

## Legacy Funds



Currently there are four Memorial Funds established to cherish those who have passed and left behind a legacy of compassion for the Haitian people.

These four individuals, through the generosity of their friends and family, as well as other donors, continue to support the nine-village cooperative in which the Haiti Plunge serves.

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The Peg Downing Scholarship is designed by Peg and Sister Eunice. This scholarship is offered to a young woman from the nine-village cooperative who has successfully completed her secondary education and has the grades and ability to pursue a higher education. This scholarship is for four years to cover tuition, books and a stipend towards housing. The scholarship winner must maintain a 3.4 average to maintain the award. The first recipient, Mimi Jean, is attending nursing school in Port-au-Prince. All donations to this scholarship will directly benefit the awardee for the purpose of higher education and training to benefit the villages. PDS

The Eileen O'Grady Women's Fund is a program that Eileen was interested in being active with. The UN and many economists have proven that investing in women owned businesses in impoverished nations have had clear impact on the growth and health of local economies. It is through this information that the Eileen O'Grady Women's Fund will address the economic strife in the nine-village co-op. All donations for this fund will go directly into women owned businesses through loans and education program. EOWF

The Devlin Women's Center honors the life and compassion of Eleanor Devlin. The center will allow women to utilize a covered space for a micro-business, a place to learn reading, math and other skills. The center will also be a place for the HPI to store sewing machines for the women to use. This will be one of the few buildings in the region to have solar power, so it will also serve as a community center. All donations to the Devlin Women's Center will be used for the building and maintenance of the center, as well as future education classes. DWC

The Susan Yates Legacy Fund is established to continue her legacy of constantly improving health care for the people in the villages we serve. She was a dedicated, energetic, and thoughtful woman who was very concerned about safe birthing practices and food insecurity. Together with Ruth Harrison, they

initiated the MATWON program which trained birth attendants from each village in delivering babies safely. Haitians are like sponges and absorbed all the information Susan shared with them. In the past five years the birth attendants have not lost a mother or baby. Dr. Sue was their heroine, and they embraced and valued every moment they had with her. She reciprocated that love by hiking up to the higher mountains with medical supplies packed on mules to conduct outpost clinics. 87% of the mountain populations never see a doctor in their lifetime. Village health workers and MATWONS are the lifeline to medical care. The annual Susan Yates Symposium for MATWONS will continue her work by training new birth attendants. SYLF.

If you would like to make a donation to one of these legacy funds, please submit a check to The Haiti Plunge, PO Box 376, Adams, MA 01220. In the memo line, please identify which fund you have chosen with the letters following the description. If you would like to make the donation electronically, please use the donate button and send us an email identifying the legacy of your choice to [thehaitiplunge@gmail.com](mailto:thehaitiplunge@gmail.com)