



Elizabeth "Betsy" Gaylord Scholarship Endowment

I started volunteering for CSF around 1978 on the scholarship awards committee, as well as being on the board until 1985. In 1981, Stanley Home Products asked if our scholarship committee would be willing to evaluate their company's national scholarships as an "outside" group. We accepted this added responsibility and from 1981-1985, our scholarship committee worked on two sets of scholarship evaluations. Ultimately, we experienced scholarship "burnout."

We decided to continue with the StanHome scholarships only, and donate our pay to CSF for more scholarships. We donated more than twenty thousand dollars to CSF over the next thirteen years. During the years that we performed the evaluations, the scholarship recipients were honored at a luncheon at the corporate headquarters on Western Avenue. Our committee got a chance to meet the finalists that we had actually selected from their qualifications on paper. This was always a special event for us. The top Stanley Home scholarship award was for ten thousand dollars! To make our selections, we devised a worksheet to evaluate each applicant's scholarship aptitude, reports from teachers and counselors, academic grades, and their answers to two questions. It certainly was a unique opportunity to evaluate students from all over the country. In 1998, StanHome Products moved to Chicago and our services were no longer needed, so our committee "retired."

CSF has remained dear to my heart, so I made it known to my husband Dick that I wanted some money donated to CSF for a scholarship endowment as part of my Will. He suggested I donate the money now, rather than at my death. In 2005, I gave a generous sum in my name, Elizabeth "Betsy" Gaylord, to help the increasing number of students applying for financial aid. I believe that continuing education is most important in life, and helping students to achieve their goals is of utmost importance to me.

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