

**APPRECIATION FOR THE VALUE OF EDUCATION  
DATES BACK TO A FAMILY TRADITION OF  
DREAMING BIG AND FULFILLING RESPONSIBILITIES.  
THE LAU/TSUI FAMILY**

The year was 1949. A young Chinese couple left China for Hong Kong under the growing specter of communism. The first of their four children was born in 1950 and the young mother's desire to send her children to college abroad grew. She and her husband, so close to completing their studies, were prevented from college graduation by war. For this family that earned just enough to get by, a college education for even one child seemed a distant dream.

When Grace Lau arrived at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire in the summer of 1969, she was well aware of her responsibility to her family. Her four-year scholarship to study biology and chemistry didn't cover room and board, nor the cost of traveling. And three siblings were in line to follow her.

Today, all of Grace's family members make their homes in the United States. The lessons she learned about hard work, academic study and managing money are paying off in Grace's professional life (she serves as CEO of PacWest Financial Management), as well as for her family.

"Education is a game changer," Grace says, when asked about her interest in helping others to achieve higher levels in education. "It is especially important for people who are economically disadvantaged." To this end, she and her husband Charles Tsui established a fund at ACF to help those who wish to advance through education. Grace has served on ACF's Board of Directors since 2000.

With her parents close by, Grace and Charles have watched their daughter Cathleen, now a mother herself, grow with generations of lessons learned to help fulfill the dreams she and her husband now have for their own son's future.

*At just four months old, young Charlie Lu will one day appreciate the values that have been passed down through four generations of Laus. His mother Cathleen Lu is an attorney who, along with her husband, Dr. Edwin Lu (not pictured), have big dreams for Charlie's future. He is surrounded (and adored!) by his grandparents, Charles Tsui and Grace Lau (center), and his great-grandparents, Florence and Tsin Ip Lau (right).*



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