



# *Lasting Legacy Award*

**Mary L. Fields**  
**Nominated by Indian River**  
**State College Foundation**

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Prior to her death, Mary L. Fields was a resident of Sewall's Point where she lived with her second husband Bill Fields for eighteen years prior to his death. As a young woman, she earned her pilot's license and was the assistant manager of an aviation field in Ohio. Mary was a member of the Martin Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Satin Leaf Circle of the Stuart Garden Club. In the 1940's she was among the founders of the Ohio Aviation Trades Association and served on its Board of Directors.

The Mary L. Fields estate gifted \$7.5 million to charity, \$5.4 million of which was given locally in Martin and St. Lucie counties to Indian River State College Foundation, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Humane Society, Council on Aging of Martin County, Treasure Coast Hospices, Martin Memorial Foundation, Historical Society of Martin County, and the YMCA of the Treasure Coast.

As a result of Mrs. Fields' gift to Indian River State College, many current and future students will receive support in the form of scholarships, caring faculty, and well-equipped facilities to enhance their educational experience. Our entire community will benefit from the addition of highly-skilled and highly-trained nursing professionals in area hospitals, medical offices, and clinics. IRSC applied for matching funds through the State of Florida which provided additional support. To date, more than 30 IRSC nursing students have received scholarship assistance through Mrs. Field's legacy. In recognition of the outstanding support of this very compassionate and caring woman, IRSC has named its health science center at the main campus the Mary L. Fields Health Science Center.