Howard Bernstein started his material handling business in 1951, Atlas Lift Truck Rentals. For the past 60 years, Howard has not only expanded his enterprise to include seven companies offering diversified material handling products and services, but he has been an innovative leader in the material handling business community, through his work and leadership with the Material Handling Equipment Distributors Association.

Howard Bernstein is also passionate about education. “We have to attract young, bright minds into the industry that has been so great to me,” he says. “We need to get young people involved with material handling because it’s such an important industry. These are labor-saving devices and systems. It is equipment that industries need.”

His message for young people is that material handling is a great industry because it’s not confined to nuts and bolts. “It’s exciting,” he says. “You learn to communicate with people at all levels, not just the executive. You really learn what makes the world go round and become an expert in all industries. In doing so, you broaden your scope of understanding and truly make yourself a better, more well-rounded person.”

The Material Handling Education Foundation, Inc. is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to encouraging and supporting material handling education. The Foundation offers a variety of scholarships to students pursuing an education in material handling.

Applicants must be enrolled and majoring in an industrial distribution program or a comparable engineering curriculum at a pre-qualified institution.

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