

Reign D. & Mary E. Rix Scholarship Endowment



Lifelong residents of Westfield, Reign and Mary Rix were strong supporters of children, education, and the community. Mrs. Rix taught for many years at Fort Meadow Elementary School, but her passion for improving both child and adult literacy went beyond the school doors. She spent hours volunteering as a literacy tutor, and her kitchen table was well known to many in Westfield as a place where they learned to write term papers and analyze literature. Mrs. Rix was a lifelong learner herself, receiving a Master's Degree and Certificate of Advanced Graduate work while well into her sixties.

Reign Rix loved people of all ages. He owned and operated Rix Milk Company. He is fondly remembered by local school children for his deliveries of milk to the schools—and especially for the “Rixie Cup” ice cream treats that arrived for special events such as Christmas parties and school field days. He had a warm smile and greeting for everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Rix were active in many civic organizations in the community. Mr. Rix was a distinguished and honored member of the Westfield Lodge of Elks, serving as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from 1961-1962. During the Depression, Mrs. Rix worked tirelessly with the Prospect Hill Recreation Association to provide children living in the Prospect Hill area with a safe and modern place to play. Years of fundraising and hard work eventually resulted in the construction and dedication of Sadie Knox Playground on Prospect Street, which continues to be a gathering place for children and families on the North Side of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Rix have left a legacy of educational commitment and dedication. The Rix family has strong ties to public education—with three generations choosing teaching or school administration as a career. Reign and Patricia Rix established this scholarship in 1996 in loving memory of Reign's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Rix would both be proud to be associated with the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation to help children in Westfield realize their educational goals.

Written by: Mary (Rix) Huth, granddaughter

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