

# **SUSAN AND TIM DUERKSEN**

## **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*This \$500 scholarship, payable over two semesters, will be awarded annually in memory of Susan and Tim Duerksen, both graduates of Buhler High School and the second generation of a long-time Buhler family to attend BHS. Susan Duerksen, a 1967 graduate, was born with cerebral palsy and worked hard throughout her life to overcome her handicap. Confined to a wheelchair, she was one of the first of her generation to be mainstreamed in school with her peers, and after graduating from BHS, received her Master's Degree in vocational counseling from Kansas State College at Emporia. She served as an inspiration to her clients at her vocational rehabilitation-counseling job for many years with the State of Kansas and to her friends and family as she met her challenges with determination and a big smile. Her brother Tim graduated from BHS in 1962 where he excelled in music, winning many awards at state music festivals. He was awarded a full music scholarship at Wichita State University, where he graduated with a Master's Degree in music. Tim taught at the high school and college levels and played professionally at the Milwaukee Conservatory of Music and with the Washington Ballet.*

*The recipient is required to send a letter to the donor detailing their career choice and thanking them for the scholarship.*

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Selection Criteria**

- *A current BHS senior who has excelled academically and in extracurricular activities such as music and community service and plans to major during college in music, sociology/social services, or teaching/education.*
- *Students with a physical handicap will be given special consideration and preference.*
- *Overall minimum 3.0 (B) grade point.*
- *Financial need will be a consideration but not a deciding factor.*

### **Application Process**

*Return the application materials to the Buhler High School Guidance Office by April 1.*

- *A resume that includes at a minimum the applicant's school and community activities and honors and GPA.*
- *One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or college professor addressing the applicant's potential in the applicant's chosen field of study.*
- *A 250-word essay explaining why the applicant believes he/she meets the selection criteria.*