

The Campaign to Establish the

**John W. Cowden, M.D. and Patricia R. Cowden Fund
in Ophthalmology for Education and Research**



In support of its ongoing education and research efforts, especially in the area of cornea and external disease, the Department of Ophthalmology is embarking on a campaign to establish the John W. Cowden, M.D. and Patricia R. Cowden Fund in Ophthalmology for Education and Research.

Dr. Cowden joined the MU School of Medicine in 1993 as chair and professor of ophthalmology and served as chair for 20 years. He also served as residency program director and director of the Cornea Fellowship. During this time, MU's ophthalmology residency, fellowship and research programs flourished, and Mason Eye Institute East was created to expand patient outreach. Throughout his academic career, Dr. Cowden has published more than 120 papers, abstracts and book chapters, had over 30 funded research studies and trained more than 175 residents and 43 fellows. He also served as president of the Missouri Ophthalmological Society.

Patricia (Pat) Cowden is known and respected for her involvement in MU and the community. For 20 years, she has served as a docent for the MU Museum of Art and Archeology. Pat has also served as president for a number of organizations, including the University of Missouri Fortnightly Club, the Assistance League of Mid-Missouri, and the Boone County Medical Alliance.

Your gift to the John W. Cowden, M.D. and Patricia R. Cowden Fund in Ophthalmology for Education and Research will assist the Department of Ophthalmology in strengthening its education and research efforts in recognition of Dr. and Mrs. Cowden's numerous contributions.

The MU School of Medicine invites department alumni, colleagues, family and friends to participate in establishing this fund. Not only are you celebrating the work of Dr. and Mrs. Cowden, you are investing in future advances in ophthalmology at MU.

If you have questions about ways to support this fund, please contact Steven Reese, Executive Director of Advancement, at (573) 884-9728 or steven.reese@health.missouri.edu.

**To make a gift to the John W. Cowden, M.D. and Patricia R. Cowden Fund
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