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ABOUT THE DONORS

" ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

John Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural Address

It was February 1963 when Leonard Kamp received a telegram that would change his life forever. He had been selected for the University of Hawai'i's North Borneo II Peace Corps training program on the Big Island. Like most people on the East Coast, he didn't have a clue about what or where Borneo was but it was clear that Hawai'i had to be better than the current weather outside his home in Rochester, NY: -10 degrees with 4' of wind whipped snow. Thus began a 53 year love affair with the University and the State of Hawai'i.

After two years of constructing roads and airports across North Borneo (it is now the state of Sabah in Malaysia), Leonard returned to Hawai'i and earned his BS in Civil Engineering at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in 1967. He met and married Rebecca Kwai Hin Hung during their employment at Hawaiian Dredging & Construction (a Dillingham subsidiary at the time). Ten years later he was fortunate enough to get the company's support to become a graduate of the University's first executive MBA program (EMBA1) in 1979. After two years in Singapore as Dillingham's Vice President of South East Asia, the Kamps returned home in 1985 and purchased a specialty subcontracting company. Timing was good and they developed it into a major niche player in Hawai'i's construction market. In 1995, they honored their commitment to a key employee, sold it to him, and retired.

In 2003, the Kamps became aware of Jay Shidler's offer to match scholarship contributions to the College of Business dollar for dollar so they donated \$25,000 to set up an endowed scholarship in their name. This led to more personal interaction with faculty, staff, and student recipients which they found to be very informative and rewarding. In 2008, after updating their estate plan, they signed an Agreement to fund two more scholarships at UH out of their estate: one in Civil Engineering and another to fund up to 50% tuition of an Executive MBA program. (Leonard received a BSCE degree in 1967 and an EMBA degree in 1979.)

Rebecca passed away quite unexpectedly in 2013 from lung cancer. In 2016, Leonard donated a condominium they had owned for many years to fully fund the Civil Engineering scholarship commitment. It is his intent to fulfill the second half of their commitment by funding the EMBA scholarship during his lifetime.