

The Jane and Bob Haskett Fund

Miami County was first established in 1832 and the Sharp Family has been a part of the community almost since its inception. The family heritage starts back with the Bobtail Pike farm that was purchased in the 1840's and continues on today.

When Carolyn Sharp of Indianapolis made the decision to create an unrestricted endowment in the name of her sister-in-law, Jane, and Jane's husband Bob, it was to continue the good work the couple did in Peru and Miami County. Although Mrs. Sharp grew up in Ohio, she felt a bond to the community through her husband, Richard, who grew up and went to school in Peru. She always felt it was her adopted home.

Bob and Jane Haskett were involved in local government and owned Arnold's Candy Store in the city of Peru. Bob served as mayor, county and city councilman and was active in many organizations. His wife Janey was also active in politics and with the community.

Arnold's Candy Store is a hometown favorite, and was owned by the couple for over 40 years. The candy store still continues to provide goodies and delights to the locals and to those people who have left their hometown of Peru but still order treats to remind them of home. Through the Jane and Bob Haskett Fund, the community foundation and Carolyn Sharp will continue to provide Miami County with funds to meet the needs of its local charities and organizations.

Remembering your hometown with the creation of an endowment is not only important for the citizens who live there today, but also gives the donor a sense of pride and purpose when they see the local needs met by those funds. What makes it all the more "sweet" is having the legacy of the Hasketts' service to the community they loved continue on forever.