Anne Capestrain grew up learning about the importance of giving back to your community. It is a lesson she hopes to pass down to her family’s next generation while acknowledging those who imparted the lesson to her.

In that effort, Anne and Ray Capestrain established the **Capestrain Tracy Family Fund** through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln.

The fund was established in the memory of Capestrain’s father, Robert F. Tracy who passed away in March. Many years ago Robert and his wife Dorothy established the Tracy Family Foundation in Mt. Sterling.

“My parents are good philanthropic people in our own community in Mt. Sterling. My father recently passed away and this was in his memory,” Capestrain said. “I think they raised us to think about others and giving back to the community, which my parents have always done.”

The Capestrains are counting on the philanthropic legacy to continue with their four children, Katy, Jenny, Julia and Tim, who range in age from 22 to 16.

“Through this we will be teaching our kids this is a family tradition, a family obligation. If you have the ability to do something for others, you should.” Capestrain said.

Capestrain hopes that the message spreads beyond her immediate family. She has 10 siblings and 37 nieces and nephews. Many of the younger generation are reaching young adulthood and the timing was excellent for bringing that generation into the decision-making process.

“This is a great time to imprint this on their brain that this is what you’re supposed to do,” Capestrain said.

The fund will likely focus on families and children. Anne, Ray and the children will serve as the board. The plan is to select a grant at the end of each year from those not selected by other funds affiliated with the Community Foundation.

Capestrain began formulating plans for her own family’s fund while serving on the board of directors for the Tracy Family Foundation. She researched aspects of donor-advised funds and became confident in the ability of the Community Foundation to help solidify the plan.

“I’ve done a lot of research and educating myself,” Capestrain said. “I feel a lot more confident and I understand about donor advised funds.”