

2 Families

40 Years of  
Community  
Philanthropy

4 Funds

## SIBLINGS MYLES ALDERMAN AND JEAN ADNOPOZ REMEMBER THEIR PARENTS AS CARING DEEPLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Their father, Abner, had a close relationship to the community through the family's furniture company, while their mother, "Nan", was a volunteer chair of the Yale-New Haven Hospital gift shop.

In 1969, the Abner A. Alderman Fund was established through gifts from family and friends as a permanent memorial to the father and husband who was known as a gentle, hardworking man. The fund's name would be amended some 30 years later to include his wife's name after her death.

"My parents' interest in and concern for others encouraged my brother and me to become actively involved in our community," says Jean. "I think our lives reflect what we've learned from them about giving back and the importance of caring about others."

Years after the Alderman family established their fund, Stanley Loewenstein set up a fund in memory of his sister, Ruth Osterweis. Loewenstein, a founder of West Virginia's Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, knew that an endowment was the best way to permanently honor the generous spirit of his sister and benefit the New Haven community she grew to love.

## Elders give children lesson of philanthropy, children take the lead in community activism

"My mother devoted countless hours to volunteering at several non-profit organizations in New Haven," recalls Nancy Osterweis Alderman, who is married to Myles Alderman. "She was a wonderful listener who always had time for others. My father was equally generous in sharing his time and talents not only with his Yale students and their college organizations but also with a number of New Haven non-profits, including the New Haven Historical Society and New Haven Preservation Trust."

The unrestricted funds created by the Alderman and Osterweis families are flexible vehicles that support a broad range of charitable programs each year.

### AN ONGOING STORY OF GENEROSITY

Continuing the family pattern of philanthropy, Myles, Jean and Nancy have all volunteered for Foundation-related projects and are working to improve our human and natural resources.

After many years in the family business, Myles joined the development staff of The Nature Conservancy of Connecticut. He is a former member of The Foundation's finance and development committees and a founding member of New Haven's Urban Resources Initiative Inc. (URI). URI is a non-profit that collaborates with local New Haven community groups, residents and The Foundation to

## GIVING HOPE

How a \$10,000 Fund Grows Over 50 Years.

In just 50 years, a \$10,000 endowed fund will increase to \$70,575 in principal. Over the same period of time it would give out \$80,683 in grants. This growth is possible because The Foundation achieves some of the nation's best investment returns among community foundations, year after year. See page 54 for details.

## TAKING PRIDE

How Establishing a Fund Builds a Stronger Community.

The story of the Alderman-Osterweis legacies is just one example—among hundreds—of how Greater New Haven residents are realizing their personal visions and honoring loved ones. Through endowments, your vision can live far beyond today to make positive, sustainable change in your community. Your page in history awaits you. See page 6 for Funds list.

**\$17,827**

Combined gifts that established the Abner A. & Hannah S. Alderman and Ruth L. Osterweis Funds

**\$153,737**

Combined value of endowed funds 40 years later with additional gifts

**\$109,746**

Combined amount given to community over 40 years

LEFT TO RIGHT: *Abner A. Alderman,*  
*Hannah S. Alderman,*  
*Ruth Loewenstein Osterweis*



replant, restore, and reclaim the urban environment. He continues to serve on URI's board and consults for environmental agencies.

Jean Adnopoż has had a long-term interest in children and families and the health and social systems that support them. She is the former chair of the Special Commission on Infant and Child Health—a Foundation and City-driven effort in the 80s to reduce New Haven's high infant mortality rate. Today, she is a clinical professor at the Yale Child Study Center and coordinates family programs that deliver support services to vulnerable children, some with serious emotional disturbances, and their families.

Nancy's work concentrates on environmental issues. While president (1983–1986) of the Connecticut Fund for the Environment (CFE), she helped bring a lawsuit against the UpJohn Company in North Haven that had for years created both air and water pollution in that town. A settlement led to The Quinnipiac River Fund at The Foundation which annually distributes grants to keep the River clean.

Following CFE, Nancy founded and is now president of Environment and Human Health Inc. (EHHI), which tries to protect human health from environmental harms through research, education and promotion of sound public policy. EHHI receives some of its funding through an "organization endowment" of the same name at The Foundation, set up by a fellow environmental advocate.

## The Alderman-Osterweis Family

2 families, 4 funds... together, they and their friends have given 40 years (and counting) of community philanthropy to Greater New Haven.

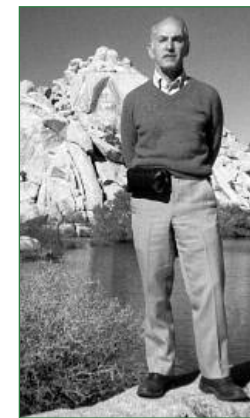
### 1885

Morris H. Alderman opened the M.H. Alderman Company furniture store in New Haven. His son Abner and grandson Myles succeeded him in the business. Abner graduated NYU Law School at age 19 but took over the family store when his father died.



### 1953

Rollin G. Osterweis, husband to Ruth Osterweis and Yale professor, committed New Haven's history to paper in *Three Centuries of New Haven 1638–1938*. The book is considered to be the only comprehensive document of New Haven's earliest history. Rollin volunteered at the New Haven Historical Society and New Haven Preservation Trust among other organizations.

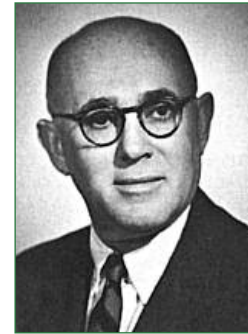


### 1983

Stanley Loewenstein set up a fund in memory of his sister, Ruth Osterweis, who volunteered at the Visiting Nurse Association among other New Haven organizations. As the founder of West Virginia's Greater Kanawha Valley community foundation, he knew that an endowment was the best way to permanently honor his sister's generous spirit and take care of the New Haven community that she loved.

### 1962

Max Schwartz—Abner Alderman's brother-in-law—sat on The Foundation's Distribution Committee from '62–'69. He played an important part in the Alderman family's decision to create a memorial fund. "My family was well aware of The Foundation's role in the community and that's why we chose to set up a fund (in memory of our father). We knew that it would be husbanded well," says Abner's daughter, Jean Alderman Adnopoż.



### 1969

After Abner Alderman's death in 1969, his family established a fund at The Foundation to honor him. "An unrestricted fund seemed to best reflect Dad's varied interests," says son Myles, who recalls his father as, "a very gentle, kind and hard-working man."

Abner A. & Hannah S. Alderman Fund

Ruth L. Osterweis Fund

## 1986

Author and Yale Child Study Center clinical professor, Jean Alderman Adnopo, chaired the Special Commission on Infant and Child Health—a Foundation and city-driven effort to reduce the high infant mortality rate in New Haven. Its work continues with today's New Haven Healthy Start Initiative. Jean's work at Yale now focuses on family intervention programs and community support systems that ensure the safety, permanence and stability of children throughout the State.



## 1997

Nancy Osterweis Alderman founded a unique research and advocacy organization, Environment & Human Health Inc. This non-profit's mission is to protect human health from environmental harms.



## 2002

When Hannah S. Alderman died, the Alderman family memorialized her by adding her name to the Fund that was created for her husband, Abner, in 1969. "My mother was very interested in the community," says daughter Jean.

### Environment & Human Health Inc. Fund

### The Quinnipiac River Fund

## 1990

Victorious against water polluters, the Connecticut Fund for the Environment (CFE), with Nancy Osterweis Alderman as president, won a million-dollar court settlement. The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven was appointed as the steward of the money on behalf of the community and The Quinnipiac River Fund was born. Nancy continues to chair the Advisory Committee of the Fund which makes grant recommendations to The Foundation's Board.

## 1991

Myles Alderman became the first chairman of the Board of Directors for the newly created Urban Resources Initiative (URI). With him he brought an expertise in finance, administration and development as former president and CEO of his family's furniture company. URI is a "social forestry" program that mobilizes schools and neighborhoods to create healthy, safe and attractive green spaces. With support from The Foundation through the Community Greenspace program, URI's urban restoration projects have planted more than 1,000 trees. Myles continues to serve on URI's Board and consults for other environmental organizations.



## 2001

An environmental advocate created a million-dollar fund at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to support the important work of Environment & Human Health Inc. (EHHI). Nancy Alderman, president of EHHI said, "creating that endowment at The Foundation was the best stewardship of those funds."