

## **VISIONARIES WHO PROVIDE FUTURE GIFTS HONORED BY THE ALPHA EPSILON PHI LEGACY SOCIETY**

Since its inception, Alpha Epsilon Phi Foundation's mission has been to provide AEPHIs with undergraduate and graduate scholarships, and to fund educational programming for the sorority. Last year, through its endowment, the Alpha Epsilon Phi Foundation awarded over \$10,000 in college scholarships and contributed toward educational programming, including GreekLifeEdu 2008.

The *Alpha Epsilon Phi Legacy Society* has recently been established to honor and recognize the many visionary donors who have provided for AEPHI in their estate plan, and to encourage others to do the same. By making a bequest, regardless of size, to the Alpha Epsilon Phi Foundation in their will or by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, IRA or pension fund; these donors are letting AEPHI know that vital resources are in the pipeline to help.

Several deferred giving options, such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable trust can give donors an income stream for as long as they live with the knowledge that the AEPHI Foundation will receive the balance of this asset upon their death.

Members of the *Alpha Epsilon Phi Legacy Society* will be recognized in every issue of *COLUMNS*.

"We are hopeful that by establishing the Alpha Epsilon Phi Legacy Society we can thank and honor those who are planning for AEPHI's future. We also want to encourage others who may not have the resources to make an outright gift during their lifetime, but can provide provide for AEPHI's future with a deferred gift," explains [Faith Frank](#), former Alpha Epsilon Phi Foundation President. "I encourage anyone who has already made a provision for the Alpha Epsilon Phi Foundation in their estate plan to let the Foundation know." Among those who have made provisions for AEPHI Foundation in their estate plans are [Leslie Brown Shiffman](#) and [Dana Parkans Katz](#), both past presidents of the Foundation and Sorority and National President [Jamie Gray Light](#). However, there are other alumnae whose generosity goes unidentified until they are no longer with us. In 2007, Foundation received a gift from the estate of alumna [Mildred Marcus Lippman](#). Her gift enabled her to become a 1909 donor posthumously and assisted the Foundation in completing several worthwhile projects.

Not everyone wishes to make their intent to include the AEPHI Foundation in their estate plans public and Foundation understands this. If you do wish to remember Foundation in your estate, having a conversation with your family is one way to start the process. The Beverly Friedson Bodker Award for Undergraduate Leadership, established by the family of Alpha Lambda alumna, [Beverly Friedson Bodker](#), got its start this way. Beverly's husband, Harvey shares, "Beverly was diagnosed with lung cancer the day before 9/11/01 and as she valiantly struggled to fight this menacing disease, we discussed frequently that she wanted to leave a legacy to various organizations that she served, and most assuredly to her sorority."

Beverly enjoyed many life-long friendships that she made through her association with the sorority and AEPHI was at the forefront of their conversations. Harvey goes on to say, "It was Beverly's desire to recognize an outstanding AEPHI leader because she valued the leadership skills learned through membership in AEPHI. She often said her leadership 'stemmed from Alpha Lambda Chapter at 1071 North Mountain in Tucson.' Bevy (as she was affectionately known) was involved with numerous local, regional and national organizations during her lifetime and received many community service and exemplary leadership awards. In 2003 she was awarded the Alpha Epsilon Phi Outstanding Community Service Award.

We hope that many more alumnae will join these visionary donors in the *Alpha Epsilon Phi Legacy Society* by including the Alpha Epsilon Phi Foundation in their estate plans.

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