“As an adult [pursuing] a second career…my years at Western have been the brightest, happiest, and most rewarding of my life.”
Jerry House, September 2003

You, my friend,
have impacted the world
by the actions
and philosophy
you have set into motion

Your intellect
inspired
Your humor and playfulness
delighted
Your honesty
reassured
Your trademark persistence
demonstrated the value of focus
and staying true to your dreams
in spite of obstacles

All that you have put into motion
will be carried on
by people
who were inspired
and loved
by you

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in honor of Jerry House

Jerry House Human Services Scholarship

This scholarship honors former student Jerry “Jim” House, who graduated from the Human Services Program with a baccalaureate degree in 2002. Jerry was close to completing his Master of Arts in Vocational Rehabilitation, also at Western’s Woodring College of Education, when he passed away in June 2004. Shortly before his death, Jerry received the WWU 2004 Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of his tireless efforts to endow this scholarship.

Jerry began exploring the viability of creating a scholarship fund during summer quarter 2000 in the Program Funding and Grant Writing course (HSP 484). The effort gained momentum through his active involvement in the Silent Auction at the Human Services Reunion.

In December 2000, with approval from former Woodring College Dean Marvin Klein, and in conjunction with The Western Foundation, the Human Services Department faculty, staff, and students established and contributed to the Human Services Scholarship fund.

The name was changed to the Jerry House Human Services Scholarship in his honor shortly after his death. Western’s President Karen Morse announced the endowment of the scholarship when he received the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Jerry was also Chapter President of the Student Rehabilitation Counseling Association (SRCA).

Woodring College of Education is grateful to Richard Tucker for initiating the first $500 memorial award in Spring 2005 and for his on-going support.