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The Stephen Chandler Ericson Scholarship

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Joseph and Laura Ericson want to THANK YOU so very much for your sponsorship of Stephen's 2017 Scholarship. We are forever grateful for your caring and on-going support to make this our largest check ever. 2017 is the first year we reached out to the community to offer sponsorship opportunities and we are delighted with the support we have received.

Joseph & Laura Ericson, provide "The Stephen Chandler Ericson" Scholarship (SCES) every year to a Chester County High School Senior to help with their freshman year of college or trade school. They began this tradition in May 1985 and, through the SCE Foundation created 2010, the scholarship goes on in perpetuity.

Over the last 33 years, SCES has evolved from being primarily supported by those that knew Stephen and our family to a global audience that includes scholarship recipients, their families and all those that have heard our message through social media. The SCES mission is three-fold: Turning Tragedy into Triumph, the Importance of Education and Paying It Forward.

Fun Facts About Stephen's Scholarship:

- 37 Scholarships have been Awarded.
- Stephen's Scholarship has been going strong for 33 years!
- In 5, of the 33 years, Joe & Laura awarded 2 scholarships per year.
- 1985 through 2012 we worked with West Chester Christian School.
- Since 2012 we have been working with Henderson High School.
- Scholarships have gone to 16 different Colleges and Universities.
- 3 Recipients are Business Owners.
- Majority of our Recipients Make Pennsylvania their lifelong HOME!

How does the Endowment work with Chester County Community Foundation?

As of 2017, the endowment has exceeded \$44,000.00! Every year, in June, the Chester County Community Foundation (CCCF) calculates 5% of the endowment total and that figure is what we can provide to the student for the following year. In 2017 we took that number, added our corporate sponsorships and reached \$6,000! In the summer CCCF transfers the funds DIRECTLY to institution the student will attend.

How do we work with Henderson High School?

Every year the principal and teachers evaluate the senior class, as it relates to the criteria my parents, Joseph and Laura Ericson, Jr., established for Stephen's Scholarship: Good Christian Testimony, Sense of Humor, Average B/C Student, Good School Spirit, Active in Sports, Active in Music and Family demonstrates financial need (the scholarship "cannot" be applied for).

The Henderson Team makes their selection in May, at which time they share the name with our family. In June, at the Henderson graduation ceremony, the recipient is announced and the student receives a certificate but the dollar amount is not revealed. The next day I call the family and we set up a meeting with the student, the parents, my Mother, Laura Ericson and my husband, Gary Beideman and me. At the meeting Laura Ericson has the honor of sharing the journey of Stephen's Scholarship and reveals the amount. It is a very special time for my Mother and the student.

If you wish to contribute via credit card **DONATE NOW**. If you prefer check, please make payable to: **The Stephen Chandler Ericson Foundation**.

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