

HERB & EDYTHE KURZ

Edythe and Herb Kurz are the major donors of the Kurz Family Foundation of Nyack, NY. Thanks to them, Rockland Community College (RCC) raised \$800,000 in two years, the largest amount from a single initiative. More importantly, they raised the community's consciousness of their need to support RCC. Additionally, their Foundation awarded over \$800,000 in 2006 to various philanthropic interests including arts, culture, children and youth.

RCC is most grateful to Edythe and Herb Kurz for their support of our students in greatest need. When Mr. & Mrs. Kurz learned that the College had lost a federal grant supporting its neediest students, they offered a \$100,000 challenge grant, resulting in over \$230,000 for students' tutoring and other much-needed help.

The following year, Edythe and Herb Kurz further evidenced their commitment and advocacy when they encouraged and mobilized the community to support the College and its students by proposing a \$250,000 challenge grant over 5 years. This will result in gifts exceeding \$570,000. By their sponsorship, Edythe and Herb Kurz facilitated significant enhancement of student support services at RCC and improved the quality of educational and other services at the College. Edythe and Herb Kurz also empowered the College to garner more partners to empower students – the best possible outcome.

As the embodiment of the principle of philanthropic empowerment, Edythe & Herb Kurz are selfless in their vision and motivation for their patronage of RCC and its students. Their desire in supporting Rockland Community College is simply to help students attain their goal of securing higher education, because, for them, helping others is “the greatest pleasure in life.”