



Why I Am Endowing a Scholarship

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"Since my earliest recollections, I somehow knew I would become a physician. To me it was like destiny calling. I was fortunate to have grown up in Syracuse, since it had a fine med school. After serving on Active Duty in the

United States Army Medical Service Corps, I applied to various med schools in 1954; the then-State University of New York College of Medicine in Syracuse was one of the schools at which I was accepted. Thus, the first step in fulfilling my goal and dream was put into play.

This was not only an economic blessing, but also charted the course for the rest of my life. While a med student, I met my future wife, Lorraine (Lori) Chesna. We have been happily married for 41 years and have two sons and a daughter. They all have had successful and productive careers in medicine and families of their own, with a total of 10 grandchildren.

I've enjoyed a very fulfilling practice as an internist for more than 35 years. Now I am enjoying retirement. I owe much of my success to my med school. I believe that my generation of physicians, for the most part, enjoyed being physicians in the "economic golden era." Many of us made more money than we ever expected and now its time to give some of it back to society, voluntarily. What better way to extend one's life and career, than to help future generations of physicians as they struggle with the expenses of a medical school education. I plan to make significant contributions each year so that my scholarship endowment can provide full-tuition for students in the future."