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Quick Facts

- This recent gift brings the unnamed donors' total giving to the fund to \$500,000.
- The scholarship, established anonymously in 2011, provides renewable scholarship funds for students studying any major who meet the academic requirements and are from Chester County.
- Second and third preference is given to students from Fairfield County and the cities of Camden, Lugoff and Elgin.

ROCK HILL, S.C. -- A December 2012 gift of \$100,000 to the **Lucia Beason Bell Endowed Scholarship** ensures that Winthrop students from Chester County, S.C., will continue to be rewarded for academic achievement. This recent gift brings the unnamed donors' total giving to the fund to \$500,000.

A tribute to the life of **Lucia Beason Bell** of Chester County, S.C., the Bell Scholarship, established anonymously in 2011, provides renewable scholarship funds for students studying any major who meet the academic requirements and are from Chester County. Second preference is given to students from Fairfield County, S.C., and third preference is given to students from the cities of Camden, Lugoff and Elgin in South Carolina.

Originally from Woodruff, S.C., Bell had a passion for teaching and moved to Chester to pursue a career in education. She married S. Lewis Bell, and went on to work for the **Chester Telephone Company**, which later became **TruVista Communications**.

Bell worked in various roles for TruVista Communications, serving as manager, officer and board member. She was active in her community and maintained memberships with the following organizations: Chester County Library Board, Chester County Historical Society, Chester County Geological Society, and the Chester Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) Church.

With total gifts of \$500,000, the Bell Scholarship is one of Winthrop's largest endowed scholarships, providing perpetual educational opportunities for students. In addition, it provides a lasting and appropriate tribute to the legacy of a respected community member.

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