

The Hartley and Margaret Fredeen Scholarship in Co-operative Studies



The Centre is pleased to acknowledge Margaret and Hartley Fredeen's dedication to co-operative principals through the Hartley and Margaret Fredeen Scholarship in Co-operative Studies. The Fredeens always worked as a team with regard to the family and social action. Since Hartley passed away, Margaret has continued to support the causes they both valued.

The value of the scholarship recently increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000 as a result of additional donations from many of the Fredeens' relatives and

friends. Since its inception, the scholarship has been awarded eleven times to nine graduate students whose research addresses co-operative solutions to the world's most challenging problems.

Both Margaret and Hartley's roots are in southern Saskatchewan, where their respective families homesteaded in the 1900s. They lived through challenging times, made more difficult by big banks and governments that worked to entrench the power of the wealthy at the expense of everyday people. As young people, Margaret and Hartley, with their families, struggled during the Depression. The role that co-operatives played to mitigate the consequences of the Depression left a strong impression that shaped their shared values and their vision, and motivated their social activism. For Margaret and Hartley, this shared worldview formed the foundation of a relationship committed to social and economic justice.

"It is a central family value that we should contribute to the social rather than only individual well-being. We are an inherently co-operative species, and our future on this planet depends on how well we can harness this characteristic for the good of our species and the environment, not just for the profits of a few," observed Shirley Fredeen.

Margaret and Hartley and their six children are all alumna of the University of Saskatchewan.

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