As graduates of Glen Oak School, Mary Ann Lasch ’72, Mary Ray ’75 and Sally Koepke ’77 attribute much of who they are today to their education. When the all-girls school merged with Gilmour Academy in 1982, as a way to ensure the legacy of Glen Oak lived on, a scholarship fund was established to support junior girls who embody the Glen Oak ideals of self-enrichment, service and compassion. Lasch, Ray and Koepke have been instrumental in raising money for the Glen Oak Scholarship and selecting qualified winners.

“Gilmour has been so supportive of Glen Oak and working with us to keep this scholarship going,” Koepke said.

Glen Oak Scholarship winners understand that they are carrying on a legacy passed down from the women who have come before them. It’s this sense of connection that recipients often write about in their application essays and thank you letters.

“It’s really about connecting to other generations of women and just encouraging them and trying to provide some help and support,” Ray said. “Financially I’m sure it’s helpful, but I think it also tells them that people are behind them.”

All three women hope that both supporters of Gilmour and alumna of Glen Oak School consider supporting the scholarship. They see it as a way to help deserving young women and as a way to continue the legacy of their alma mater. The group is spearheading a fundraising effort to increase the dollar amount of the scholarship in anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the opening of Glen Oak next September. “These kids are the future, and we need to help them make a positive impact on the world,” Lasch said.

To donate to the Glen Oak Scholarship Fund, visit www.gilmour.org/glenoak.