



FACT SHEET

Charlotte and Mary Gail Koen Scholarship Endowment



Mary Gail and Charlotte Koen

<u>Established:</u>	December 2006
<u>Type of Endowment:</u>	Donor-Advised Fund
<u>Donor(s):</u>	William and Katherine Block of Paragould, Ark., and their sons, Jeff and Steve
<u>Honoree(s):</u>	The late Charlotte and Mary Gail Koen, cousins of Mr. Block and natives of Mannington, WV

About the Fund

The Charlotte and Mary Gail Koen Scholarship Endowment is named for two sisters who grew up in Mannington, Marion County, and graduated from Mannington High School, which is now a part of North Marion High. They spent most or all of their lives in the Mannington area and, after their deaths, generously provided benefit to the region where they were born.

Mary Gail graduated from Fairmont Business College and worked for Jones Mining Company of Fairmont before moving to Pittsburgh as executive secretary to the president of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company. She later moved to Florida. Charlotte graduated from Fairmont State College and taught English and social studies for many years at Mannington High School, retiring in 1972. She was a member of the boards of the First National Bank and the Mannington Fair, director of the local chapter of the American Red Cross and manager of the Mannington Pool.

“My cousins were wonderful people who were very dedicated to the communities where they lived,” said Bill Block, a retired insurance executive and cousin of the Koens who made the initial donation. “They worked very hard, saved their money over the years, and left behind a desire to do something good for the people of the area where they were born. This endowment will be a lasting tribute to them, as well as a benefit to deserving students who want to pursue a vocational or technical education but may not have the money to do so.”

Eligibility Guidelines

Recipients must be residents of Mannington District of Marion County, West Virginia, and nearby areas. The scholarship provides educational assistance to one of more qualified students with emphasis on, but not limited to, technical or vocational training. Eligible individuals must have successfully completed a high school diploma, obtained an equivalent General Educational Diploma (GED) or be honorably discharged from any branch of the United States Military Service with at least one full year of active duty.

How Can I Donate?

The scholarship is managed by Your Community Foundation, which invests the funds to maximize their value. The net annual income from those investments shall constitute the amount of the scholarship award. Any individual, organization or business can make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund.

To make a donation, or to get more information, contact Your Community Foundation, P.O. Box 409, Morgantown, WV 26507. Call us at (304) 296-3433 or visit our web site at www.ycfwv.org.