The Wilmot Family

Leaders, Friends, Philanthropists

The descendants of James P. Wilmot take pride in continuing his vision to expand the frontiers of cancer research and treatment.

James P. Wilmot used his business savvy to build a multimillion-dollar company and used his wealth to build a better community. Shortly before his death from a brain tumor in 1980, he set up a major foundation to advance cancer research at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

The James P. Wilmot Foundation has funded more than 100 Wilmot Fellows, talented physicians and scientists who have had a profound impact on the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer.

Mr. Wilmot’s children—William, Thomas, and Judy—and extended family continue to support cancer research. As they honor the memories of their father and mother, Lorette, their late brother, James, and most recently William’s grandson, Crosby Wilmot, who all also died of cancer, they bring hope and healing to new generations of patients.

It will take vision. In 1920, far-sighted philanthropists like George Eastman helped make the Medical Center a reality. Today, those who respond to The Meliora Challenge will help us turn ideas into substance and deliver on our promise to make the world ever better through medicine.