



Medical School Hotline

Fundraising for Medical Education

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Wanda Jane Pavela Kaspari truly valued higher education. Born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Wanda Jane Pavela moved to Chicago after her high school graduation. She married, John Ignatius Kaspari, a consulting electrical engineer whose job involved extensive travel. Together, John and Jane traveled the globe, and finally retired in Hawaii.

Shortly after their arrival in Hawaii, Jane read an article citing the need for bodies in medical education. She immediately willed her body to the University of Hawaii's John A. Burns School of Medicine. Upon the death of her husband in 1990, Jane finalized her own estate plan.

Jane passed away at the age of 87. In her estate plan, she did remember family and friends. However, the rest, residue, and remainder of her estate was left to support the training and education of medical doctors for Hawaii. Beginning this year and every year thereafter, the Wanda Jane Pavela Endowment will assist as many as four of Hawaii's future physicians each year to complete their studies at the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Recently, the John A. Burns School of Medicine launched a major effort towards excellence. To that end, the School is seeking funds to endow priorities and special programs through major gifts. Funds given to name chairs, programs, or departments are one of the most significant ways to honor beloved family members or former teachers. By attaching their names to perpetual and significant excellence in teaching and research, it keeps their spirit alive among our students, faculty and friends.

Major giving is surprisingly within the reach of many. Insurance policies, charitable remainder trusts, and annuities often serve to provide the donor with tax savings and turn assets into income while providing the family with protection of their inheritance. All of this may be achieved while providing a meaningful gift to the School. But the heart of giving is not in the possible tax advantage, but in the spirit of giving and of giving back. Many physicians in Hawaii could not have gone to medical school if it were

not for our school. Countless people are helped every day by our alumni, our residents, and our students. Nothing makes medical care so meaningful as having a student looking over one's shoulder while one is doing one's best for a patient.

The medical school has always been dependent upon the generosity of spirit of Hawaii's physicians. The School's recent self-study in preparation for its re-accreditation underscored this point in one important way. Although there are only about 2,000 physicians

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