



*Who*

WILL STAND UP FOR THEM?




**NANCY H. GEWIRTZ**  
MAY 3, 1945 – NOVEMBER 14, 2004

*She*  
DID.

Nancy H. Gewirtz had a passionate, life-long commitment to social and economic justice. She recognized that our economic system has inherent inequities, but believed that it is a system which can be improved to assure economic security and opportunity for all.

Nancy taught generations of social workers at Rhode Island College about the importance of political activism and worked with grassroots organizations fighting for economic support programs. But she also understood that effective advocacy for low-income Rhode Islanders must be supported by facts and figures...so The Poverty Institute at Rhode Island College was born.

AND NOW  
*we can*



“IT DOESN’T MATTER  
*whether the torch is shared,  
or the torch is passed, but  
it is VITAL that the torch  
of justice remains lit and  
burns brightly”*

— NANCY H. GEWIRTZ  
November 14, 2002

# *Continue* WHAT SHE STARTED.

The Poverty Institute assures that low-income Rhode Islanders have an informed and powerful voice in the debate over tax, budget and spending priorities. The Institute provides objective analysis, economic research, budgetary and regulatory oversight—and tough-minded advocacy based on that data.

The Poverty Institute empowers those who are most disadvantaged by arming them with the facts and promotes community participation in public policy decisions to assure that government is responsive to the needs of all its residents.

## *Monitor...Analyze...Advocate*

Nancy's vision and relentless tenacity reminded us almost daily that no one in Rhode Island should ever be forced to go to bed hungry or cold—that we as a people are better than that, and that it is within our power to assure that our prosperity is shared.



**The Poverty Institute**  
at the Rhode Island College School of Social Work

**Now it is our turn to see that Nancy's work continues, through the Nancy H. Gewirtz Fund for the Poverty Institute.**

With your support, the Nancy H. Gewirtz Fund will provide a perpetual source of annual income for the Poverty Institute. Proceeds will support the Institute's research on issues such as poverty and income security, welfare reform, health care, tax and budget equity, and workforce development. Funding will also support the analysis, production and dissemination of reports like the *Rhode Island Standard of Need*, *State of Working Rhode Island*, and *Guide to Government Assistance Programs*.

# The Nancy H. Gewirtz Fund

## FOR THE POVERTY INSTITUTE

Nancy's legacy will be manifest not only in the lives of those who have already been helped by the work of the Poverty Institute, but also in the aspirations and lives of future generations of Rhode Islanders.

The Fund is being managed by the Rhode Island Foundation, which is committed to preserving legacies like Nancy's and has a national reputation for financial performance. All gifts to the Fund are tax-deductible.



# *Because the facts matter in the fight for economic justice...*

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“SPEND A LITTLE TIME TODAY  
*thinking of Nancy Gewirtz.*

*Ask yourself what you are prepared  
to do to make Rhode Island a fairer  
and more just society. She did what she  
could and left a magnificent legacy.  
But it will mean even more if it inspires  
you to pitch in.*

— M. CHARLES BAKST

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