

## **Jewelry that transcends generations can help future generations this December**

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**December 1, 2008** – If your grandparent and parent died of the same disease at approximately the same age, would you want to know if you are at risk, especially if preventive measures were available?

Medical science can now assess the risk, but the process is prohibitively expensive for most people and insurance often does not cover the test. St. John & Myers is planning an event to help more people be able to afford the medical testing they need.

On Friday, December 5, Louis and Olivia Scholz, founders of Lexington's St. John & Myers, are holding an open house from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at their antique and period jewelry salon at 4379 Harrodsburg Road in South Elkhorn Village. Ten percent of every sale generated during the event will be donated to the National Gene Test Fund. Representatives of the Fund will also be present to answer questions.

“If jewelry is in your gift-giving plans, this is a great way to make it count even more,” says Olivia Johnson Scholz, co-founder with her husband, Louis. “You can find a one-of-a-kind gift in most any price range and support the National Gene Test Fund, a non-profit organization that provides funds for genetic testing.”

The National Gene Trust Fund provides a resource to encourage discussion, action, and funding of genetic testing for people who are at high risk for genetically transmitted diseases and are willing to take preventive measures but cannot afford the prohibitive costs of such testing. The Fund was created by a family for whom genetic testing saved the lives of several family members. They now want to help other families pay for the genetic tests they may need in order to make medical decisions concerning their health, well-being, and future.

St. John & Myers is one of the preeminent antique jewelry retailers in the United States. Founders Olivia and Louis Scholz personally select each piece of estate, period and vintage jewelry, bringing it to their salon from around the world. Louis' degree from the Columbia School of Gemology and 25 years of experience combine with Olivia's in-depth historical knowledge and impeccable taste to meet the unique needs and desires of each client. Appointment-only private showings customized for each person make the selection process as memorable as the jewelry.

This event is one of many sponsored by St. John & Myers to support the community and organizations that improve life in central Kentucky. For information on future events, go to [stjohnandmyers.com](http://stjohnandmyers.com).