



## **Chris Heller Memorial Fund**

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Chris Heller lived much of his long life in Hasbrouck Heights giving his time, talents and money to his fellow citizens. Because of his life here, Hasbrouck Heights is a better place for the rest of us to live.

As manager of Peoples Trust Bank (now Fleet Bank) he not only managed honestly and carefully, he used his position to help people solve problems, guide them through difficulties and buy homes when they weren't sure they could. He personally financed the building of the Polifly/Observer House on Hamilton Avenue and, with the help of the Observer, publicized stages of the process each week to convince young people that they could buy a house. He helped the first owners to buy the Polifly/Observer house even though they lacked the first down payment. He believed in families and the American dream of home ownership.

He was an excellent photographer. He took photos of gardens and any and all events in town and made colored slide shows of them which he presented, free of charge, to any organization that requested them. He started and participated in the Camera Club which existed for many years.

He was active in his church in many capacities, especially as financial advisor. He took pictures of all baptized there and gave the framed prints to their families.

He was an active idea man in the Lions Club. He helped start the Student Loan Fund which exists to this day. He loaned his home for several groups, especially the Girl Scout and Youth Groups. He believed in young people and he was a loyal friend; and the list goes on.

This scholarship is a fitting way to honor the name of Chris Heller and perpetuate his memory. If you are a senior student who has already proved your habit of service at home, in the school and community, you are eligible to apply. To be chosen you must also indicate that you have chosen a vocation in which to serve not only yourself but others and that you plan to volunteer your talents freely as your way of life, all your life. In doing so, you will bring honor to yourself, your family, school, community and to the memory of Chris Heller.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

List areas of service to the school (Honor Society, Key Club, etc.)

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

List areas of service to the community (Sunday School, Scouts, etc.)

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

List areas of service to individuals  
(care of aged neighbor, care of younger children, etc.)

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is well known to me as a person of  
Name of Applicant high moral character.

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_

*On a separate sheet of paper, type in a word document, a brief statement of your future plans and goals.*