

Miles of Hope Named Scholarships

Betty Benecke Scholarship

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Betty Howard Scholarship

The Betty Howard Scholarship was founded and is supported by the Benecke family. Betty Howard, 36, passed away from Inflammatory Breast Cancer in 1993 after a very brief illness. She left behind two young children, 8 and 12 years old and a large extended family who love her dearly. She was a trained nurse and had a love of medicine. Several of her family members now have careers in medicine including her daughter who is a Physician's Assistant. Betty's family honors her life with the legacy of a scholarship for a student interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

Michael Benecke Scholarship

The Michael Benecke Scholarship was founded and is supported by the Benecke family. While Mike did not pass away from breast cancer he was a strong believer in the Miles of Hope Foundation and loved his sister Betty dearly. Originally from Brooklyn, Michael moved to Pennsylvania to complete a degree in sports psychology at Penn State. Mike had a love of sports and a love of his family and friends. He was a staunch supporter of the economically disadvantaged and held education in high regard. The Michael Benecke scholarship is awarded to a student who reflects Michael Benecke's values and commitment to youth.

Dana Effron Scholarship

As one of the Co-Founders of Miles of Hope and a breast cancer survivor, Dana is honored by her family and friends to have a scholarship in her name. This scholarship is awarded to a student whose life has been affected by breast cancer.

Adele Bayer Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Adele Bayer, a great supporter of Miles of Hope with her husband, Neil, children and grandchildren. Adele was the eldest sister of Dana Effron, Miles of Hope Co-Founder. This scholarship is awarded to a student whose life has been affected by breast cancer.

Paulette Pettorossi Scholarship

This scholarship, given by the family of Paulette, honors her energy and enthusiasm as a volunteer at Miles of Hope from the foundation's inception. She is a breast cancer survivor and dedicated community activist in her hometown of Beacon, New York. This scholarship is awarded to a student whose life has been affected by breast cancer.

Lynne & Bob Kopac Scholarship

A scholarship for a Hudson Valley, college-bound, high school senior whose life has been affected by breast cancer.