With the sudden passing of three family members, Holly Linton was grief stricken. Determined to continue her education at Wayne State, however, the Irvin D. Reid Honors College student reduced her course load for a semester to heal from her loss. In doing so, Linton worried that changing to part-time status might result in losing an important scholarship. But the Honors College understood the circumstances and continued to award her the Donald Holzhauer Endowed Scholarship.

“I remember receiving the email and bursting into tears,” said Linton.

If I hadn’t been awarded that scholarship that semester, I wouldn’t have been able to stay enrolled.”

The Holzhauer family established the Donald Holzhauer Endowed Scholarship in 2013 to celebrate the life of their late husband and father, a decorated World War II veteran whose children earned eight degrees at Wayne State. After creating the scholarship with initial support of $25,000, the family has continued to grow the endowed fund through generous gifts in Donald’s honor.

“He worked hard,” said his wife Rosemary. “It would have delighted him to no end knowing that we are helping students.”

Donald’s son Mike sees the endowed scholarship as the perfect legacy for his father, a 1950 accounting graduate of Wayne State whose strong work ethic was matched by his caring manner.

“There aren’t too many things that last a long time, but we think Wayne State is one of them,” said Mike. “We’re honored to help upcoming generations of students be the best they can be.”

Linton shares Mike’s view of Wayne State. “It’s the kind of university that allows you to manifest any idea if you’re willing to work for it,” said Linton. “Every idea that I’ve been passionate about, I’ve been able to do.”

Linton has received the Holzhauer Scholarship during her junior and senior years at Wayne State and, like Donald, she is an accounting major. She hopes to incorporate environmental sustainability into businesses’ bottom lines and one day start a business of her own. And she knows it has been the financial support from the Holzhauer family that has enabled her education and path to success.

“I’m incredibly grateful because I couldn’t have continued school if it wasn’t for them.”
Some technological advances fit the field of occupational therapy like a glove—quite literally, in the case of the HandTutor.

The ergonomic wearable glove enables fine motor skills exercise and hand rehabilitation, and is being used by the ARM Lab in Wayne State’s Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Through the support of the Dr. Martha E. Schnebly Endowed Research Fund, an interdisciplinary team led by assistant professor Gerry Conti and professor emeritus Robert Erlandson is developing software that makes using the HandTutor and other rehab devices less strenuous, and in most cases, fun.

“I have been working with the College of Engineering to develop what’s called serious rehabilitation games,” said Conti. “Those are computer games that are fun to play but have the specific purpose of aiding rehabilitation for people with arm problems.”

Support from the endowed fund, which was established by former OT department chair Martha Schnebly, enables OT students and engineers to collaborate on devices that will have lasting benefits for patients. In addition to developing software for the HandTutor, the team is developing a gripper that works like a computer mouse, allowing patients to play games during rehabilitation sessions.

“Instead of me saying, ‘Do 100 repetitions of the gripper,’ you can play the game and challenge yourself,” said Conti.

Occupational therapy student Kayla Martines sees the impact of the Schnebly Endowed Research Fund every day when using the ARM Lab’s equipment. She believes the work being done with the HandTutor will allow her to be a more inventive practitioner when she graduates.

“Donations give us more opportunity, new technology and a better chance to help our future patients,” she said.

Occupational therapy relies on thoughtful and creative interventions for patient rehabilitation. As students learn more about practical and technologically advanced ways to assist their patients, Conti sees that endowed research funds directly contribute to their success.

“As I talk to OTs in the community, I show them the HandTutor and they get pretty jazzed up,” she said. “This has a great chance of helping people.”
Endowment Impact

The stories in this report are examples of how endowed gifts impact Wayne State University. As a supporter of an endowed fund at Wayne State, you are making a difference in the area you choose, whether that's student support, research or community programs.

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Although some of the endowment is unrestricted, most of it is designated for a specific purpose. Below is a breakdown of the areas that are supported by the Wayne State endowment:

- Student scholarships, fellowships and awards – 38%
- Chairs, professorships and lectureships – 27%
- Miscellaneous special purpose – 21%
- Research – 12%
- Unrestricted/to be determined – 1%
- Facilities – 1%

For additional information about the financial performance of Wayne State University’s endowment, visit pivotalmoments.wayne.edu/give/endowed.php

Endowment performance as of Sept. 30, 2016

Total value = $311 million
(total value as of Sept. 30, 2015 was $288 million)

ANNUALIZED RETURNS

- 1 year: 9%
- 3 years: 4.1%
- 5 years: 7.3%
- 10 years: 5.1%

A gift to the endowment at Wayne State University is an investment in the future. A strong endowment enables the university to confidently carry out its mission, now and in the future, with the security of permanent funding. A key focus of Pivotal Moments: Our Campaign for Wayne State University is to significantly grow the endowment, and donors have contributed more than $163 million to the endowment during the campaign so far.
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