Western Michigan University announced today that its School of Medicine will be named in honor of Homer Stryker, the founder of Stryker Corp., in Kalamazoo.

Ronda E. Stryker and her husband, William D. Johnston, made the anonymous gift of more than $100 million to launch the school three years ago, the university said.

"My grandfather always focused on patient outcomes," Stryker said in a statement. "His innovation work and research was never about himself but always about the patient, better health care outcomes and better equipment for doctors. ... While he wouldn't care that the school was named after him, it is without doubt a fitting and lasting recognition to his contribution to medicine, medical research, innovative products and service to patient healthcare outcomes."

Stryker Corp. also pledged "a significant commitment" to the university to support the Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, according to the university.

The private medical school is a collaboration between WMU and Borgess Health and Bronson Healthcare.