

## FRANK AND JOANNE GUMPER

### The B. Loretta Gumper VomLehn Scholarship



Joanne and Frank Gumper

#### What's the story behind your giving to Adelphi?

My (Frank's) mother came to Adelphi's Suffolk County extension campus in the 1960s as a registered nurse who wanted to complete her bachelor's degree. For many classes, she commuted almost two hours to Garden City, and persevered in her efforts with the support of her professors, colleagues, and, of course, her family. She was very proud of her degree, and we were proud of her.

#### Why did you choose to endow a scholarship?

We wanted to honor my mother's achievement and memory with a living memorial. What better way than to create a nursing scholarship in her name at Adelphi. The scholarship has given us the opportunity to become

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## THE KEANE FAMILY

### The Patricia Keane DeGeorge Memorial Scholarship

#### What's the story behind your giving to Adelphi?

Patty's years at Adelphi were, in many ways, the best years of her life. Even as she battled leukemia, she received such incredible support from her professors and fellow students. The School of Nursing really became her second family; it was also where she met Deirdre, who has remained a close family friend. Adelphi was wonderful for Patty when she needed it most, and we know that she was able to give a lot back to the school as well.

#### Why did you choose to endow a scholarship?

Everyone can use some help when it comes to paying for college, can't they? Patty received a small scholarship when she attended, and it made a big difference to her and to us. We wanted to find a meaningful way to remember her and honor her time at Adelphi. A scholarship seemed like the perfect way to help future nursing students have the same opportunities Patty did.

#### Do you have a favorite Adelphi memory?

We have very fond memories of watching her work and thrive in her studies and graduate with her peers. We have been told that she was an inspiration to her fellow students; it's easy to believe and wonderful to hear. Since we started the scholarship a few years ago, we have attended the Nursing Pinning Ceremony every spring. It's a great tradition, and it has become

involved in the School of Nursing and really see the changes that have occurred in that program.

**Do you have a favorite Adelphi memory?**

After working all day and then driving into Garden City, my mother needed her coffee. Not caring for the machine coffee, we're told that she used to bring in her 50-cup coffee maker and homemade cookies for the entire class. You might say she baked her way through Adelphi. Personally, we have really enjoyed attending the Annual Nursing Pinning Ceremony, where we present the scholarships. It's a beautiful event.

**You are both retired now. Any hobbies and interests?**

Too many to list. Frank is an avid collector—stamps, coins, minerals, fossils, and sea shells. Together, we enjoy traveling, spending time in Lake Tahoe—a favorite family destination—and boating.

**First Gift:** December 2002

**Value of Endowment:** approximately \$162,000

**Giving to:** B. Loretta Gumper VomLehn Scholarship and the Adelphi University Annual Fund.

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## *A few moments with Adelphi benefactors*

a family gathering. Last year, there were nine of us, from three generations.

**How else do you support the scholarship?**

A few years ago, Rob, with the support of our families, decided to make over our annual family golf outing. It has grown into the major fundraiser for the scholarship; we have more than 70 players who come together to share a really nice day. It's also a nice way to celebrate Patty, and gives nieces and nephews who never were able to meet her a chance to hear what a special person she was.

**First Gift:** November 2002

**Value of Endowment:** approximately \$126,000



Members of the Keane family at the Nursing Pinning Ceremony