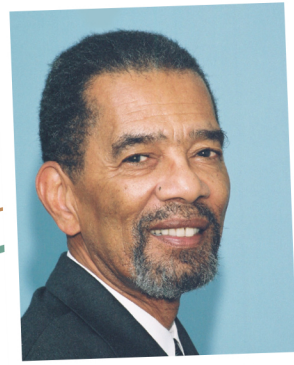


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## legacy philanthropy



Dr. John H. Hewlett, III Scholarship Fund - established 1999

Lucinda P. Wallace Memorial Scholarship Fund - established 2002

How has it come to be that Mary Hewlett is the fund advisor for not one, but two scholarship funds at the Community Foundation?

In 1998, the seeds were sown to create the Dr. John H. Hewlett, III Scholarship Fund. As a popular African American educator at Henderson High School in West Chester, John had a strong organizing role in the Black Student Union (BSU). At a BSU banquet, one of John's former students, Eddie Matthews, was the featured alumni speaker. While attending Henderson in the 1970s, Eddie had been in non-college prep classes, until John spotted his hidden gifts and helped bring forth his confidence as a successful student and football player. Following high school graduation, Eddie attended Hampton University and went on to become a medical doctor of osteopathy. In 1998, the now successful and very grateful Dr. Edward A. Matthews surprised Dr. John H. Hewlett at the BSU banquet by presenting a \$5,000 gift. This gift formed the basis of the Dr. John H. Hewlett Scholarship Fund.

Explains Mary Hewlett, "My husband John was a dedicated educator. He had a friendly smile, gentle voice and warm manner. He made lifelong friends, and he was often called a father- or grandfather-figure by students. We were always celebrating life events with his students and school colleagues: birthdays, baptisms, championships as well as the inevitable sad events of life. But graduations were our favorite. The Scholarship Fund was an incredible gift begun by Eddie. John and I had no children of our own, but with the Scholarship Fund, we got involved post-high school on a deeper level with dozens and dozens of young people."

Notes former West Chester Area School District Superintendent Alan Elko, Ph.D., "John spoke passionately of the importance of education and family...and how education lifted up his family, providing opportunities and an enriched life. John saw firsthand how a supportive family, effective teachers, and education could change lives. These early experiences led him to a career as a teacher, coach and school district administrator."

Never one to pass up the opportunity to mentor and educate, John arrived at Henderson High School in 1966 with chemistry equipment in hand, along with a B.S. in Biology from Hampton University and a M.Ed. in Chemistry from Tuskegee University. He also had a strong desire to interact with his students outside the classroom. John joined the Henderson Coaching staff and also established the West Chester Summer Track Team. As it turned out, John led his track stars around the circle for over 30 years.

As his education career continued, John decided the best way to help more minority students enter college was through an administration role in a school district. A lifelong student himself, John earned an M.A. in Secondary School Administration from Villanova University and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania. This enabled him to serve as an extremely effective Director of Human Resources for the West Chester Area School District, where much of his emphasis was directed toward assisting students in getting into colleges and encouraging district educators to pursue continuing education opportunities.

To date, Dr. Hewlett's scholarship fund has helped 27 students with their college careers. Quite impressive. But even more impressive is the fact that the Hewlett Scholarship is an endowed fund. So while Dr. John Hewlett is now resting in peace, his scholarship fund will continue to make scholarship awards for perpetuity.

Notes Mary Hewlett, "John had his scholarship fund at the Community Foundation for a few years, and then my sister Cindy passed away very suddenly in Baltimore. I knew right away that I wanted to do something memorable to honor her legacy. She, like John, believed in the power of education. Cindy was an educator in the Baltimore City School System."

Known to be in the classroom long after her students went home for the day, Cindy worked tirelessly to propel her students to the next level. Not only was Cindy an educator in the classroom, but an extremely active member in the Mt. Winans United Methodist Church in Baltimore, where she served as the Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

Creating a legacy scholarship fund in Cindy's name was a natural for Mary. "Each year, members of the Church's scholarship committee meet to review applications and select scholarship recipients. And of course we reminisce about Cindy. It is a way to continue Cindy's legacy forever."

Cindy's determination and dedication with her students mirrored her brother-in-law John's. Mary Hewlett has found herself surrounded by loving souls who always went beyond their classrooms to help their students succeed. Mary Hewlett is confident that these two Scholarship Funds will help instill a passion for education and a devotion to moving forward, opening a world of opportunity for young people.



Without education, you are not going anywhere  
in this world. **Malcolm X**

When bright young minds can't afford college,  
America pays the price. **Arthur Ashe**