

BARBARA WAKEFIELD ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP



The Barbara Wakefield Endowed Fellowship was created by alumni, friends and family of Barbara Wakefield to support PhD students in the Policy Center for Women and Aging at the Heller School. If an appropriate candidate is not identified in the Policy Center for Women and Aging, then a candidate should be selected from the Institute for Child, Youth and Family Policy. If no appropriate candidate is identified in these areas of the Heller School, then a candidate in any other Heller program could be selected.

Barbara Wakefield was the director of financial services and student aid at the Heller School until her death in 1996. She is described as a vibrant, outspoken woman who loved to laugh. Barbara worked for the University for 23 years. She is warmly remembered as welcoming students and staff with open arms to her home for holidays and dinner. She worked tirelessly to find funds to support students. She also frequently helped students navigate the complicated university processes. She was really a voice for the students, especially those in need of extra support.

Barbara was survived by her husband, Joel Cohen and daughter, Christine Sweeney as well as two granddaughters. They both enjoy hearing about and from the recipients of the Barbara Wakefield Endowed Fellowship.