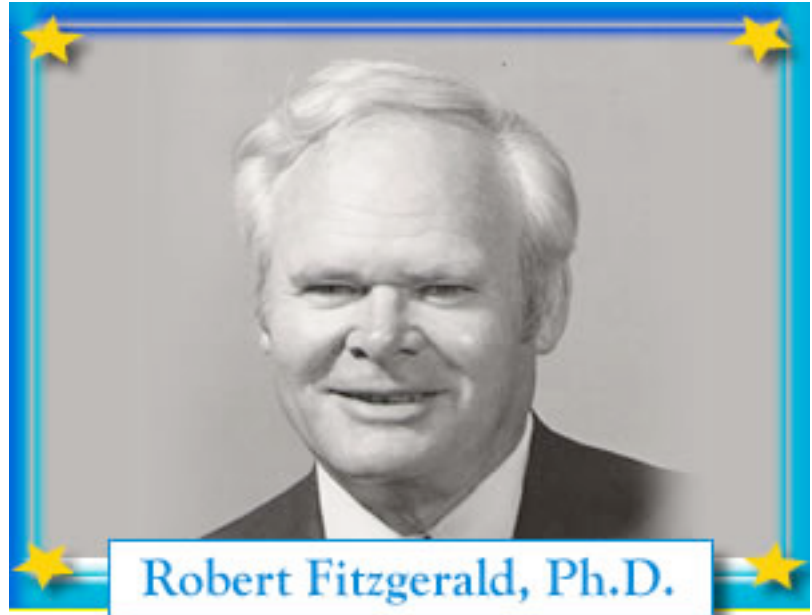


## DONOR PROFILE

The Children's Inn at NIH is deeply grateful to Robert James Fitzgerald, Ph.D., for his foresight and generosity in making a significant estate commitment to The Inn. Dr. Fitzgerald passed away in January 2007. His bequest to The Inn will be used to establish the Robert James Fitzgerald Endowment Fund, which will help support The Inn's mission and programs.



Dr. Fitzgerald was a noted research microbiologist who worked at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), at the National Institutes of Health, from 1948-1969. His groundbreaking research demonstrating that specific bacteria cause dental caries --the disease process leading to tooth decay -- began at the NIDCR and subsequently extended to additional studies involving the formation or prevention of tooth decay. These reports are considered some of the most important influences on the course of modern research on dental caries. He received numerous recognitions including: the Dental Research Prize of the International Dental Federation, the Distinguished Service Award of the National Institute of Dental Research and the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Exceptional Service Award.

Dr. Fitzgerald and his wife of 60 years, Dorothea Babbitt Fitzgerald, a research pharmacologist, shared a commitment to medical research, love of travel and a zest for life. They lived in the Washington, DC area for more than 20 years and were greatly admired by their colleagues, students and friends. In 1969, the couple moved to Miami, where Dr. Fitzgerald became Chief of the Dental Research Unit at the Miami VA Medical Center and Professor of Microbiology at the University of Miami School of Medicine. Dorothea Fitzgerald passed away in June 2006.

Dr. Fitzgerald's estate benefitted many charities and educational institutions across the country, but it was his special wish to include a bequest that would help provide "a place like home" for children being treated at NIH and their families. These types of estate gifts are extremely important to The Inn's future as they provide valuable resources for The Inn's endowment and operating budget.