

NT family digs deep to support CDU students

Territorians Mike and Cheryl Flynn have donated \$100,000 in scholarships to CDU to teach the environmentalists of tomorrow.



The Darwin-based Flynn family has gifted the scholarship money to support students of CDU's Bachelor of Environmental Research.

The family's youngest daughter, Jennifer Hawker, said the family believed that graduates of the Bachelor of Environmental Research would be in a position to make a valuable contribution to the wider world.

"As the well-being of the environment directly affects each and every individual, our family believes that environmental research is an incredibly worthy area to invest in, with benefits not only for those of us here now but also for all generations to come."

The generous donation is all about investing in the future.

"Our father raised us on the doctrine that education equals opportunities and that is exactly what he is trying to create for the recipients of our scholarships," Jennifer said.

"We're hoping that our scholarships will encourage and support students who are passionate about environmental research though may not be in a position to access the education opportunities available at CDU.

"If we can make it easier for a student like that to get through their studies, then it could just be that they go on to make a real difference to our future," she said.

The Flynn family has strong connections with CDU. Mike and Cheryl's three children Tracy, Jennifer and Wayne

each graduated from the university with qualifications in the fields of children's services, business and information technology. "Our Father was very keen to pass on the same opportunities that were made available to us as CDU graduates."

Director of Development for External Relations at CDU, Serhat Abdurazak said the university was extremely grateful to the family for making the very generous donation.

"As the university was only formed back in 2003, we are still a very young organisation so benefactors in the form of alumni are hard to come by.

"We're delighted that the Flynn family has dug so deep to donate this money to us and we're equally pleased that it is going into the field of environmental research, an area of excellence for our university," Mr Abdurazak said.

He said the donation would make a real difference to the recipients.

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Generous donors to CDU, Mike and Cheryl Flynn.

