



Dr. Vaun and Mary Floyd, have committed their time to numerous organizations and charities. Dr. and Mrs. Floyd both graduated from Columbia University in New York City in 1943, where he earned his medical degree and she earned a bachelors degree in nursing.

Since moving to New Mexico in 1958, they have been committed community activists through their leadership, volunteer service, and financial support with various organizations including the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, United Way of Albuquerque, and the Rotary Club.

“I’ve done volunteer work my whole life,” Mary says. “I was brought up to know that

you’re supposed to help other people.” They have raised five children and, after losing their oldest daughter, Nancy, to breast cancer in 1989, they directed their efforts, toward raising funds to educate the public on breast cancer. In 1991, the first Nancy Floyd Haworth Memorial Cancer Lectureship Luncheon was held.

“We’re both very oriented toward medicine and education,” Mary says. “It’s important to keep up with medicine and help people who wouldn’t otherwise be able to obtain information or services.” Funds raised through the Floyds’ efforts have been used to provide breast cancer education, free mammography and information on family support systems. The Floyds have also furthered their educational mission by creating the Nancy Floyd Haworth Foundation Breast Cancer Library Project, which provides more than 20 libraries in New Mexico with the latest information on breast cancer diagnosis, treatment and support systems.