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MARGARET SHORT

“Waterloo Leisure Services - Margaret Short Memorial Scholarship Fund”

To Margaret Short and her late husband, Roy, the community and its people were very important. This was apparent by her involvement in many local activities and organizations. During her life Margaret willingly served more than 30 years on the Waterloo Recreation Commission. This included two terms as president of the organization. Margaret was also instrumental in organizing the Goodwill Industries and also served on its board of directors for many years. Margaret’s other community involvements included serving one year as president of the Quota Club and two years as president of the Waterloo Business and Professional Women’s Club. She was also very active in the Waterloo Civic Foundation (Community Foundation of Waterloo/Cedar Falls and Northeast Iowa) and was involved with many other community organizations. In 1955 Margaret was bestowed the honor of being named “Waterloo Women of the Year!”

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Margaret was employed 41 years by the Chicago, Great Western Railroad, retiring in 1951 as chief clerk in the traffic department. After her retirement Margaret founded Short’s Travel Service.

Following Margaret’s death in October, 1970, her interest in the community continued. The Waterloo Civic Foundation (Community Foundation) received a gift from her and her late husband’s (Roy died in April, 1969) estate. Because she was interested in expanding recreational opportunities for youth in this area, this scholarship fund is available to students of all ages, to enable those students with strong

specialized interests in the areas of art, crafts, dance, drama, music, sports and hobbies with the opportunity to expand their talents. These students can be assisted to pursue their interests of greater depth as a group or as individuals.