

The Sasser Family Legacy



Doris and Robert Sasser

Investing in Avenues' Future

For decades, in a quiet and meaningful way, the Sasser family's philanthropy has made a difference at Avenues to Independence. It all began with Doris and Robert Sasser in the late 1950's, and it continues today with the next generations of Sassers who provide leadership, resources and care and concern for the people of Avenues to Independence.

In 1991, Avenues' received a transformational gift from the estate of Robert Sasser, and later another organization-changing bequest from Doris Sasser's estate. Both gifts provided the foundation for the Sasser Society. The family's commitment has inspired others, and today the Sasser Society includes dedicated individuals who have made a provision for Avenues in their estate plans.



"The Sasser Society is very important to us because Avenues is focused on its lifetime commitment to its participants. We want to make that commitment to them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, throughout their lives."

- Fred Sasser, Doris and Robert's son and Avenues Board member

Membership

Members of the Sasser Society have notified us in writing that they have made a provision in their estate plans to benefit the people of Avenues to Independence.

There are a number of ways in which this can be done, and a few are listed below.

- A bequest.
- Participation in a Life Income Program, a Charitable Trust or a Charitable Gift Annuity.
- Designation of Avenues to Independence in a life insurance policy or a retirement plan.
- Gift of real estate or other appreciated assets.

Please know, Avenues is grateful for planned gifts of any size and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss other options.

Sasser Society members tell us that the greatest benefit they derive from membership is the satisfaction of knowing their generosity and future planning will continue to provide independence and dignity for the people Avenues serves.



Jeff learns computer skills at the Center for Independence.



Connie has a job at the Avenues to Independence Thrift Shoppe.

Sasser Society members say—



Avenues Board Member Al Bartel and Lorie Bartel

"We've been inspired by the clients... One of the really unique things about Avenues is that the clients live in the community, they work in the community, they pay taxes in the community and they build friendships and relationships in the community. There's really something special about that."

-Al Bartel

"There is a stipulation in our will for our daughter Nora, but there's also a stipulation that money be given to Avenues, because we cannot in any way, shape or form thank the people at Avenues enough for what they have done. After we are gone, as a part of the Sasser Society, we will be able to continue to give to Avenues."

-Mary Prindiville



Mary, Nora and Mike Prindiville



Cathy McCarthy, the Debicki sisters' niece, with Avenues CEO Robert Okazaki



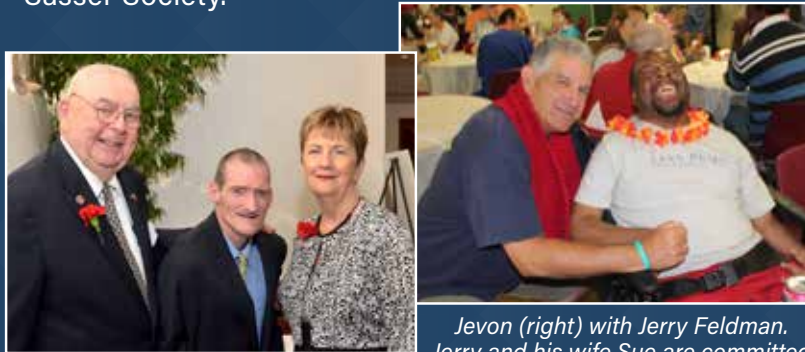
Jeanette and Wanda Debicki

"Jeanette and Wanda Debicki believed in giving, so much so that they created the Debicki Foundation to continue contributing to their community, even after they were gone. It was their desire to support those organizations that make an important impact in the community, which is how they came to know Avenues to Independence."

-Cathy McCarthy

Generations of supporters

Generations of supporters at Avenues to Independence believe in the promise of a lifelong commitment to the people we serve. We hope you do too, and will join us in the ultimate promise to do that—membership in the Sasser Society.



Charter members of the Sasser Society Bob Healy and Peg O'Herron with son Kevin.

Jevon (right) with Jerry Feldman. Jerry and his wife Sue are committed to Avenues clients and long-time members of the Sasser Society.

A future commitment in your will, trust or estate plan will mean that for generations to come, Avenues to Independence will provide homes, jobs and a place with independence and dignity in the community for people with developmental disabilities.



Collin Sasser and Alison Whittington

"Leaving a lasting legacy to Avenues continues my family's long-standing commitment towards the clients Avenues serves. This also demonstrates to future generations my belief in the work done at Avenues and the purpose of continual giving."

—Collin Sasser

For Further Information

When you choose membership in the Sasser Society, you choose a legacy that will have a remarkable impact well beyond your lifetime.

A planned gift can establish a way for you to provide for your own family members while remembering Avenues to Independence.

A planned gift often has tax benefits.

We would be pleased to work with you and your advisors to help develop a personally rewarding charitable gift that will support the people of Avenues of Independence in the future.

For further information please visit our website at www.avenuestoindependence.org or contact a member of Avenues' Development Team at **847-292-0870**.



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