

Helles Launch AMIB's New Legacy Society



Today (1995) AMIB is looking to the future for stability for those parents, relatives and friends who will need what AMIB offers.

As a means of helping to secure that future and protect residents whose families are no longer able to adequately care for them, the AMIB Endowment Fund recently formed The Legacy Society and is encouraging friends to join. Members of The Legacy Society make charitable bequests or planned gifts to the AMIB Endowment Fund.

Opportunities for planned giving include: making a bequest in a will, arranging a charitable remainder unitrust, and donating special gifts,

such as a gift of a life insurance policy or appreciated property.

Austin Helle, a well-known general contractor, and his wife, Clara, of Essex Fells, New Jersey, are the first announced members of the Legacy Society.

The Helles are the parents of Andrea, who lives at AMIB's Bayville home. Together with a small group of parents and other interested and concerned people, the Helles helped to found what is now AMIB.

"Years ago," they explained, "we searched for a school for Andrea and found St. Joseph's School for the Blind, where Andrea was accepted. At that time, Sister Mary Byrnes, the

administrator of the school, advised all of us parents to think about the future by making plans for our children so they would have somewhere to go when they turned 21. It was then that we got together and formed what would become AMIB."

The Helles vividly remember the time when the late Al Wilson, a parent and former treasurer of AMIB, was asked what he thought was needed to guarantee AMIB's future. "That's a difficult question," he replied. "But I think about \$5 million should do it!"

To the surprise and gratitude of the Helles, that apparently unattainable figure now seems attainable.

"We realize that it's up to us to set the stage for the next generation, and we're glad to help do that now by making this planned gift that will benefit AMIB in the future," the Helles explained

The Helles' gift instills increased confidence in the mission of AMIB and in the stability of its future. We thank them for setting this far-sighted example of generosity and thoughtfulness.