Judy and Harvey B. Stephens knew they wanted to do something to honor their daughter, Wini Stephens. “It was a no-brainer,” Harvey B. Stephens said. The idea was the establishment of the **Wini Stephens Memorial Fund** through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln.

The Fund is named in memory of Wini Stephens, a special daughter of the couple who passed away at the age of 44. She will long be remembered by friends and family, and this Fund serves as a tribute to her life.

Wini resided at Murray Developmental Center in Centralia, Illinois for 31 of her 44 years. At the time of her death in 2006, a scholarship fund was created at the Community Foundation to assist employees of Murray in continuing their education. "We were very pleased with the care," Judy Stephens said. "It's a lot of hard working people. A lot of them are working at improving their education. It was a way to give thanks for the work they did.” For years, multiple scholarships were awarded until the funds were depleted.

To continue Wini’s memory, the donor-advised fund was established. The purpose of the fund is to enhance the quality of life in Springfield and nearby areas through education and the arts. Grants from the Fund are generally made to charities which the Stephens’ have supported throughout their lifetimes.