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Long-time Independence Residents give the Gift of Education through Scholarship

Independence Community College Foundation announces a gift from the estate of Roy J. & Myrtle S. Hoffman in the amount of \$70,000. It is an unrestricted gift to the college and the Hoffman's only stipulated that it be used to establish a scholarship fund for students in financial need. The ICC Foundation, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to receive private gifts and donations on behalf of the college, will manage the gift for the college.

"We are extremely grateful for the gift that Roy and Myrtle have left for future ICC students", said Mark Woods, President of the ICC Foundation. "The ICC Foundation has established the Roy J. & Myrtle S. Hoffman Memorial Scholarship for ICC students with financial need and these dollars will literally make educational goals a reality for our students for many, many years to come."

Roy was born on July 7, 1905 at his parents' residence of rural Elk City, Kansas. He was the fifth child in a family of eight. Myrtle was born on November 11, 1910 in Howard, Kansas. She was the fifth child in a family of six. Roy and Myrtle married in 1930 at Fredonia, Kansas.

"They never had children, but their legacy of hard work and decency will live on through their nieces and nephews," said nephew Randy Hoffman, of Independence, who has been working with the ICC foundation to establish this endowed scholarship.

The Hoffman's were lifelong residents of rural Independence, Kansas. Throughout their married lives, they were devoted to the hard work of ranching and farming. Their commitment and love for the land was second only to their devotion to each other.

The City of Independence, as well as its' citizens, have benefited from the generous gifts they bestowed to the community by giving to The First United Methodist Church, St. Andrews Catholic Church, Mercy Hospital, and Independence Community College.

An endowed scholarship is one that perpetuates itself. An endowed gift is one that continues to support the cause of education and continues to serve as an on-going memorial. The actual gift, such as the \$70,000 Hoffman bequest, is never tapped but is left to earn interest and it is the interest monies that are used as the scholarship awards throughout the years. For more information on the ICC Foundation, legacy gifts or scholarships at ICC, call Lori Shaw, ICC Foundation Director, at 331-2480.