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## Dolores Rigali Barrett Scholarship Launched

ST. PAUL, MN – March 2, 2006. On the one year anniversary of the passing of Dolores Rigali Barrett, her family – in partnership with Hill-Murray School – is pleased to announce the launch of a new academic scholarship in memory of Mrs. Barrett, mother of seven children, all of whom graduated from the well-respected Catholic school in Maplewood.

The Dolores Rigali Barrett Scholarship will be awarded annually to a Hill-Murray student attending high school grades 9-12. Eligibility criteria will include verified financial need; solid academic standing; Italian heritage; and a written essay describing what the applicant's Italian heritage means to them.

Dolores Barrett (born Pia Dolores Rigali in 1930) grew up with her parents, four siblings and numerous other close relatives in an Italian neighborhood of St. Paul near the State Capitol. After marrying and starting her own family, she strived to incorporate numerous Italian influences into day-to-day family life through her love of cooking, humor and story telling. In addition, she continually emphasized the importance of studying hard and receiving a good education – and made numerous sacrifices in order to help support her children's varied educational, professional and other ambitions. In addition to their Hill-Murray diplomas, all seven Barrett children have a college degree, with many earning advanced degrees.

According to Daniel M. Barrett, Dolores' husband of 44 years, "our family is very proud to help students attend Hill-Murray, and Dolores would be thrilled to be giving something back to both the Twin Cities' Italian community, and to a school that has meant so much to us. All seven of our children used their Hill-Murray education as a springboard to significant success in both college and their professional careers, and we're grateful to Hill-Murray for providing such a solid foundation." JoAnn Gelbmann, Hill-Murray's VP of Advancement, added "Hill-Murray is committed to developing creative and responsible leaders, and this scholarship will go a long way toward helping students to aim high and achieve their goals. We're so excited to partner with the Barrett family on such a worthy cause, and to help memorialize a remarkable woman in such a positive way."

Interested applicants may contact Hill-Murray School via [www.hill-murray.org](http://www.hill-murray.org) or (651) 748-2402. Those wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution to this scholarship fund may mail a check made payable to the Hill-Murray Foundation, with a note directing proceeds to the Dolores Rigali Barrett Scholarship, to Hill-Murray School, 2625 Larpenteur Avenue East, Maplewood, MN 55109.