## Jean Cannon Scholarship Fund

Jean Cannon was a woman with many talents and a big heart. She was passionate about conditions for women and children in the workplace and home. It was because of this that her husband Marvin "Scotty" created the Jean Cannon Scholarship at the Community Foundation of Mendocino County to honor his wife's legacy.

Jean joined the Air Force in 1959 where she met her husband, Scotty, and married September 2, 1960, in Wichita Falls, TX. Scotty and Jean owned *The Book Revue* bookstore in Ukiah 1964 to 1969. Jean loved to read and Scotty was always quick to quip, "If there was a choice between a book or food, she'd always choose a book."

Jean was a member of the Ukiah BPW (Business and Professional Women) serving as president multiple times; and received several honors in recognition for her work with and for women – one at state level. She also served in NOW, AAUW, and Ukiah Area Republican Women.

She mentored people all her adult life, sharing her life lessons with them which helped guide them through many obstacles and challenges, and doing it all with patience and love. Jean's friend Judy Ceccarelli remembers "I was new to Ukiah and she made me feel welcomed and was a mentor to me. She shared her knowledge and passions about women in history, and women's rights."

This theme of community support ran through the lives of the Cannon's. Carol Hester adds in remembering Jean, "Her passion for the 'underdog' was legendary and she worked hard to help others understand the importance of the rights for all people and how important it is to protect and help children, and women."

Now the Cannon's legacy will continue to help the wellbeing of women and children. Their scholarship will support Ukiah High school graduates who are pursuing a career in early childhood education, adult literacy and ESL, child and maternal health, affordable housing, employment counseling and assistance, and violence reduction.

Applicants should articulate a career path that will allow them to assist women and children to thrive. They also must demonstrate financial need, a passion for learning, a dedicated work ethic, leadership, and involvement in community and/or school activities. Other desired qualities include a sense of humor and the ability to "roll with the punches" of life while keeping focus on their educational goals. The first scholarships from this fund will be made in June 2018. For more information about Community Foundation of Mendocino County scholarship opportunities, visit www. communityfound.org.