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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Two things helped retired physicians Dick McCoy and his wife, Jan Shaw McCoy, decide to establish a scholarship at Winthrop: their connection to the university and a desire to make a difference.

The $50,000 Richard L. and Jan Shaw McCoy Endowed Scholarship will support juniors or seniors who have designated health care management as their primary interest and maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Jan, a pediatric neurologist, and Dick, a pediatrician, have lived and worked in Rock Hill for more than 35 years. The couple maintains a close relationship with Winthrop: Dick earned his M.B.A. at the university in 2004, and Jan continues to audit Winthrop classes. They also traveled to Nantong University in Nantong, China, with the College of Business Administration’s M.B.A. program and have acted as surrogate parents to Winthrop students from Nantong.

The decision to invest in Winthrop, Jan said, was an easy one because the university offers so much to the Rock Hill community.

“Winthrop provides such a wonderful community opportunity for education, for the arts, and I think that it is important for us to invest in the future of the university,” she said. The McCoys also offer funds to cover tuition fees and book costs to their nieces, nephews and godchild who attend a state university.

Dick noted that the couple’s positive experiences at Winthrop reminded them of the importance of investing in education.

“Education is the key to opening up one’s world, and if one doesn’t have that education, it can be quite limiting,” said Dick. “We wanted to provide an opportunity for students in need to further their education.”

Winthrop President Dan Mahony said that the scholarship will help create a culture of philanthropy within the local community.

“The McCoys’ contribution is particularly meaningful because it comes at a time when we’re raising the bar in fundraising and educating individuals on its importance to Winthrop’s future. It’s gratifying to see people in the Rock Hill community make an investment in our students,” said Mahony.

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