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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

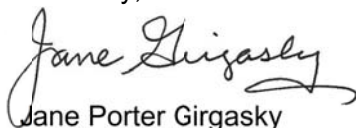
About 25 years ago, I was fortunate enough to be one of the Woodbury Scholarship Fund recipients. Choosing a college or university as a high school junior/senior was an interesting process. My father drove me all over Connecticut and Massachusetts looking at schools with beautiful campuses, a variety of programs available, and enormous price tags. He then sprung the reality on me that I was going to be responsible for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of my education costs. This quickly put into perspective for me how much the other  $\frac{3}{4}$  was going to cost him and my mother, who had four other children to put through school.

After landing the best job ever at Woodbury Drug as a 16 year old, I knew in my heart I needed to go to pharmacy school. There was no doubt in my mind that this was the career I was destined for. It encompassed everything I was good at: science, math, meticulous and detail oriented tasks, talking with and helping people. Remembering my parent's financial proposition, I applied to the University of Connecticut and opted to attend the Waterbury campus for two years.

I worked at the pharmacy all through high school and into college to earn my portion of tuition. I also applied for a scholarship from the Woodbury Scholarship Fund. I still remember going to the interview at Nonnewaug- two of the women who were part of that process I still see today. I was appreciative of the scholarship then because it helped me get through school debt free, but I am more appreciative now because I realize how much support it represented from the community.

My husband Gary and I have owned Woodbury Drug for 18 years and continue to support the Woodbury Scholarship Fund knowing it helps other students achieve their goals with as little debt as possible. Let's continue our community tradition of support. Please give generously.

Sincerely,



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1993 WSF recipient  
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