



The Stephen R. Lewis, M.D. Legacy Fund for Reading Legacies

Dr. Stephen R. Lewis, M.D., the husband of Cheryl Lewis, one of the founding board members of Reading Legacies, died September 21, 2010 after battling kidney cancer for more than a year. We are deeply honored that Cheryl has chosen Reading Legacies to be the beneficiary of any gifts in his memory. Following discussions with Cheryl and her family, the Reading Legacies Board of Trustees decided to honor Steve's life and carry on his legacy by directing all donations made in his memory into the Stephen R. Lewis, M.D. Legacy Fund for Reading Legacies which will provide ongoing support for the position of the President of Reading Legacies.

Whether it was as a child exploring the adventures of Treasure Island or as a medical professional seeking to remain abreast of current events....the life of Dr. Stephen Lewis was exemplified by a sincere appreciation for, and the benefits gained from, reading. In addition to his own love for reading, Steve's personal life included a devoted marriage of 15 years to Cheryl Carter Lewis. Cheryl's parents, Dr. Charles and Margaret Carter, and her brother, Terry Carter, embraced Steve as one of their own family. Professionally, his career included serving as a practicing physician, hospital consultant, world-wide lecturer and Chief Medical Officer for CareFusion. The fact that he is well thought of is no surprise as he lived life with a respect and love for others as well as with a desire to help them achieve their personal best.

His personal belief in the value of reading is evidenced by his own words...."the most important thing one can do for children is to read to them every day. It is more important than any school we can send them to or any other developmental need we can provide for them....beyond food clothing and shelter, I suppose!" The Stephen R. Lewis, M.D., Presidential Chair was established by Reading Legacies in April of 2011 to honor Steve's life and legacy through the perpetuation of his belief in the importance of this experience for all children.

This is how the name will appear on every piece of letterhead and any other materials in conjunction with the position of the President of Reading Legacies:

Betty J. Mohlenbrock, M.Ed., Founder and President
Stephen R. Lewis, M.D. Presidential Chair