial to his son.

According to Hilary Brennan, chairman of The Aurora Foundation, Mr. Gorecki’s knowledge of the services available through the Foundation was important to Mr. Charles’ decision to bequest a large portion of his estate to our organization.

“We are truly grateful to Attorney Gorecki for the role he played in making this bequest possible and we are honored to administer a permanent fund that will pay ongoing tribute to the Charles’ family,” Brennan said.

Information regarding this fund is available by contacting The Aurora Foundation.

COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

The following professional advisors join with The Aurora Foundation in encouraging efforts to strengthen the health and well-being of our communities. Please remember to offer your time and resources to non-profit causes that are special to your life. Your charitable gifts make a difference. Your volunteer hours make a difference. You make a difference.

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Memorial Recognition Fund

The following contributions were received as memorials or in recognition of placement in memorials. Funds from the fund are used to sponsor ongoing charitable efforts by non-profit organizations.

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