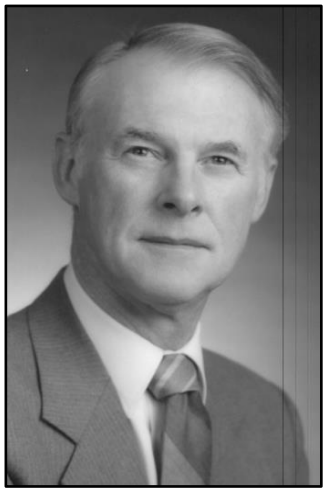

William J. Short Scholarship
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

In 2000, when Bill Short retired after 25 years leading the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, his colleagues created this scholarship fund through individual donations. It is awarded to graduating high school seniors from the Chamber's 23-town region who have been actively involved in their school or community and plan to pursue a career in business, law or public service.

Under Bill's leadership, the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce became the largest Chamber in New England. The city completed several large development projects during his era, including the convention center, the Massachusetts Biotechnology Research Park and Airport Industrial Park.

Bill is remembered for his humility and kindness along with his many civic achievements. Members of the Chamber's Board described Bill as "a leader who always made the people working around him feel important and appreciated." Those who knew and worked with Bill showed their admiration by contributing to this scholarship in his honor.

Bill died in 2005 at the age of 69, leaving his wife, Janet, three children and five grandchildren. His spirit lives on in this annual legacy that supports new generations of leaders who show the promise of contributing to the social and economic improvement of their regions.

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