



National Inventors
Hall of Fame®

Endowment
Fund

EVERY CHILD CAN INVENT

**YOU CAN GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO
FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS**

Since 1990, National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF) education programs have made a profound impact for more than 2 million children across the country with opportunities to grow the Innovation Mindset™. Over the past five years, more than 370,000 children participating in NIHF programs could not have attended without financial assistance.

NIHF works to ensure all children have access to quality invention education programs, especially those in need of financial support and groups who are underrepresented in STEM fields. Together, we can add \$1 million to the NIHF Children's Education Fund by 2025 and continue providing these children with access to impactful experiences.

Your NIHF endowment gift ensures scholarships will remain available to the many young innovators who need them for years to come. Every child has the ability to invent. It's up to us to give them the opportunity.



NIHF Inductee Eric R. Fossum and his wife Su established The Fossum Family Endowment Fund in 2017 to give children in New Hampshire access to NIHF education programs.



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We wanted to give back and help NIHF promote the process of inventing and creating for children.

When you visit a Camp Invention® program, you immediately notice the collaborative, hands-on environment that it provides. As an inventor, I see the importance of encouraging that youthful curiosity and interaction. My support does that!

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—NIHF Inductee Eric R. Fossum

HELP THE NEXT GENERATION REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH EQUITABLE, CONFIDENCE-BOOSTING PROGRAMS WHEN YOU CONTRIBUTE IN ONE OF THREE WAYS:

- Make a direct donation to the NIHF Children's Education Fund
- Direct your gift to one of our named endowments
- Establish your own named endowment to build a lasting legacy

To learn more about ways to make an impact with your endowment gift, reach out to Hannah Paulin at 330-849-6874 or HPaulin@invent.org.

Support the Next Generation of Creators, Innovators and Entrepreneurs

To unlock children's potential and cultivate our nation's creative edge, you can choose how you'd like to direct your endowment gift:

REACH CHILDREN NATIONWIDE

By giving an *unrestricted gift*, you allow NIHF the flexibility to provide children across the country with the full or partial scholarships they need to access programs like Camp Invention.

FUND THE AREA MOST MEANINGFUL TO YOU

By giving a *restricted gift*, you can collaborate with NIHF to ensure your gift is directed where you most want to make an impact, reaching students in states or communities that are important to you.



NIHF Inductee Spencer Silver (1941-2021) at Camp Invention. The Spencer Silver Memorial Endowment Fund provides Camp Invention scholarships to underserved children in Minnesota.

“ Spencer was honored to be a NIHF Inductee and actively supported inspiring emerging creators through NIHF education programs. As well as being a scientist, he was an artist who constantly explored new styles and forms of painting and believed that creativity arose from bringing together art and science.

When he died in May 2021, he left a large collection of his paintings, reflecting a 40-year avocation. Our family decided that raising money for Camp Invention would be a good way to honor Spence and get his art out into the world. Following two successful studio shows, enough funds were raised to establish The Spencer Silver Memorial Endowment Fund to provide scholarships for underserved children to attend camp.



—Linda Silver

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Your Gift Will Shape the Future of STEM

It takes a community of givers to provide young innovators with equitable opportunities and resources. Your support will make a difference in many ways now and well into the future.



DIVERSITY

To solve the world's biggest challenges, we need diverse perspectives in STEM fields. Your support helps children of all backgrounds and experiences to reach their STEM dreams.



REPRESENTATION

Your endowment gift supports greater representation, ensuring that all children see themselves reflected in relatable STEM role models and believe in their own ability to pursue a future in STEM.



EXPOSURE

Children who are exposed to innovation are more likely to become innovators themselves.* Your gift can reach children who often lack such experiences, including girls, children of color and those in low-income communities.



ACCESSIBILITY

By making invention education accessible to more children, you are providing them with opportunities that can transform their world — and prepare them to change ours.



INNOVATION

Research tells us that if children from underrepresented groups were to invent at the same rate as white men from high-income families, the rate of innovation in our country would quadruple. Your gift contributes to making this a reality.

MAKE AN IMPACT



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*Bell, A., Chetty, R., Jaravel, X., Petkova, N., & Reenen, J. V. (2018). Who Becomes an Inventor in America? The Importance of Exposure to Innovation. Opportunity Insights. https://opportunityinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/patents_paper.pdf

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