May 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of the awarding of bachelor’s degrees to women at UW-Madison. Throughout 2019, we will commemorate the contributions of women and the achievements of our alumnae, and reflect on the ways that UW-Madison can be a better place for women to learn, grow, and thrive. During this year, we will also initiate the In Her Honor giving fund.

What is In Her Honor? In Her Honor will celebrate lives marked by scholarly achievement and public legacy, as well as extraordinary lives devoted to family and community. The program will send both personal and public messages of remembrance and gratitude while inspiring present-day students with these impact stories.

How can I honor a woman in my life? UW-Madison students, parents, and alumni, as well as current and former faculty and staff, may honor a woman in their life. All women are eligible to be honored, and the process to do so is simple! First, please make your gift and designation here. Second, please share the story of your honoree here. These stories will be archived and you will hear from the In Her Honor program before they are ready to be shared with the UW-Madison community.

How will she be remembered? In Her Honor designations received prior to May 17, 2019, will be celebrated on an inaugural “Honor Roll” placed in the Memorial Union on or before June 30th. We will continue to accept nominations after this date and the honor roll will be updated annually.

How will my gift to the In Her Honor Chancellor’s Fund be used? In Her Honor gifts will be used at the Chancellor’s discretion for campus programs that promote gender equity, make life better for women, and make the world better for all.