

# Donor Showcase

## A Good Example Will Make Others Follow

In 1949 Laura's Ullman's grandparents and father emigrated from Holland to New York City after surviving the holocaust. As Laura was growing up, she and her family lived in both New York and the Netherlands. Laura's mother had attended the University of Michigan as an undergraduate and brought Laura and her siblings to campus for visits. Laura, who had attended a large high school, wanted to attend a college with a large student population as well. Thus U-M was a natural fit. She lived in Alice Lloyd Hall, and participated in the Pilot Program, which arranged courses through her dorm.

In her junior year, Laura took a Dutch language course to explore her family's heritage. She recalls that the atmosphere of the class was inviting, informal, and had less than 10 students. She was surprised to discover other students' reasons for enrolling in the course. The most memorable was a Divinity student who wished to learn Dutch so

that he could read original church transcripts. Two of her classmates were heritage speakers and had also spent time in the Netherlands. Although Laura felt she wasn't particularly good at learning the language, the atmosphere, diversity, and involvement of her classmates left an indelible impression on her.

When Laura Ullman Schwartz considered becoming a donor, she wanted to help develop courses for students to explore and learn. The Anne Frank course is a perfect setting. Laura knows that the legacy of Anne Frank continues to be relevant and important, and is glad to help promote tolerance. Today, Laura is an investment fund manager in New York City, and interacts with people from many different cultures and belief systems. She and her husband are proud sponsors of the Anne Frank Fund.

For more information on the Anne Frank course, please visit [www.lsa.umich.edu/german/dutch/courses](http://www.lsa.umich.edu/german/dutch/courses)

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Anne Frank's diary has been translated into 67 languages, and a documentary on her life, *Anne Frank Remembered*, won an Oscar in 1996.



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where to pursue their studies. We know that attracting these students is critical to the vibrancy of the Department and the future of German studies; you can make a difference.

The Challenge will run from September 1, 2007, and continue until \$40 million is committed in gifts or the Michigan Difference Campaign ends on December 31, 2008, whichever comes first. For this challenge, corporate matches for an employee's gift are eligible for a match if the money comes in within the designated time frame of the Challenge (\$40M raised or Dec. 31, 2008). Hence, we encourage you to make your gifts as soon as possible.

