

Kent & Carol Charley Scholarship

Type: Yearly award

Amount: \$500

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2005

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) student, minimum 3.0 GPA

Kent and Carol Charley's lives changed in 1999 when Kent suffered a heart attack. He was forced to retire from his 33-year job at Qwest in Waterloo. Over the next two years, he would be in and out of the hospital for various treatments, including one stretch of 30 days. In fact, during one year alone, the couple put 3,000 miles on their car just driving from their acreage south of Dunkerton to Allen Hospital.

The Charley's say their ordeal was made easier by the care they received at Allen. They developed close relationships with the staff. They were comforted by the caring hands and words of the doctors and nurses. So impressed was Kent with the level of care he received, he decided to give back to Allen. Now he volunteers once a week as a patient escort at the hospital.

Kent and Carol have also provided for a scholarship to help students who someday want to provide the kind of first-rate care Kent received during his ordeal.