The Frederkings: A Lifetime of Giving to USI

“It's amazing how good people are and how much people will go out of their way to help others. I believe that's the point of life, to help people. That's why we give back,” said June Frederking, sitting with her husband Ed.

Anchorage, Alaska, where Ed was to report for duty in the United States Army. After Ed got out of the Army the family moved to Champaign, Illinois, where Ed received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting. After a short time in St. Louis, Missouri, Ed and June settled in Evansville.

“Our first experience with the University of Southern Indiana actually came when we attended a University of Evansville basketball game,” said Ed. “During the game someone told us there was a new school on the west side, so we went to what was then an Indiana State University-Evansville game and loved it. We knew that's where we belonged. Over the years, we met so many good people involved with USI.”

Their connection with USI became even stronger when June began taking classes at USI, and she still remembers a professor going out of his way to help her reach her full potential in a course. Years later, Ed and June established the Beverly June Frederking Scholarship for nursing students seeking their master’s degree.

Ed and June understand how hard USI students are working for their educational continued
goals because they have experienced firsthand what it is like to be a student. Their goal is to help students reach their maximum potential through financial support.

“We have always received the most wonderful letters of thanks from our scholarship recipients and we believe one day these students will help support others,” said June. “I remember when Ed was a student and a dentist went out of his way to help us out. He said that he was a student once and knew how hard it could be. He trusted that one day we would pass along the favor. That’s where our giving really began.”

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The Frederking’s business, Tri-State Trophies, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, and USI is currently celebrating the same milestone.

June stated, “We have seen USI come from humble beginnings to the full-fledged thriving university it is today. We are so proud to have witnessed the wonderful impact USI made and continues to make on the community. Every time we have out-of-town guests we always take them to campus and brag about the University. There are so many people who have worked so hard to get USI where it is today and they should all be overjoyed at the 50th anniversary milestone.”

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**Wills and other estate plans**

A gift in your will or other estate plan to the USI Foundation can result in significant tax savings to your estate and will benefit students pursuing higher education.

**Your annual gifts can continue forever**

USI depends on loyal friends and alumni who make annual gifts which help underwrite scholarships and enhance its educational programs. When a benefactor dies, then that support ends.

Continue your commitment to support higher education by including the USI Foundation in your will. You can create a permanent legacy. Here is how to accomplish that:

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*Assumes an average annual rate of return of 4.5% on bequests received by the USI Foundation.

**Concerned about the level of your Social Security income? Would you like to have more income and help USI at the same time? Call the USI Foundation and ask how you can do both with a charitable gift annuity.**

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For more information or other gift-planning ideas, contact the USI Foundation.

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