In 1952, Harold Mosak, Ph.D., co-founded the Alfred Adler Institute along with his mentor Rudolf Dreikurs and colleague Bernard Shulman, M.D. Together, they were the Institute’s faculty and staff—doing everything from handling mailings to developing the curriculum and teaching the first classes. Dr. Mosak and his wife, Birdie, were instrumental in developing the Institute’s first library, recruiting students, colleagues, and friends in the effort to acquire donated books.

Through the years, Dr. Mosak went on to teach at more than 70 academic institutions around the world and earn recognition as an icon of Adlerian psychology, while continuing his work with the School he helped found. He served as a long-term board chair until 1999, overseeing the organization’s development from the Institute to the School. Until her passing, Birdie was a full partner in his commitment to scholarship, teaching, community building, and work with students.

Through their generosity, students from around the world have studied at the Adler School and spread its ideas throughout the globe—building a legacy of learning that has lasted more than six decades.

In honor of this legacy, the Adler School collaborated with Dr. Mosak and his family to establish the Campaign for the Harold and Birdie Mosak Library. The campaign launched on October 27, 2011, at a celebration of Dr. Mosak’s 90th birthday, with a dedication ceremony renaming the library at the Adler School Chicago Campus.

The five-year campaign has surpassed its first phase goal of $500,000 in gift and pledges, toward its $1 million goal to permanently name the library in honor of Dr. Mosak and his late wife, Birdie.

More than 200 donors, alumni, trustees, faculty, staff, and students joined Adler School President Raymond E. Crossman, Ph.D., and Dr. Mosak’s fellow School co-founder, Bernard Shulman, M.D., in honoring the Mosaks at this historic event.

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