During 2019 we will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the awarding of bachelor’s degrees to women at UW-Madison. We will be celebrating the contributions of women at UW-Madison and the achievements of our alumnae. We will also reflect on the ways that UW-Madison can be an even better place for women to learn and grow and thrive.

The In her Honor giving program will celebrate the many ways that women have impacted us — including lives marked by scholarly achievement and public legacy, as well as extraordinary lives devoted to family and community. Initiated to mark the 150th anniversary, the program will send both personal and public messages of remembrance and gratitude while inspiring present-day students with these impact stories. The first year will also feature a special 150 year commemoration display/exhibit at the Wisconsin Union honoring a cross section of women who have earned their degrees from UW-Madison and made lasting impacts in their fields and with their communities.

How can I honor a woman in my life? UW Alumni, as well as current and former faculty and staff members may honor a woman in their life. All women are eligible to be honored! To do so nominators will prepare an application that includes a short description about the nominee and the kind of impact they had, 2-3 photos (optional), full name (including maiden name), birth date, and, if a UW graduate, graduate date. If the honoree is living, contact information should also be provided so that they can receive notification. We encourage nominators to make a generous contribution to the ‘In Her Honor Fund. A Gift minimum of $150 is requested.

How will she be remembered? Honoree profiles will be posted online through the In Her Honor website and through an annual “honor roll” that might take the form of an insert in an alumni publication, a listing in area newspapers or other appropriate publication. Information about will also be available in some form (digital or yearbook) at the In Her Honor display at the Memorial Union to Union South.

How will my gift to the UW-Madison In Her Honor Chancellor’s Fund be used? In Her Honor gifts will be used for at the chancellor’s discretion for campus programs that make life better for women and make the world better for all.