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Harvey alumni gives back

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The Harvey Alumni Association Endowment Fund that underwrites scholarships and supports programs can assist more students because of the generous contributions from alumnus and retired U.S. Army Col. Arville L. Hickerson.

Hickerson has donated more than \$500,000 to the Harvey Alumni Association.

The first gift of \$25,000 was made in 2013 to establish The Theodore A. and Barbara H. Beckwith Memorial Scholarship, honoring his 1952 Harvey classmate, college roommate, and friend.

It was initially a \$1,000 scholarship award, but

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in 2015, Hickerson contributed an additional \$25,000 to the endowment fund, enabling an increase in the Beckwith scholarship award to \$2,000, the news release states.

It also said that in 2015, he pledged \$10,000 to fund a second scholarship, The Col. Arville L. Hickerson Scholarship, and provided an additional \$40,000 for the scholarship in 2016.

Aside from forming these two instrumental scholarships, Hickerson established legacies from two annuity investments and a life insurance pol-

icy.

According to the release, the first annuity has a current value of \$103,000, the second annuity a value of \$142,000 and the life insurance policy has a value of \$185,000 that are to be added to the funds of the two scholarships he already has established. His donations to the Harvey Alumni Association total about \$530,000.

Hickerson's contributions and Harvey Alumni Association's ongoing fundraising have increased the total value of the endowment fund to about \$205,000. The fund is invested in and managed by The Cleveland Foundation, a community foundation.