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# LifeScape Ambassadors:

# Celebrating 70 Years of Making a Difference

Seventy years ago--right about now--a few women were busy creating a homey atmosphere for children about to move into "Crippled Children's Hospital & School" in Sioux Falls. The new facility was built entirely through private donations on donated land so kids could go to school while recovering from the paralysis-causing polio virus. There were no laws requiring schools or any public spaces to be accessible for wheelchairs, so returning to their home schools wasn't an option for many kids recovering from polio.

Meanwhile, across town, another auxiliary began to support youngsters with developmental disabilities served by Sioux Vocational School & Hospital for the Handicapped – later to become South Dakota Achieve. Organizer Val Beckman served as the first president from 1968 to 1970.

polio patients at Sioux Valley Hospital, including those in iron lungs. "I remember the power failing a couple of times and having to hand-pump an iron lung to keep the motor going," she says. "Fortunately, the fire department showed up fast to take over until they could get the power back on." Bridge luncheons with a style show were their main fundraiser. "The staff

During the 1971-1972 program year, Phyllis Joyce joined the Sioux Vocational

Auxiliary. As a student nurse from 1950 to 1953, Phyllis had cared for young

would roast turkeys, and auxiliary members would pick the meat off the bones to make turkey salad for the luncheon. The style show was put on by a dress shop at Park Ridge." The group volunteered with adults at Sioux Vocational, helping them in their workshops. They also provided funding for things like winter coats, bus tickets, dances, and parties.

In 2014, when South Dakota Achieve and Children's Care Hospital & School affiliated, the two auxiliaries merged and became the LifeScape Ambassadors. It wasn't easy at first. The two groups were used to being dedicated to the very different needs of adults or children. The group has melded, though, and new members have joined, including some men. Wish List purchases, from funds raised through Mall Walk (started in 1994) and other fundraisers, provide needed items for adults and children—including outpatients in Rapid City and Sioux City. Last year, the Ambassadors gave \$107,858 in Wish List grants, from rent assistance for adults to therapy and educational needs for children, to medical equipment for all ages.

Phyllis Joyce is still active today as a LifeScape Ambassador – maybe the longest currently active member at fifty years. She helps adults with their lunch each Wednesday and does sewing and mending when needed. She is there for the monthly meetings to learn more about the organization and trends in disability services. It's a part of her life, and we are lucky for her and the other Ambassadors who are so dedicated to our mission.

As the group marks 70 years of making a difference for children and adults with disabilities, it's hard to fathom where LifeScape would be without them. They truly provide the extras that set us apart in service excellence. And it was all a grass-roots effort, the way the best organizations are. Here's to many more years of the LifeScape Ambassadors!

> To make a difference with the Ambassadors, email Ambassadors@LifeScapeSD.org



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# From Our Chief Executive Officer



Steve Watkins Chief Executive Officer

It is that time of year again when LifeScape approaches the South Dakota Legislature for additional funding needs. Last year was successful in part due to all of your THANK YOU! It really mattered and it was a critical part of our success, which led to \$3 per hour increases to our front-line support team. This has allowed us to better stabilize our staffing and provide better support to our LifeScape family. Staff wages start at \$12.50/ hour and average \$15.09/hour for DSPs.

#### We have three asks this legislative session:

- **1.** A summer rate review for our adult support services suggests a 14.5% increase in rates over-and-above the funding we received last year. The last time a rate review was completed was ir 2001! We are asking the legislature to fully fund this increase to ensure proper adult care and allow us to start addressing our waitlist of 53 families.
- 2. We are asking the legislature for \$3 million in additional funding for our children's 24/7 residential care. This again goes directly to our front-line staff that support our children in residential care who have substantial behavioral and medical needs. Due to staffing concerns we are providing care for 12 fewer children than we would normally be caring for, and we have 23 families on our waitlist for these services.
- 3. Lastly, we are asking the legislature to consider contributing \$16 million in one-time federal funds towards a new children's campus project. I estimate that there is \$1.8 billion in one-time funds the State will be handing out this legislative session. The work we do is really a sub-contract of the State's obligation to provide Medicaid services to the children of South Dakota. Even though we supported over 3,000 children last year, we have substantial waitlists in all services. A new campus would allow us to address those unserved populations.

I would ask that you reach out to your local state legislators and ask them to support the request of Community Support Providers for a 14.5% increase based on the rate work done this summer, \$3 million in funding for LifeScape's children's residential program, and \$16M in onetime funding for the new children's campus. Any personal note that you can add to that request is incredibly appreciated!!!

Thank you and God bless!

Steve whole **Steve Watkins** LifeScape CEO

Community Partner:

# Gets the Job Done!



Lloyd Companies has supported LifeScape in various ways for nearly two decades. Through their affordable housing division, they are continuing their partnership with LifeScape to build a series of customized duplexes for adults with disabilities. The first, the Continuum Home, was a firstof-its-kind dwelling for young adults transitioning from children's services to more independent living as adults. It opened in February 2021.

Since then, Lloyd Companies and LifeScape have built a similar 5,378 square foot twin



LifeScape Volunteer Coordinator Becky Sluiter, right, with Lloyd Company employees and their Christmas gifts for people supported by LifeScape.

home which opens for adults in February 2022. The partnership is part of a major initiative to build five new ADA-compliant homes in five years. The units are designed for eight residents.

Finding residential lots to build on in Sioux Falls is challenging, but especially so for our twin home projects, as they take twice the space of a single-family home. Lloyd Companies has helped LifeScape scout properties that accommodate the footprint and are affordable. The goal is to have the homes blend into their neighborhoods. The residents and their families are thrilled with the homes, which provide plenty of privacy, but good common areas for camaraderie and socializing.

"We feel blessed to be working with such an amazing organization," says Chris Thorkelson, Lloyd Companies President and CEO. "We are truly grateful for what Lifescape does in our community and throughout the region."

Lloyd Companies was founded in 1972 by Craig and Pat Lloyd. The Sioux Falls-based company now includes development, real estate, construction, property management and hospitality services, with locations also in Rapid City and Des Moines. As they celebrate their 50th anniversary this year, we thank them for the excellent partnership that is helping provide dream homes for adults supported by LifeScape!

Sara Roberts works on a beading project in Adult Day Services at LifeScape in Sioux Falls. The LifeScape Ambassadors funded equipment and craft supplies for the new activity room,



# Cyberwalk on February 5th for Mall Walk 2022!



It's year number 28 for Mall Walk, the Ambassadors' fundraiser for LifeScape's Wish List! We are staying safe again by having a cyberwalk at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 5th at www.LifeScapeMallWalk.org and on LifeScape's Facebook page!

Proceeds will be used to grant requests for therapy, medical, educational, and basic living needs for people supported by LifeScape in Sioux Falls, Sioux City, and Rapid City. It may be as basic as rent assistance for an adult struggling to make ends meet, or as complex as an assistive technology device to help a child communicate his thoughts, feelings,

It's not too late to get involved - just go to LifeScapeMallWalk.org and make a contribution. 100% of your gift goes to a Wish List item to provide direct benefit to a child or adult supported by LifeScape.

Sponsors are First Premier Bank/Premier Bank Card and the LifeScape Ambassadors! If you don't Walk 'n Roll ahead of time, the website will stay open until the end of February for you to make your contribution! Tune in for the live event - 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 5th at www.LifeScapeMallWalk.org and on LifeScape's Facebook page!

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# From Our Foundation President



The human desire for community shows up in many ways at LifeScape. Our mission was born out of the desire to provide better lives for the children and young adults with disabilities of the 1950's and '60s. Community members recognized a need and looked to their own resources of time, talents, and treasures to set a solid foundation for a mission still going strong today. The passion and dedication of the early visionaries of Crippled Children's Hospital & School and Sioux Vocational Services ripples through generations.

Donors and the Auxiliaries/Ambassadors highlighted in this issue of the Journey played an important role then and continue to do so today. Without the willingness of people to step up and fill the gaps throughout our history, we would not be where we are today. Donors help build strong places of care for healing, learning, and living by providing funding for new construction, staff training, and equipment. And donors help make the days and connections more meaningful by funding community activities, arts opportunities, and vocational training.

The little things that mean a lot like school pictures, birthday cards, and Christmas gifts that donors like you funded this year make a difference. The big things like a new stander, autism screening supplies, and wheelchair scales and lifts literally change lives.

These and other resources aren't always funded through our normal reimbursement channels, but they truly help people live their best lives. Since the 1950's donors like you have been stepping up to help. Countless people have and will lead better lives because you believed everyone deserves quality care, opportunities, and respect. Thank you for believing and helping us be our best! We are grateful to have you as part of our community.

Sincerely,

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Jessica B. Wells **LifeScape Foundation President** 

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# What Matters in Life

I grew up on a farm near Dell Rapids and spent the first 25 years of my married life farming with my wife, Judi. Together we raised six boys and one girl. The farm was a great place to raise our children. We experienced many blessings on their journeys to adulthood—going on to the military, higher education, careers, and good marriages. We also fulfilled Judi's dream of being foster

After our move into town, I saw a newspaper ad that grabbed my attention: "How would you like to make a difference in the lives of others?" After touring LifeScape (then Sioux Vocational Services), I applied for and got a job as a work supervisor with adults.

parents for several years.

This opened a new world for me. I was in awe observing staff completely focused on assisting people in learning new tasks. They were very proud of what they could do, and it caused so much happiness and desire to learn more difficult things. I learned that those with disabilities have many abilities with the right training and encouragement. Every day was a new experience, and I was greeted at the door with news from their homes, their concerns, and requests for the upcoming day.

They were curious about where I lived and wanted to meet Judi. So, each week, two people from day services would come home with me to see my town, my house, and meet Judi, who would have a delicious meal ready for us. Things like this made such an impact on their lives, and we felt so much fulfillment in providing that love and enjoyment. Some wanted to visit yearly, so we hosted group picnics in our back yard twice each summer so all could come at least once. We also volunteered at "Trent Farm" each summer, which is dedicated to enriching the lives of those with disabilities. Every Wednesday all summer, volunteers give wagon rides in pastures to feed corn to cows, help people drive a tractor, ride a horse, fish in a small lake, and enjoy a picnic lunch followed by a singalong.



By Guest Columnist Jerry Klein



Jerry Klein with his wife, Judi, who passed away in 2020.

I gained a real awareness that everyone has Godgiven gifts to share. I found that the more I spent time with them and helped them reach new goals, the more fulfillment I felt in my heart. They taught me so much about what really matters in life, and I have made some very dear, lifelong friends. I will never be able to return the fulfillment they have brought into my life. I thank God often for giving me the opportunity to share myself with these special people for so many years, and I am blessed to have them in my life!

-Jerry Klein worked in Adult Services at LifeScape from 2000 to 2012. He still visits old friends regularly at one of our residential homes.



LifeScape's "Linden Home" is the second new-construction home built in partnership with the South Dakota Housing Development Authority. It will open in early 2022. A third home, Magnolia, is set to break ground in spring 2022. The homes are part of LifeScape's "Five Years, Five New Homes" initiative to improve the quality of life for adults receiving residential services. Several existing homes are being refurbished as well.



# Hamsters USA: Champions of West River Children with Disabilities

Hamsters USA, the longtime friends of children's services at LifeScape Rapid City, blew their already amazing philanthropic giving out of the water at their annual meeting in August 2021.

The group meets during the Sturgis Rally, and for the last 17 years, has hosted a silent and live auction for LifeScape at their banquet. These events have typically raised an amazing amount of money at the one-night event – usually around \$250,000. This past year, though, they came together to raise an unprecedented \$550,957, which all stays local to support children with disabilities in western South Dakota!

Inspired by seven-year-old Ruby Lehmann, who spoke on stage with her mom, Shannon, and her brother, David, Hamsters USA stepped up to do more than ever! Hamsters stormed the stage to give cash and credit card pledges, which were matched by members John McCarthy and Bobby Garone. That segment of the evening raised approximately \$204,000 alone!

Over the past 17 years, Hamsters USA has raised \$4 million to support LifeScape's services to children in western South Dakota. Their gifts help provide services to children at our clinic in Rapid City, as well as directly to kids in their Black Hills area homes and schools. Outreach therapies are delivered by LifeScape personnel who drive over 10,000 miles a month to provide services.

Ruby was diagnosed at nine months old with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy after her parents noticed she wasn't meeting typical milestones. Doctors believe Ruby had a stroke in utero early in her development, which prevented part of her brain from fully forming. It affected three-fourths of her body – her entire left side and her right leg. She began physical and occupational therapy at 10 months, and at the age of three, began speech therapy, primarily for a gag reflex. RISE Custom Solutions, a subsidiary of LifeScape, has fitted her for foot orthotics, a reverse walker, and wheelchair.



We are grateful for corporate partners like GCC. Pictured left to right: Jessica Wells (LifeScape Foundation president), Chuck Cox (GCC), Tony Mullen (GCC), David (Ruby's brother), Ruby Lehmann, Shannon (Ruby's mom), Ruby's aunt, and Steve Watkins (LifeScape CEO).

She now receives physical and occupational therapies at school and through LifeScape. Ruby's mom is so grateful for LifeScape, and for donors like Hamsters USA that make sure the high-quality services are available to families like theirs. "I will do anything and everything possible to make sure she is the best she can be," says Shannon.

Jessica Wells, President of the LifeScape Foundation, added, "We are just completely blown away by these incredible men. Our services would look very different were it not for them."

# Communities Served By LifeScape



Minnesota

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2,641 Children & Adults Served in 2021

Providing Services to People from 59 of the 66 counties in South Dakota

# **South Dakota**

Children's Services: Includes Specialty Hospital, Residential, Specialty School & Pathways

In addition to the **136\*** children served from South Dakota, we served **15** children from South Dakota At-Large (DSS Guardianship).

Outreach/Outpatient Services:
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In addition to the **2,701\*** children and adults served from South Dakota.

Adult Community-Based Services: 434\* adults served from South Dakota.

An additional 3,283 patients were served through LifeScape affiliate RISE Custom Solutions from centers in Sioux Falls & Rapid City.

503 Children & Adults Served in 2021

## **Out-of-State**

Children's Services: Includes Specialty Hospital, Residential, Specialty School & Pathways

**9** children served from Iowa, **13** from Minnesota, and **2** in North Dakota (**1** in Rolette and **1** in Stutsman counties).

Outreach/Outpatient Services:

437 children and adults served from

437 children and adults served from Iowa, 92 in Minnesota, and 29 in Nebraska.

Adult Community-Based Services
2 adults served from lowa.

3,144 People from South Dakota & Surrounding States were Served by LifeScape in Fiscal Year 2021.

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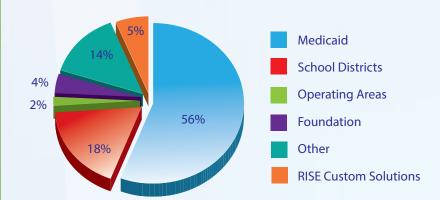






# 2021 LifeScape Audited Revenues Total: \$75,540,121

We do not budget for unrealized market gains and losses or the sale of investments.

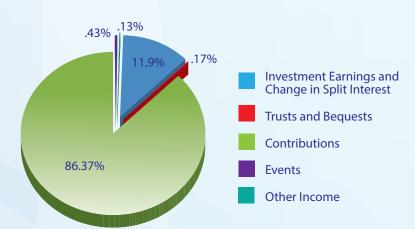


# 2021 LifeScape Audited Expenses Total: \$65,652,853



# 2021 LifeScape Foundation Audited Revenues Total: \$43,129,809

Net Unrealized Loss on Investments of \$3,823,889 is not included below.



# 2021 LifeScape Foundation Audited Expenses Total: \$4,155,504

Of the total expenses, \$2,381,608 is a distribution to the service provider LifeScape. This amount is determined by the LifeScape Foundation's spending policy of distributing 4% of the 16-quarter rolling average of the endowment's market value. The policy protects the endowment from inflation, provides for endowment growth, and makes possible a distribution amount for program support.

An additional \$622,714 in donor-designated support and \$901,200 in adult housing construction grants were provided to LifeScape.



# Two LifeScape Supporters Named Volunteer Fundraisers of the Year

Two LifeScape supporters were honored November 15 by the South Dakota Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP SD).

#### **KBACK Radio of Sioux Falls**

was named South Dakota's Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation for 2021. Through its Rockathon for LifeScape, KBACK has helped raise \$160,000 for children and adults supported by LifeScape. KBACK's Frank Anderson donates hundreds of hours of prep work and 22 hours



2021's Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Nic Knapp, second from left, presents a ceremonial check for \$7159 raised at the cornhole tournament he founded for LifeScape in Rapid City. Also pictured (L-R) are Jocy Smith, Kameron Nelson, and Kim Haiar of the LifeScape Foundation.

of airtime each year sharing the stories of children and adults with disabilities who found hope and help through LifeScape. KBACK also promotes the Dine out for LifeScape fundraisers and backed LifeScape through three PorkPalooza fundraisers. KBACK is working on an all-new event to raise support for LifeScape this coming summer. As Frank says, "It's the right thing to do."

**Nic Knapp of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. High Country of Rapid City** was named as 2021's Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser. Besides securing his company's backing as a sponsor for LifeScape's radiothon in Rapid City, Nic has recruited other sponsors for the event. For four years, he has spent the entire day of radiothon events volunteering, answering phones, and running errands. Three years ago, he spearheaded an annual cornhole tournament to benefit LifeScape, recruiting teams, securing a venue, and soliciting donations for materials, shirts, bags, and more. Nic also assists Children's Miracle Network, Make-A-Wish, Feeding South Dakota, and others, showing that his heart knows no bounds. "My brother benefitted from LifeScape's amazing services when we were young," says Nic. "But



Frank Anderson, back, owner of KBACK Radio, at the conclusion of one of the Rockathon events hosted to benefit LifeScape. KBACK was named South Dakota's Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation for 2021.

after visiting LifeScape as an adult and seeing first-hand what they do there every day, I fell in love. The work, the people, the passion, and the dedication to helping children—regardless of situation or abilities—is heart and soul fulfilling."

LifeScape Director of Development Jocy Smith says both men have significantly raised awareness about LifeScape and its services – Frank in Eastern South Dakota and Nic in Western South Dakota

"KBACK is still in its infancy as a business in Sioux Falls, but Frank cares more about doing good and raising funds to help others than he does about lining his own pockets," she says.

"In Rapid City, Nic is a leader who is well-connected and has a huge heart," says Jocy. "He is truly loves making a difference in kids' lives in the Black Hills region."

"We are thrilled that the Association of Fundraising Professionals has recognized the many hours of time and talent that both Frank and Nic have donated to raise funds and awareness for LifeScape."

# **Upcoming LifeScape Events!**

**February 5, 2022: Mall Walk.** This is the 28th annual fundraiser for LifeScape's Wish List, hosted by the LifeScape Ambassadors. There's still time to get involved – visit www.LifeScapeMallWalk.org to donate to a team or as an individual! The website will be open for donations through February.

**March 11, 2022: LifeScape Night at the Stampede.** For Developmental Disability Awareness Month, get \$15 tickets at LifeScapeSD.org with \$5 coming back to us. Game time is 7:05 vs. the Des Moines Buccaneers.

March 23-24, 2022: East River Electric Cooperative LifeScape Fundraiser. Online at www. EastRiverforLifeScape.org. Beginning February 5th, get raffle tickets at \$100 each for a new four-wheeler, with the winner drawn on Facebook Live (@lifescapesd) on March 24. Plus, bid on silent auction items March 23.

March 26, 2022: Empowered by LifeScape. Stories of hope and inspiration from LifeScape. 6:30 p.m., March 26 on KDLT-TV. Stories will also air Monday-Friday, March 28-April 1 on the CW Sioux Falls at 1:30 p.m. Presented by Sammons Financial.

**April 1, 2022: ArtAbility.** LifeScape artists will display and sell their works at this annual exhibit, 6:00 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Museum of Visual Materials, 500 N. Main Ave., Sioux Falls. Live music and refreshments. Sponsored by the Sioux Falls Mayor's Disability Awareness & Accessibility Review Board (DAARB).

**June 9, 2022: KBACK Rockathon-Sioux Falls.** Tune in for inspiring stories of children and adults being empowered, valued, and respected at www.kback.rocks – 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**June 11, 2022 (Tentative): Rock 'N Roll Rally for LifeScape.** Watch for details on this Sioux Falls area poker run.

**July 22-24, 2022: 53rd Annual Winner Elks Rodeo.** Three days of classic rodeo events at the Winner, SD Fairgrounds to benefit children's outreach services across South Dakota.

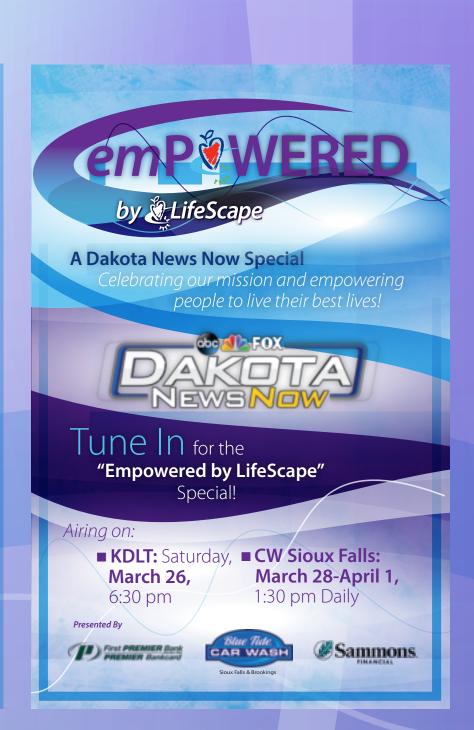
**September 16, 2022: HomeSlice Hope for the Hills Radiothon-Rapid City.** The six HomeSlice Group radio stations will air uplifting LifeScape stories of hope to benefit LifeScape, Rapid City. 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**September 17. 2022 (Tentative): 4th Annual LifeScape Cornhole Tournament.** Sign up your teams beginning in July. Watch LifeScapeSD.org or the event Facebook page for date and details.

**Third Monday of the Month, September through May: LifeScape Ambassador Meetings.**The Ambassadors support children and adults through activities and fundraising. 11:45 luncheon meeting with speaker. Our meetings are currently at the Original Pancake House in Sioux Falls until further notice. Contact Ambassadors@LifeScapeSD.org to get involved!

**Dairy Queen Fundraiser Nights** are now in Mitchell, Yankton, Brookings, as well as in Sioux Falls. Visit www.LifeScapeSD.org to see when to visit for 10% of your purchase to be donated back to LifeScape!

Get details on all these events at www.LifeScapeSD.org, or call the LifeScape Foundation at (605) 444-9600.



# A Bequest Expressed The Gift You Give Many Times Over



Kameron Nelson Director of Major Gifts

When you make a gift to LifeScape through a bequest in your estate plan, you're conveying to us that our work has touched your life in a very special way. As a member of the LifeScape Legacy Circle, you commit to strengthening our mission and empower people, like Stella (below), to live their best lives now and well into the future.

#### **DECIDE** What Matters To You

Family, friends and favorite charities have likely given you abundant love, joy and purpose over the years. Who has been cheering you on as you have surpassed milestone after milestone? What lessons about community would you like to impart to your family? Determining how you'd like to provide for each of these groups upon your passing can give you peace of mind and deeper connections.

A beguest is the most common form of planned gift and nearly everyone can make one in their lifetime! In fact, it may even be the largest gift you ever give. You can restrict it to a certain program or purpose, designate your bequest for current use, or direct it to be invested long-term in our endowment for years to come. If your life circumstances change along the way, a bequest is revocable. Most of all, a gift like this should be thoughtful and represent your true wishes.

We are immensely grateful for the hundreds of community members that continue to step forward to be advocates for the children and adults served at LifeScape. Thank you!



# **CONNECT The Dots**

Many people only think of estate planning during major life events – deaths, births, marriage, travel, health concerns, retirement, etc. Although that's certainly true, more Americans are planning earlier to ensure their assets are distributed according to their values. It is never too early or too late to start. So, connect the dots now. Utilizing trusted advisors can enhance your impact in more ways than you might imagine. An experienced estate planning attorney can walk you through several scenarios to best reflect your intentions for loved ones. Often, they will help you identify certain assets that are better advantaged to gift to your heirs and those better positioned to favor charities such as life insurance, retirement accounts, and appreciated securities.

## **SHARE Your Wishes**

If you are considering leaving a bequest to LifeScape, letting us know of your intent is half the gift itself! We'd love to recognize your generosity in a way that is meaningful to you. Adding your name to our Legacy Circle may even encourage others to join you in support

of kids like Stella.

# **Needs & Dreams** Wish List

# Your gift helps change lives.

Here's what your gift can buy for the kids and adults supported by LifeScape:

# **Big Dreams**

- ☐ Smart Board
- ☐ Tobii Dynavox I-110 Communication Device

# \$2,500

- ☐ Small Hi-Lo Training Staircase
- ☐ Rent Assistance
- ☐ Food Assistance

# \$1,000

- ☐ Home Modifications
- ☐ Therapy Equipment

# \$750

- ☐ Protective Head Gear
- ☐ Adaptive Aquatics Scholarships
- ☐ Horsepower Fees

# \$500

- ☐ Hearing Assistive Device

# \$350

☐ Portable Treadmill

## \$200

- ☐ iPod Touch
- ☐ GoTalk 4+ AAC/Communication Device

## \$100

- ☐ Language Builder Picture Cards
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