As the Past Catches Up with Us, AMIB Benefits from a Major Charitable Remainder Unitrust

Over the years, that is the way it has been with AMIB people. They tell someone about AMIB and the difference it has made in the lives of residents, and there is no telling where the end is going to be. Perhaps, when that someone is ready to consider a significant gift or make out a will, he or she may remember how much it would mean to AMIB and those it serves.

That is the way it was with Polly Wilson, who died last year, and her husband, Al. The Wilsons always encouraged friends and family to support AMIB and, after Al’s death, Polly served on both the AMIB and AMIB Endowment Fund boards for many years. To this day, the Wilson family tradition of service continues to be a strong force at AMIB. Their daughter, Janet Wilson Alternative, serves on AMIB’s board. Another daughter, Beverley Parry, is a member of the AMIB Endowment Fund board.

Throughout their lives, Polly and Al spoke about AMIB to friends and acquaintances in ways that reverberate to this day in unforeseen ways.

Among those friends was Dean Mathey (left), who lived in Princeton until his death in April 1972. In addition to being a true philanthropist, Dean Mathey was an investment banker, chairman of the board of Empire Trust Company, honorary chairman of the board of the Bank of New York, and author of the book, “Fifty Years of Wall Street.” In 1912 he graduated from Princeton University and years later served as a trustee and trustee emeritus on the Princeton board.

Dean and his wife Gertrude had three sons: Dean, MacDonald and David. David (top left) was a resident of Princeton for most of his life and, although as a high school student he became afflicted with a mind-crippling disease, he found relief at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and was able to live a relatively normal life. In addition to inheriting his father’s love of tennis, David inherited his father’s philanthropic spirit. Since David was the only one of the three brothers who lived in Princeton, he focused his philanthropic giving mainly on charitable organizations based in the Princeton area.

David died at the age of 73 on February 10, 2005. Upon his death, AMIB learned that it was one of 16 charitable organizations to benefit from the David Mathey Charitable Remainder Unitrust. Distributions to AMIB from the trust, which will begin this year and continue through 2020, are expected to reach well over $1 million.

And so the legacy of Polly and Al Wilson lives on through their family, their friendships, and through the gift of David Mathey, which will influence the lives of present and future residents of AMIB now and for decades to come.

We thank you: Polly, Al, Dean, David, and the many others whose words, deeds, gifts and legacies reach out and continue to make a difference in the lives of the multiple-impaired blind.