Dexter & Ruth Cihla lived in Rhinelander, Wisconsin most of their married life. They raised two children and enjoyed their five grandchildren.

Dexter served in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired as a Major in the Army Reserves. Dexter owned Cihla & Associates Insurance until his retirement. He was an avid sportsman – he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golf.

Ruth enjoyed needlework, golfing, and bridge. They loved splitting their time between Florida in the winters and their cottage outside Rhinelander during the summers.

They both attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dexter and Ruth appreciated the value of their education and wanted to leave a legacy of scholarships for Rhinelander High School graduating seniors who had good high school grades but needed financial aid to fulfill their dreams.

The fund was established within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in 2001.