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# 1870 Society Newsletter

News for 1870 Society members and friends of Syracuse University



The Fielek Syracuse Abroad-Newhouse Fund allows students to participate in study abroad experiences like this one in Florence, Italy.

## Consider making a tax-free gift through your individual retirement account!

What are the benefits of making a gift from your IRA? A gift of any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA will:

- Not be included in your taxable income. IRA transfers are not included in your gross income for federal income tax purposes. (No charitable deduction is available, however.)
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.
- Be put to work today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- Provide meaningful support to Syracuse University.



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## PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CURIOUS AND ADVENTURESOME

Opportunity is defined as a situation that makes it possible to do something you want to do. For **Henrietta "Etta" Fielek '70, G'77**, the opportunity to attend her dream school—Syracuse University—was made possible by scholarship support and financial aid. Now, she's ensuring that others have similar opportunities, especially those who are driven by the same kind of passionate curiosity that inspired her.

As a young girl, Etta showed an early interest in journalism, even reading newspaper headlines at age 4. As a teenager, she started a weekly newspaper for the town's recreation department, reporting on playground news. In high school, she was the editor of her school's newspaper and dreamed of a career in journalism. She saw the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications as the best way to achieve that dream.

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—HENRIETTA "ETTA" FIELEK '70, G'77

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# A DAY FULL OF ORANGE PRIDE

The Forever Orange campaign depends on the whole University community to be successful, and one of the most popular times to make a collective impact is during Syracuse's **Boost the 'Cuse** giving day. The sixth annual Boost the 'Cuse took place March 23, 2023, and led into National Orange Day, the University's founding day on March 24. This University-wide fundraising effort inspired alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends to make gifts of any size to their favorite school, program, scholarship fund, sports team, and more. Program elements were integrated into a Forever Orange Campaign event in Boston that evening and regional gatherings across the country.

This year's biggest highlight was a day-long live broadcast from campus, anchored from the Newhouse Studios by NFL Network's Scott Hanson '93. With special programming and guests featured on the :44 of every hour, the broadcast invited the Orange community to experience the best of Syracuse University from anywhere in the world—and alumni tuned in from as far away as New Zealand!

THANK YOU FOR BOOSTING THE  
**'CUSE**  
March 23, 2023

## PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CURIOUS AND ADVENTURESOME

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It was the late 1960s when she headed to Syracuse University. The Vietnam War, the Kent State shootings and campus unrest dominated the national news. This small town girl began to see a much bigger world with even greater opportunities to explore. So she took advantage of scholarship support once more and headed to Florence, Italy, to study abroad during the spring semester of 1969.

Those experiences as a Syracuse University student inspired Fielek. In 2020, through her estate plans, she established the Henrietta Fielek Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide financial support to first-year students at Newhouse, supporting students both now and in the future. In 2022 she also established the Fielek Syracuse Abroad-Newhouse Fund that will be used to cover program fees and other non-tuition expenses for undergraduate students in Newhouse interested in global experiences.

Dean Mark J. Lodato expresses deep gratitude for Fielek's continuing support of the Newhouse School. "Her generous contribution will help more women and other curious and adventurous students succeed at Syracuse University and achieve their personal and professional goals,"



Etta Fielek '70, G'77

Lodato says. "Etta is a shining example of the strength of the Newhouse School alumni network."

Through her philanthropy, Fielek hopes to nurture in others, especially young women and others who have an entrepreneurial spirit, that sense of adventure that her mother offered her. "I just want to make it possible for them to fulfill their own dreams," she says. "You don't have to be a mega-millionaire to support a cause, to advance education and to support young people. You just have to decide what your priorities are—and then take action."

### You can make a difference...

...in the lives of Syracuse University students—like Etta did—by including Syracuse University in your will. If you would like to learn how, please contact the Gift Planning Office at **888.352.9535** or [giftplan@syr.edu](mailto:giftplan@syr.edu) to get started.



## WHAT IS A WILL?

A will is simply a legal document that you declare the transfer of some or all of the assets held in your individual name to your beneficiaries when you pass away. It also names the executor whom you want to carry out the terms of the will and a guardian for any minor children.

### Start at the Beginning

Create a will. Through this important document, you can direct the division of your property in a way that is important to you. If you wish, you can include a gift to support Syracuse University through your will.

### Already Have a Will?

You may want to revisit your will at times of major life changes. Think of pivotal moments such as marriage, divorce, the birth of a child, the death of a beneficiary or executor, a significant purchase or inheritance and so on. Your kids probably won't need guardians named in a will after they're adults, for example, but you might still need to name guardians for disabled dependents. A rule of thumb: Review your will every two or three years to be safe.

### Make a Gift to Syracuse University

Creating a gift to Syracuse University can be as simple as a single sentence in your will. Suggested language: "I give to Syracuse University the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for \_\_\_\_\_."

### DID YOU KNOW?

**When you pass away without a will in place**, the laws of your state determine what happens to your children and your assets. Don't let this happen to you or your loved ones!

### GOOD TO KNOW!

**Be careful to store important papers where they are safe** as well as reasonably accessible; don't put your will in a bank's safe deposit box, as it may be hard to access immediately after your passing.

## The 1870 Society

Your planned gift to Syracuse University will have a strong and lasting impact on preserving the University's cherished past while securing its bright future. In addition to the many financial advantages you receive for making a life income or estate gift, your generosity will inspire other Syracuse University alumni and friends to consider making a planned gift of their own.

When you create a planned gift, you will be recognized as a member of the **Syracuse University 1870 Society**—a special group of visionary individuals who have included the University in their long-term financial and estate plans. Our members are insightful leaders who guide the way for future generations of Syracuse University students.

In order for us to properly thank you, welcome you as an 1870 Society member, and ensure we understand how you'd like Syracuse University to use your gift, please let us know of your bequest intentions. If you would like to remain anonymous, we will gladly honor your request. Simply contact us at [GiftPlan@syr.edu](mailto:GiftPlan@syr.edu) or **888.352.9535** to begin creating your legacy at Syracuse University.