Hill Learning Center

Established Endowment Funds

George Watts Hill Foundation

George Watts Hill established this foundation for the ongoing benefit of three organizations, including Durham Academy and Hill Learning Center. Upon his death in 1993, approximately $2 million was added to the Foundation. The annual income from the George Watts Hill Foundation is used for unrestricted operating expenses. The foundation is an irrevocable charitable trust.

The Hill Center Endowment

George Watts Hill established The Hill Center Endowment with a bequest of approximately $2 million. Income generated from this fund supports Hill Center operations.

The Margaret Holt McLean Fund

Created in 2004 through a gift from the estate of Margaret Holt Brown in honor of Margaret Holt McLean, her granddaughter and former Hill student, and Margaret Holt’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas I. McLean. Income generated from this fund provides general operating support.

The Waynell Morris Fund

The Waynell Morris Fund, in honor of mothers who advocate for their children, was created in 2016 by Hill alumni mother Waynell Morris. Funds are directed toward the operations of Hill’s student programs, especially in supporting and providing convening opportunities for current and former Hill parents.

The Fields Family Fund

This fund, established in 2017, is a consolidation of the Fields Family Financial Aid Endowment, established in 2013, and The Hill Center Teacher Development for North Carolina Teachers Endowment, established in 2013. The new combined fund is dedicated to supporting Hill’s
highest operating priorities, including student financial aid, professional development scholarship, and research and curriculum development.

**Student Financial Aid Funds**

- *Glaxo Student Scholarship Fund, est. 1989*
- *Kirby-Horton Scholarship Fund, est. 2004*
- *Timothy N. Whiting Student Scholarship Fund, est. 2000*
  This fund was established by Tim’s parents, Trish and Holt Whiting, upon his untimely death in November 2000. Tim attended Hill’s School Year Program from 1991 to 1993 and remained an enthusiastic advocate for the program. Contributions in Tim’s memory to this scholarship endowment enable other students to attend Hill Learning Center.
- *The Buck Family Scholarship Fund, est. 2002* in honor of Rebecca and Jonathan Buck
- *Anonymous Fund, est. 2002* in support of students of color
- *Anonymous Fund, est. 2005* in support of student financial aid
- *The Hill Center Student Financial Aid Endowment, est. 2005* by The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation
- *The Bruce J. Heim Financial Aid Endowment, est. 2005*
- *Peyton Brooks Strickland Memorial Scholarship Fund, est. 2006*
  This fund was established by Peyton’s parents, Don and Kathy Strickland, to create an ongoing recognition of Peyton's life and his experiences in Hill’s School Year Program. Contributions to this scholarship endowment enable other students to attend Hill Learning Center.
- *The Frances Moschler Heard Student Financial Aid Fund, est. 2016.*
  This fund was given by family in friends to honor the memory of Mrs. Frances Moschler Heard, Hill Alumni Parent of William Heard who attended Hill from 2000-2005. Contributions to this endowment support other students attending Hill Learning Center.

**Faculty Development Funds**

*Kirby-Horton Faculty Development Fund*

In December 2001, the F.M. Kirby Foundation challenged Hill to raise $400,000 in order to claim a $100,000 gift from the Foundation. Upon the completion of this catalytic challenge in June 2003, this fund was established. The interest income from this fund is used to support long-term growth of faculty salaries, curriculum development grants, professional development opportunities and incentives for faculty. The following funds were established in response to The Kirby Challenge:
• Adcock Family Fund, in honor of all Hill Center students
• Phillips & Huskins Fund, in honor of Lee’s family
• W. Hutchins and Katherine M. Johnson Family Fund
• The Sam Maslansky Fund, in honor of their son, Sam Maslansky
• Peters Family Fund
• Russell Family Fund
• The Helen Croom Yongue/Martin Crosby Yongue Endowment Fund
• Thomas Family Fund, est. 2003

Professional Development and Outreach Program Funds

Lucy T. Davis Professional Development Fund

Lucy Tolbert Davis was a founding advisor, long-time administrative mentor and personal friend to Hill. After her death in February 2001, friends established this Fund to pay tribute to her legacy as a Hill leader and pioneering advocate for students, families, and educators. Income is used to provide scholarships for public school teachers to attend Hill Center workshops.

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