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ROCK HILL, S.C. - An anonymous $200,000 cash gift will provide scholarship support for students from Chester County, S.C., in memory of Chester, S.C., resident Lucia Beason Bell.

The Lucia Beason Bell Endowed Scholarship provides renewable funds to Winthrop students studying any major who meet the academic requirements. It is available for freshmen and current students. Second preference will be given to students from Fairfield County, S.C., and third preference will be given to students from Camden, Lugoff, and Elgin, S.C.

Bell, originally from Woodruff, S.C., moved to Chester to pursue a teaching career. She married S. Lewis Bell, and they both worked for the Chester Telephone Company, which later became TruVista Communications.

During her tenure there, Bell was a manager, officer and board member. She also was active with the Chester County Library Board, Chester County Historical Society, Chester County Geological Society and the Chester Associate Reformed (ARP) Church.

The scholarship will begin awarding immediately, with the first recipient to be selected for the 2011-2012 academic year.

For more information on making a gift to Winthrop, please contact the Office of Development at 803/323-2150.