

A Young Heart Inspires A Gift For The Ages

Fundraising for an organization like Deborah Heart and Lung Center is a very rewarding and inspiring activity. Whether you are a volunteer, chapter member, Board member or a paid professional, it is a wonderful opportunity to become acquainted with extraordinary individuals and organizations.

Recently, Deborah was blessed to receive a monumental gift. It was an estate gift from The Fritz Dalton Inter Vivos Trust in the amount of \$2.4 million. The Trust itself was written so that a certain portion of the Trust was paid to a woman named Carol Dalton each year, until her death, at which time the monies remaining in the Trust would be distributed to Deborah. When we were notified of the gift, we researched Mr. Dalton's name in our donor database but found no information. Fritz Dalton had never donated to Deborah before, was never at an event and was never on our mailing list. Fortunately, there was contact information available through the estate.

The contact person was Mrs. Bertha Dalton, Fritz's wife. Bertha explained that Carol was the daughter of her late husband, Fritz. Carol was born mentally and physically challenged. Fritz loved Carol very much and established the trust to fund a lifetime of comfort and care for her. Carol had recently passed away at the age of 67, which triggered the gift to Deborah.

The next question we asked was...Why Deborah? Mrs. Dalton explained that it was her husband's choice. He was inspired to donate to Deborah based on a



personal family experience in the 1970's. As the trust documents were opened, a short story provided the answer to that question. In it, Fritz referenced a story about a young boy that lived in his family's neighborhood (located in the Pocono region of Pennsylvania) and who was very ill with a severe heart condition. "The boy's family had little money and no health insurance. He was brought to Deborah where he was operated on at no cost to his family. The expense was covered by funds donated to the organization. As a result, he is alive and well and will go on to live a long and healthy life. This is the organization where I want my daughter's money to go, once she no longer needs it."

In recognition of this incredible gift, the Foundation has dedicated;

The Fritz and Carol Dalton Department of Non-Invasive Cardiology in their honor. They are also permanently listed together as one of Deborah's top contributors on our Donors of Distinction display. As Deborah's altruistic philosophy continues to resonate in the hearts and minds of our donors so, too, does this generous gift from the Dalton family. Like our mission, the Dalton's philanthropic ideals are a large part of what makes Deborah so special.

If you would like to speak to one of our Foundation professionals for information on how you can include Deborah in your estate planning, please contact us at 609-893-0200.

In Memoriam: Paul J. DeMassi

Paul was elected a member of the Deborah Foundation's Board of Directors in 1999. An avid participant in fundraising for Deborah, his particular interest was in pediatric care and he was a generous donor to our Children of the World® program.

As a Board Member, Paul took an active role in fundraising by participating in many committees and attending foundation events. He once said, "To me, Deborah is a vehicle by which I can contribute whatever time and talents I may have to improve the lives and futures of others."

We will miss Paul's dedication and enthusiasm for Deborah. His wife, Barbara, his four children, and ten grandchildren will forever be in our thoughts.

