

BOONE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES FOUNDATION, INC.

LEGACY

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“Sometimes the right people just come into your life at the right time...”



My mother-in-law, Bette Keller turned 97 years old this year. If you live or work in Lebanon, you may have seen her. She rides a three-wheeled trike all around town with a handmade

license plate that reads “HARDLY-DAVIDSON”. She has ridden that trike every year in the Lebanon 4th of July parade – the whole route, in 90-degree weather, rain or shine. She still lives at home with her youngest son, my brother-in-law Kerry. Kerry suffered a stroke two years ago that left him with a speech disability and made him very difficult to get along with. As long as I have known her, Bette has always been fiercely independent, very active and so interested in life.

But all that seemed to change last year. After the strain of taking care of Kerry and an illness of her own, she was rapidly declining. She was not able to do many of the things she used to do for herself. She

didn't seem to have an interest in anything. She didn't even have the strength to ride her trike. My husband and I both work fulltime and live about 45 minutes away, so we felt like we couldn't give her as much help as she needed anymore.

That's when I reached out to BCSSI. Cindy Hickson came and met with all four of us. She sat down and she really listened – and she came up with a plan. All I can say is, sometimes the right people just come into your life at the right time. In this case, it was not only Cindy, it was Maria. Maria did more than just come in and help with housework and bathing. She brought Bette back to being Bette. Maria brought laughter, and caring, and dignity, and hope. She even managed to win over my difficult brother-in-law, and that is saying a lot. Maria comes to visit Bette and Kerry every Thursday – the day Bette now calls “Purrssday” because it makes her so happy. And I am happy to say Bette is back in the “trike saddle” again. She is full of life again and she is already planning how to decorate her trike for this year's 4th of July parade.

None of this would have happened without BCSSI. Thank you so much Cindy and Maria and all the wonderful people who make up such a great organization.

~Amy Lacy & Barry Hicks with Bette Keller

This Legacy publication is from the Boone County Senior Services Foundation, Inc. whose mission is to grow a fund so Boone County Senior Services, Inc. (BCSSI) can continue serving older adults in Boone County.

We will feature testimonies as well as ways you can leave a legacy that will make an impact on Boone County's growing senior population.

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Leaving a gift in your will ~ culminating a lifetime of generosity...

If you don't have a will, what are you waiting for? There are a dozen good reasons to have a formal document that states what you want to happen with your assets, possessions and legacy when you are gone. And, there aren't any good reasons not to have one - "I haven't got around to it" is not a good reason!

You do have a will? Great! Hopefully you have reviewed its provisions in the last five years, or since a major life event occurred. That is always good advice.

Have you thought about providing for the future of your community through a charitable component of your will? Perhaps the simplest way to give for the future, without making a financial commitment today, is to add Boone County Senior Services, Inc. (BCSSF) to your will. You can help continue the important community work done by the Foundation.

If you would like to learn more about the power of a thoughtful Will in your estate plan, please stop by or call BCSSI. We will be happy to talk through how you can make a difference in the future of seniors in Boone County through a Legacy gift.

Benefits of a thoughtfully crafted will include:

- You can leave a specific asset to BCSSF - through a statement in your will or a "payable on death" agreement. You can direct the balance in a bank, retirement, or investment account to BCSSF upon your demise. You can also leave the back forty, the house or the coin collection via a statement in your will.
- You can leave a percentage of your net estate to BCSSF - you could direct 10% to charity, for example and divide it as you see best, half to your church and half to BCSSF, perhaps.
- A will is easy and inexpensive to set up, and provides peace of mind that your wishes will be carried out after you are gone. It relieves the burden on an heir to guess your intentions.
- A will can always be changed as your circumstances evolve.



The foundation hosts an annual Legacy Dinner to bring awareness to the Foundation's efforts while raising new funds. This year's event was held on May 4th at Dull's Tree Farm in their beautiful barn and the theme was *Denim, Diamonds and Blues*.



BCSSI testimonials were given by Amy Lacy and Paul and Karynn Seppel. Special remarks by Board Members Rick Elsbury and Chuck Ritz expressed the importance of giving to the Foundation.

Retired Executive Director Sue Ritz also spoke with her husband Chuck. Attendees enjoyed Blues music performed by guitarist David Laskey during dinner.

Thanks to the attendees, sponsors and donors, the event raised \$14,000 to support the Foundation's mission. A special thank you as well to committee members Jody Durham, Kim Fortune, Patty Hughes, Taffy Day and Baili Hart for an outstanding job making the evening a success.

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SAVE THE DATE: Next year's Legacy Dinner will be held May 2, 2020 at Dull's Tree Farm.

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