**THE MAHMOD AND ISHE SHERONICK**

**FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

As one of the founding families of the Toledo Islamic community, Mahmod and Ishe Sheronick moved to Toledo from Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1945. Arriving in Cedar Rapids in 1897 from Jib Jineen, Syria, Mahmod went to work before going back home to marry. During World War II, Mahmod and Ishe both worked and raised their family of four children, Fatima, Mohammed, Ali and Ahmed. They performed their hajj together in 1955 during which time Mahmod died.

Hajji Ishe, as she was lovingly known in the Toledo community, is described as a feminist by her son, Mohammed. She was forward-thinking and donated her house to the Islamic Center after her death to be held in trust for the founding of a home for the elderly. This gift was the inception of today’s Foundation.

All of the Sheronicks’ children were dedicated to the Islamic Center community. In 2007, Fatima Sheronick Heimrich, died leaving a generous gift to the Foundation.

In honor of the Sheronick family, the Foundation of the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo has named a scholarship in the name of this extraordinary family. One $2,500 scholarship is available to a high school student entering college and is need-based.