



When Eloise donated \$7,000 to the Oakham Rescue Squad for a defibrillator, the squad thanked her with these teddy bears.

Max H. and Eloise A. Kuhner Scholarship Greater Worcester Community Foundation

This scholarship was created by Eloise Kuhner, through a bequest in her will, upon her passing in 2005. It is awarded to students from Oakham and surrounding towns who are pursuing careers in a health-care field.

Eloise was born in Shrewsbury in 1916. She married Max Kuhner, and they built a house in Oakham and filled it with collections of coins, arrowheads, travel keepsakes, and teddy bears. Max, an engineer, was skilled at building wooden furniture. Eloise made teddy bears out of any available material (towels, old mink coats) and gave them to local children. Both were kind and generous, and both cared deeply about local access

to health care. Max established a trust to support Holden Hospital, and Eloise volunteered at the Barre Family Health Center.

When Holden Hospital closed, seven years after Max's death, Eloise transferred his trust to the Foundation to award annual grants to other local health care providers. She also wrote a bequest in her will to create this scholarship. She passed away at the age of 89, leaving this legacy to perpetuate her life's work: encouraging young people and supporting the field of health care.

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