Wayne R. Moore (M.S., social work, 1975), an associate professor at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C., and his wife, Laura Kaufman (M.S., social work, 1975), have established an endowment in honor of Milton S. Rosner, professor emeritus of Ohio State’s College of Social Work. Moore said that Rosner is widely known by his former students, practitioners, administrators and national leaders for his intelligence, compassion and humor.

“We recognized that he provided us with a solid foundation that we drew upon as we excelled in our respective administrative, planning and teaching careers,” he said. “Dr. Rosner exemplified excellence in teaching. Furthermore, he expected excellence from us, admonished us to expect the unexpected in any work undertaken, and above all he taught us to maintain composure under any pressure.”

While Rosner taught theory, Moore remembers his emphasis on application in the classroom and his ability to challenge his students to seek out future trends. “He spoke of measuring program outcomes in the mid-1970s and it became the mantra of the 1990s,” explained Moore. “His teaching always had an international perspective, drawing upon his extensive international work. This perspective has only recently been adopted by higher education in preparing practitioners with a global perspective.”

He views his former professor as exemplifying the virtues of gravitas, civitas and veritas. First, as a clinician, administrator or planner, Rosner challenged his students to recognize the serious roles and tasks in any enterprise undertaken—gravitas. Second, civitas, he strived to build or strengthen programs and services that enhance the well-being of all citizens. Third, veritas, he is honest in all professional and personal endeavors.

“Laura and I were indeed fortunate to study under the guidance of an outstanding professor, professional and friend. We wanted to establish a scholarship to assist other students interested in policy, planning and administrative work either at the national or international level,” Moore added. “This is our way of acknowledging the outstanding life and service of Dr. Rosner to the College of Social Work and his work preparing social work administrators, policy advocates, researchers and teachers.”