Create a Legacy

“My daughter, Lauren, and I have had a lot of fun together over the years; but the need to secure her future beyond my lifetime is serious. Making a provision in my will for the Center today allows me to secure Lauren’s future tomorrow.”
– Donna Lamkin Faddegon

Leave a Legacy – support us in growing our Endowment

For the people we are now serving, to whom we have made a lifetime commitment, the Center’s long term viability is critical. We know that children are born every day who will need the Center for the rest of their lives.

Our Endowment funds are invested with a goal of growth, putting us in the strongest possible financial position to ensure:

• Our financial stability so that we will be here in perpetuity despite an ever-changing environment
• Funding for innovative programs and research
• The achievement of our donors’ philanthropic and personal objectives

Our donor-centered program strives to support your needs integrated into tax, estate and financial planning to create a meaningful, significant and lasting legacy.

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The Center’s Mission:
To enable and empower people, primarily those with disabilities, to lead healthy and enriched lives.
Laureen Calautti and happy long after I am gone. Matthew forever. The Center is my rock and my insurance that Matthew is going to be safe, secure, to the future for Matthew. I lost my husband three years ago, and I know I won’t be around for coming, met our needs, attempted to make progress where they could, moved us forward, and looked for new opportunities. We never considered going anywhere else because the Center staff has always been warm and welcoming, and they have been there for us through thick and thin. The Center is my foundation, my support, and my insurance that Matthew is going to be safe, secure, and happy long after I am gone. Matthew began his employment path using the skills he learned through the Center’s Residential Habilitation Services, which was designed to assist a person in acquiring, retaining, and improving self-care, daily living, adaptive and other skills needed to reside successfully within the community. This was our first glimpse of this type of service, and I enrolled Matthew in the program. After just working with the Center a short time, I recognized that their programs were progressive and responsive to a family’s needs, and this was an organization that was going to help Matthew live a fulfilling life.

Matthew has utilized many of the Center for Disability Services’ programs and services over the years because of the confidence they have inspired in us. He currently attends day habilitation through the Center’s facility on New Karner Road in Albany and has added their WOW (day hab without walls) program, and he has used Center Health Services (specialists, therapy, and behavioral) for many years as well. Matthew began his employment path using the skills he learned through the Center’s Residential Habilitation program. After moving into one of the Center’s residential homes in Albany, he has worked at Panera’s on Wolf Road for the past nine years. The staff values Matthew, and he loves his job. Matthew is also part of the Self-Advocacy group for the Center; he has traveled to several countries. He loves swimming, boating, movies, and traveling. He is well read and plays the piano and guitar. His dance moves are incredible, and he is loved by everyone at his job. He is kind, loving, and caring. So – who is he? He is my son, Matthew Allan Calautti. He is 41 years old and has Down Syndrome.

Jeff Killeen
Chair, Center for Disability Services Governing Board of Directors

“The life-giving services that the Center provides for both children and adults with disabilities fill a need that is not discretionary – but is essential.”

Guardian Circle legacy gifts provide an opportunity for you to support the Center for the future while also meeting your own planning goals, often at little or no cost to you today. These gifts may include:

• Designating the Center as a beneficiary of your will, retirement plan, life insurance policy, bank or investment account, or trust (including individual or pooled Supplemental Needs Trusts)
• Creating a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust
• Making an outright gift of $10,000 or more to our endowment fund

Building a legacy requires a methodical approach and thoughtful action. Contact us today, and one of our professionals will be happy to assist you in creating your own personal legacy for the Center.

Center for Disability Services
Where people get better at life
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About the Center
The Center for Disability Services, established in 1942, is dedicated to enabling and empowering individuals with physical, intellectual and other disabilities to enjoy lives of dignity and purpose.

Every year, we provide services to more than 12,000 individuals — newborns to seniors — and their families at 80 locations across 15 counties in Upstate New York, offering care which, in many cases, can be found nowhere else.

Our ongoing work means gifts to our endowment fund have immediate and long-term benefits. Endowment donations are invested with annual returns that support our work year-round, ensuring that the Center’s core services remain available to those who need it.

Please return this form to:
Office of Gift Planning
Center for Disability Services
Attn: Kim Heunemann
22 Corporate Woods Boulevard, 5th Fl.
Albany, NY 12211

Name:__________________________ Address:__________________________
City:__________________________ State:__________________________ ZIP Code:________
Phone: ( )____________________ Email:__________________________

- I am interested in learning more about legacy giving and membership in the Guardian Circle. Please contact me.
- I have included the Center for Disability Services as a beneficiary in my

☐ Will or Living Trust
☐ Life Insurance Policy
☐ Retirement Plan
☐ Charitable Remainder Trust
☐ Supplemental Needs Trust (___Individual or ___Pooled)
☐ Other

Guardian Circle
Our annual Heritage Club level of giving thanks to donors who provide critical support to the Center through their annual gifts of $10,000 or more.

Our next milestone is $1 million, and we’re counting on your help to get there. As a Guardian Circle member, you are eligible for a formal portrait, a personal phone call, and a thank-you letter from the Center. If you are interested in learning more about Guardian Circle, please contact Bob Heald at 518-455-7000, Ext. 2210 or bheald@cfdsny.org.

For more information about legacy giving, please call 518-455-7000 Ext. 2210 or email lvaughn@cfdsny.org.

Thank you for your support of the Center for Disability Services. Your generosity has allowed us to provide critical services to people with disabilities.

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