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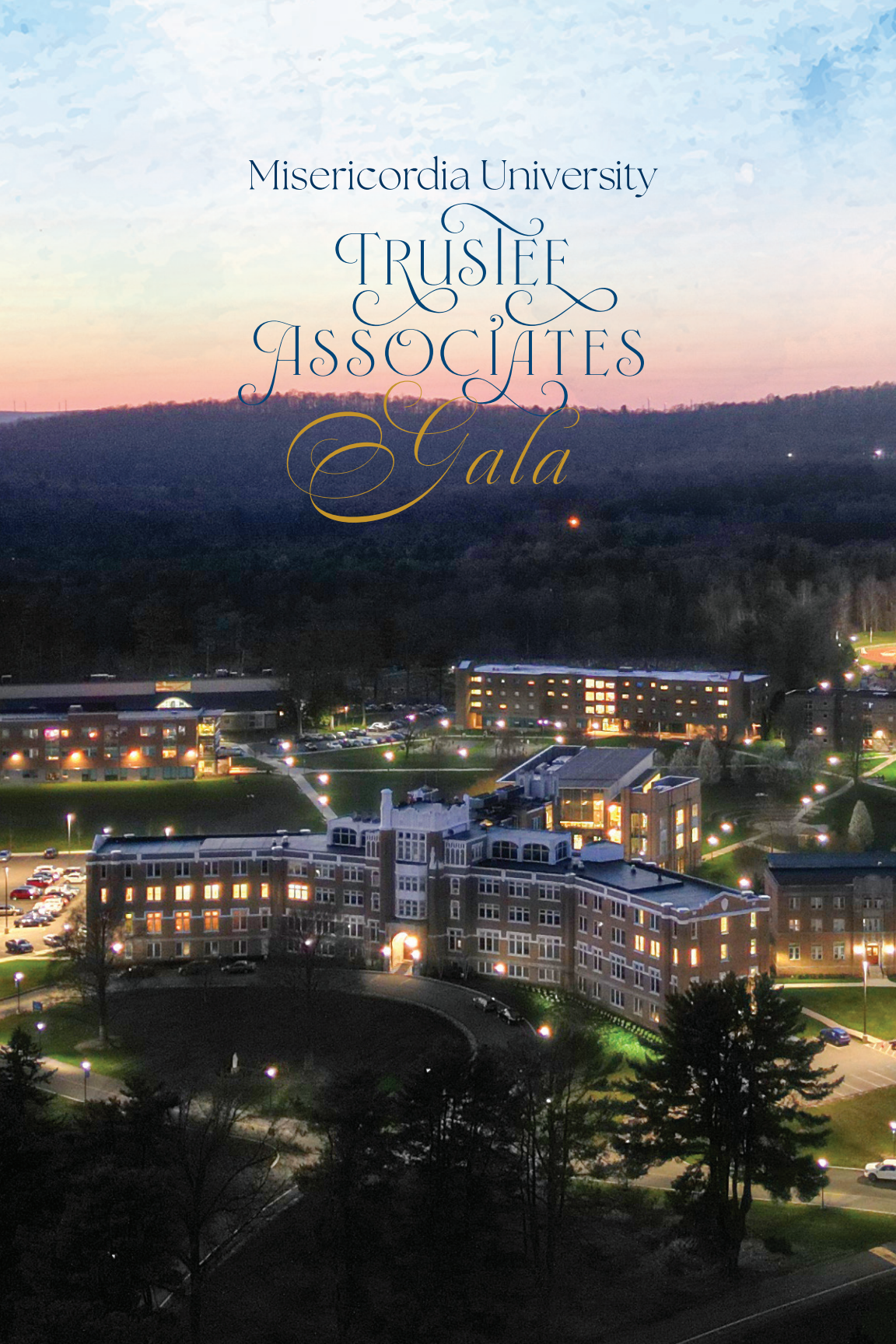
Trustee Associates Gala

Westmoreland Club
Grand Hall

Saturday
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Misericordia University

Trustee Associates Gala



WELCOME



DEAR FRIENDS,

I am honored as newly named Chair of the Board of Trustees to welcome you to our very special Misericordia University Trustee Associates Gala 2025. As our beloved university embarks on its second century, we gather to honor our most generous benefactors for their significant contributions to our campus community – and most especially our students.

Your benevolence allows Misericordia to be the best that it can be. As we celebrate year 101, we have welcomed our second largest class of first-year students in school history – 485 from around the globe. As they have for more than 100 years, they come with hopes and ambitions to make the world a better place. Each scholarship, new academic program, athletic endeavor, and facility upgrade helps us attract and retain the best of the best.

Together, we are strong. Tonight, we honor you and your commitment and dedication to Misericordia University.

We also have the opportunity to honor special members of the Misericordia family, whose commitment and dedication knows no bounds. The Board of Trustees is pleased to present the 2025 Trustee Associates Award to ***Dorothy Dickson Darling***, for her outstanding dedication, service, and generous support to Misericordia University. Our dear alumna ***Rosemary Dvorsky Gido, Ph.D. '67***, will receive the Mercy Mission Medal, exemplifying her willingness to share her expertise and treasure to advance the University's mission and core values. Lastly, it is with great pleasure that we honor the ***Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation*** for more than 30 years of philanthropic investment in Misericordia that has significantly transformed the university's ability to serve its students and advance the mission of our founders, the Sisters of Mercy.

Please raise a glass to our second century and the sustaining inspiration of our incomparable Sisters. For more than a century, they have shown us the power and impact of living by the charisms of Mercy, Service, Justice, and Hospitality.

Enjoy your evening.

R. Gregory Collins '82
Chair, Board of Trustees

MENU

DINNER

FIRST COURSE

Baby Tuscan Greens with
roasted butternut squash, dried currants,
goat cheese, pecans, and maple-cider vinaigrette
Warm French rolls with butter

MAIN COURSE

Stuffed Jumbo Shrimp with jumbo lump crab imperial, and roasted red pepper-basil butter

Herb-Encrusted Tenderloin, featuring
Oregon mushrooms with a red wine demi-glace

Champagne Risotto with grilled asparagus, summer squash,
Portabella mushrooms and green herb olive oil

Pan-Roasted Marinated Chicken Picatta with artichokes,
capers, lemon-white wine beurre blanc

All served with oven-roasted herb red bliss
potatoes and glazed baby carrots.

DESSERT STATION

Assortment of Trifles in fall flavors

Pumpkin Pie Squares

Chocolate Flourless Brownie Bites

Roasted Coffee and Organic Teas

PROGRAM

WELCOME
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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
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TRUSTEE ASSOCIATES AWARD
DOROTHY DICKSON DARLING

INTRODUCTION — Daniel J. Myers, Ph.D., President
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MERCY MISSION MEDAL
ROSEMARY DVORSKY GIDO, PH.D. '67

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FOUNDERS MEDAL
CHARLOTTE W. NEWCOMBE FOUNDATION

INTRODUCTION — Roger Howell, Chair, Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees
REMARKS — Gianna Durso-Finley, Ph.D., Executive Director
Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
REMARKS — Todd Anthony Sloan, Vice President of University Advancement

Music by the Westmoreland Jazz Quartet
under the direction of Mike Stevens

TRUSTEE ASSOCIATES AWARD 2025

Dorothy Dickson Darling



A friendship that spans the continent, Dorothy Dickson Darling and her connections to Misericordia University are surprisingly circuitous, yet meant to be. A native of Kingston, Pennsylvania, Dorothy attended Wyoming Seminary and graduated from Dickinson College. Following college, she and a friend traveled to southern California, and it is there she met a young Jack F. Mangelsdorf, Jr.

Jack was a native of Iowa and earned both a bachelors in physics and a masters in physics engineering from University of California San Diego (UCSD). An avid lacrosse player, he established a lacrosse team at UCSD, and later played as master and grandmaster in Canada, Australia and England as a member of the U.S. World Lacrosse Team. He established a lacrosse store in Encinitas, California, which he operated for more than 30 years. He is credited with establishing the San Dieguito Lacrosse Club. As a result of these accomplishments and more, in 2006 Jack was tapped to be a member of the first group of inductees into the San Diego Chapter of the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Marrying Jack in 1981, Dorothy realized and supported Jack's unabashed passion for the sport, knowing it would be an unquestionable component of their life together.

Misericordia President Emeritus Dr. Michael MacDowell was instrumental in establishing a relationship with Jack and Dorothy during a meeting in California in the early 2000s. They became acquainted at a time when lacrosse was being discussed and renovations were needed for Misericordia's playing fields. Dorothy reports that within an hour, Dr. MacDowell had mapped out his vision for the campus and gained her and Jack's support. Mangelsdorf Field at the Anderson Athletic Complex was constructed in 2002 and serves as a home for the football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, and track and field programs. Following Jack's sudden passing from cancer in 2019 at age 68, the memorial service was held at the field named in his honor.

Married to Jack for 29 years, Dorothy is among Misericordia's most generous benefactors. Despite her focus on the arts, Jack was able to convince her that athletics were as important as the arts in a student's personal development. It is in Jack's memory that she maintains an interest in supporting Cougar athletics, making numerous donations over the years. Most recently, she helped change the landscape of the Misericordia campus as a proud supporter of the Brassington Athletic Dome, constructed in 2023. She designated support to the project from the Darte-Darling Family Fund of The Luzerne Foundation.

An accomplished singer and business woman, Dorothy is owner and president of Darling Entertainment Management Group in Encinitas. She is currently recording her third album, a compilation of favorites from the 1980's, and a fourth album of Christmas songs. Her earlier albums are "So Many Songs…So Little Time," released in 2017, and the 2022 release "Jacaranda Days."

Dorothy and Jack's son, Jack Ewen Mangelsdorf, is a first-year student and a member of the lacrosse program at Misericordia.

It is with great honor that the Misericordia University Board of Trustees presents the 2025 Trustee Associates Award to Dorothy Dickson Darling. The award is given annually to friends of the University who have demonstrated outstanding dedication, service, and generous support to Misericordia and its students.





Rosemary Dvorsky Gido, Ph.D. '67



Sociology and education alumna Rosemary Dvorsky Gido, Ph.D. '67, has spent her entire professional career ensuring that the societal tenets that she learned as a college student from the Sisters of Mercy – those of Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality – are not forgotten. She has been a life-long student of criminology and a tireless advocate for all facets of care and concern for incarcerated persons, social justice, and a strong proponent of eradicating poverty.

A Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania native who was never encouraged to go to college, the valedictorian of her 1963 G.A.R. High School class used her strong business skills to secure a job as a secretary following graduation. There she heard about College Misericordia. It was while taking classes in the evening that she met Mary Hildegarde, RSM, an education professor who offered a scholarship so she could attend fulltime.

She met her future husband, John A. Gido, at a dance at King's College. Having earned a B.A. in Sociology and Education, Magna Cum Laude, from Misericordia in 1967, she and John married and moved to New York State. There she earned a masters in Sociology and a Ph.D. in Sociology of Crime and Deviance at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany.

As Director of the Office of Policy and Research, New York State Commission of Correction, she conducted the first study in the country on inmate mortality arising from the AIDS epidemic in the New York state prison population, with the contribution recognized by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Rosemary and John both took positions at The Pennsylvania State University in 1991, where her work helping revamp the criminology program earned her an outstanding teaching award in the PSU College of Liberal Arts. Her career accomplishments earned her Misericordia University's Mother Mary Catharine McGann Alumni Award in 1996 for outstanding contributions in the fields of education and criminology.

Dr. Gido joined the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1997 and was named Professor Emerita upon her retirement in 2011. Sadly, John passed away after a valiant battle with cancer in 2017.

In 2019, Dr. Gido conducted research on concentrated poverty in four Pennsylvania rural and urban counties with three former IUP doctoral students. The findings documented that girls in PA rural counties, particularly young women of color or Hispanic ethnicity, were not being afforded equitable educational opportunities. This motivated her to establish the Rosemary Gido Scholarships for PA Rural Young Women with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Foundation. To date, six young women from rural PA school districts have been recipients of the scholarships.

With the support of her sons Stephen and Jeffrey, Dr. Gido is one of the most generous benefactors to the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program at Misericordia. She has established the Sister Hildegarde's Justice and Mercy Scholarship for Women with Children, an annual scholarship, and the endowed Rosemary Dvorsky Gido Scholarship for Community Justice and Mercy. In addition, she has also supported the Bourger Women with Children Emergency and Endowed Scholarship funds. Those interests have led to mentorship, and in the fall semester of 2023, she conducted a master class in Empowerment Storytelling for the student-mothers in the Bourger program.

An employee of Goldman Sachs, Jeffrey acknowledged his mother's 80th birthday through the Goldman Sachs Gives Program to establish the Gido Family Empowerment Scholarship. This endowed award will be given to students beginning in 2026, focusing on Pennsylvania school districts with high levels of cumulative disadvantage, Dr. Gido's latest research focus.

A member of Misericordia's Heart of Mercy Society, she is also recognized as a Lifetime Honorary Associate, and has supported various initiatives including the Now for Tomorrow campaign, the Misericordia Fund, and the Campaign for College Misericordia. She proudly provided one of the first gifts to the university's current campaign with a donation in April 2023.

FOUNDERS MEDAL 2025

Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation



Charlotte Rachel Wilson was born on March 28, 1890 in Philadelphia. Her father, a physician and a pharmacist, maintained an interest in pharmaceuticals, and, beginning in the 1890s, invested in Smith Kline, a Philadelphia drug company. She accompanied her parents on a leisurely trip around the world in 1925-27. On the ship that took them from India through the Red Sea to Egypt, she met Fred C. Newcombe, a ship's officer who became her husband almost three decades later, in 1952. Charlotte lived with her parents and cared for them in their declining years.

Before his death in 1931, Dr. Wilson secured a firm promise from his daughter that she would never sell any of the Smith Kline stock she would inherit. Her adherence to that promise over the next 48 years led to her fortune late in life. At her death in 1979, her residual estate was valued at $32 million.

Mirroring the life of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, Mrs. Newcombe greatly valued higher education. During her lifetime, she sent the children of several friends to college, taking a vigorous interest in their progress. In her will, Mrs. Newcombe charged her five trustees with the creation of a scholarship foundation to bear her name and funded the private foundation with approximately $16 million. Her legacy continues under the stewardship of the Foundation's Trustees.

Located in Princeton, New Jersey, the foundation has funded scholarships at more than 120 institutions, and endowed scholarships at 70-plus institutions, since 1981. More than 48,000 students have benefitted from Newcombe Foundation support with over $70 million in scholarships awarded. In addition, there have been 1,400-plus Newcombe Fellows selected receiving more than $28 million in fellowship funding.

As Misericordia enters its second century, the scholarships provided by the Newcombe Foundation are invaluable in allowing the university to attract and retain the best students, and stay true to its founding mission of providing educational access to those who may lack the financial resources to pursue higher education. Through this vital support, the

university has been able to empower Newcombe scholars with the means to obtain a Misericordia degree and become thriving professionals in their chosen career fields. The students are forever grateful.

Beginning with a grant in 1987 of $6,000 to the Misericordia Annual Fund Campaign, to the most recent gift of $25,000 in July 2025, the Newcombe Foundation has graciously supported the Sisters of Mercy's critical concern for women and children, as well as all non-traditional students. In 2012, the Foundation offered a five-year $100,000 scholarship-based challenge grant to give donors the opportunity to establish an endowed scholarship for $12,500, with the remaining $12,500 provided by the grant. A number of the following Newcombe scholarships at Misericordia were established through that challenge grant opportunity.

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Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarship for Mature Students

In the 2024-25 academic year, 14 non-traditional students were recipients of the six endowed scholarships. In addition, there were 23 Misericordia recipients of the annual Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarship for Mature Students, that has supported hundreds of non-traditional students at Misericordia since its inception in 1987.

The Founders Medal is periodically bestowed upon generous individuals and organizations who have made a philanthropic investment in Misericordia that significantly transforms the University's ability to serve its students and advance the mission of its founders and sponsors, the Sisters of Mercy. The Board of Trustees is honored to present this award to the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation, and offers appreciation to Executive Director Dr. Gianna Durso-Finley, and Associate Executive Director Lindsey G. Bohra, for their dedication to carrying out Mrs. Newcombe's philanthropic legacy.

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With Gratitude: 2024–2025 Honor Roll

Membership in one of Misericordia's donor recognition clubs offers the university an opportunity to gratefully acknowledge those whose gifts help to promote its enduring mission. Donor contributions are critical to the institution's efforts to provide a quality education, which follows in the Sisters of Mercy traditions of Mercy, Service, Justice, and Hospitality. Membership is renewable and annually based on contributions made during the fiscal year beginning July 1. Those who have made gifts during the 2024–25 fiscal year are gratefully acknowledged in this program. Gifts received after June 30, 2025 will be recognized at our next Trustee Associates program.

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