

SHEEHANS CREATE LEGACY OF GENEROSITY

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with St. Vincent de Paul in Noblesville, IN, the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, the Sparrow Club, the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club, and many other organizations. Their most personal philanthropic work, though, is often done to help individuals – children and families facing critical health conditions.

In 1973, Tom's son, Timothy Sheehan, died as the result of osteogenic sarcoma. The devastation Tom felt, along with the support he received during his son's illness, led him to helping families facing childhood illness as a means of honoring his son's life.

"Seeing the trials Tim went through and the amount of courage that he had to face his challenges, that can't help but burn an enormous place in your heart," says Tracey. "That was the true genesis for wanting to do something for children with their foundation. When needs aren't fulfilled, they want to step up and be the people who provide for the need."

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Through the Thomas P. and Sondra D. Sheehan Charitable Foundation, a supporting organization of Legacy Fund, Tom and Soni focus on improving the lives of under-insured children. They provide financial support for medical treatments, prostheses, mobility devices, caregivers, education and more that children living with physical deformities and medical issues need to overcome obstacles.

Their enthusiasm for helping children extends to volunteer efforts. Tom helped St. Vincent de Paul organize a campaign that financed a needed building expansion. Soni works alongside teachers in a charter school in Florida, where the Sheehans spend part of the year, helping first and second grade students build literacy skills. Many of Soni's students face challenging circumstances as well. For them, Soni's smile is one of the most remarkable things about the time she spends with them.

Tom's daughter Tracey Sheehan carries on her family's community commitment, both through

the Sheehan Foundation and corporate philanthropy. Tracey is now President of Carmel Financial, which contributes annually to Good Samaritan Network's food drive; last year the company's employees gave 104,000 non-perishable food items to help. She also plans to lead the Sheehan Foundation in the future.

"It's a great blessing and something that I'm truly looking forward to doing," Tracey says about the opportunity to contribute to the Foundation's work.

Their generosity is what led Legacy Fund, a CICF affiliate, to recognize the Sheehans with the 2013 Living Legacy Award at the Fund's Celebration of Philanthropy event on November 14. The Sheehans are the fifth recipients of the award, which seeks to honor people who impact the quality of life in Hamilton County. For a family committed to honoring the legacy of a son and brother, the award has special meaning.

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CICF LAUNCHES ARTS WEBSITE

Sky Blue Window was created to build demand for the arts... and support collegiate journalists.

Launched in March 2013, Sky Blue Window is an online arts magazine whose focus is reestablishing the value of the arts in order to grow more demand and support. The premise is simple: tell compelling stories about the arts, and the people involved in them, and users will come (and then go...to the arts programming, exhibitions and performances they just read about or watched via the website). Stories are added on a daily basis, and are designed to appeal to a broad audience, including newcomers.

Besides featuring compelling stories from WFYI and professional freelance contributors, Sky Blue Window also includes regular contributions from student journalists from Butler



University, IUPUI and Franklin College. The experience of writing for a professional publication helps students hone their skills. For many, it also creates greater exposure to the arts earlier in their lives, and affords a unique opportunity to engage in the community. Sky Blue Window currently attracts 6,000+ users each month...and may be found at skybluwindow.org.

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Hamilton County family honors their son's courage by supporting children and families facing adversity.

It would be easy to mistake Thomas P. Sheehan as a rags-to-riches character from a Horatio Alger, Jr. novel come to life. After all, Sheehan was born in Chicago into humble circumstances. And while Sheehan's early career focused on selling encyclopedias door-to-door, it wasn't long before he recognized that offering his customers credit could increase sales. So he used his own capital to offer consumer financing. It was the beginning of what became Carmel Financial Corporation, a company with approximately 60 employees.

The comparison doesn't end there: Alger's characters were known for their acts of kindness, and

Sheehan is no different. After a lifetime focused on building his fortune, now he's focused on giving it away. "Today, my passion is our charitable trust," says Thomas, better known as Tom. "I always knew that, if and when I had money, I would try to help other people."

His is a philanthropic journey that began with a \$5 check, sent in response to a newspaper story about people in need. Personal loss only added to his passion, and it grew into the cornerstone of long-term philanthropy for his family – and beyond.

Heartfelt and hard-earned, the Sheehans, including Tom, wife, Sondra "Soni", and daughter, Tracey,



give their time and financial support to a variety of organizations and individuals. They're philanthropically involved

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TIME TEST OR JUMPSTARTING GED COMPLETION

With test changes looming, The Indianapolis Foundation supports “Finish Your GED in 2013” campaign.



There are plenty of good reasons for earning a General Education Development certificate by taking the GED test – to spruce up a job application, to earn a hoped-for promotion, or just having the satisfaction that comes from the accomplishment itself. Now, for Hoosiers who haven’t earned their high school diploma, there’s a more pressing motivation on the horizon.

“This is the end of the GED test as we know it,” says Lewis Peterson, an Education Coach at Southeast Community Services.

Provided by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, its replacement, the Testing Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), is due in 2014, and will reflect new workplace demands, including a greater focus on math, science

and social studies. Passing the new test could lead to greater job opportunities, but it will also cost nearly twice as much to take (increasing from \$70 to \$120) and will force those who have completed some – but not all – of the old GED test to start over. Community organizations are hoping savvy test-takers will realize time is money, and earn their GEDs before the changes take effect.

Since many GED local students have passed parts of the current test, community organizations including EmployIndy are reaching out to help them avoid wasting the credits while also helping them become more employable by earning their GED certification. The campaign is made possible in part by a grant from The Indianapolis Foundation’s Family Success Initiative.

2,000-plus Marion County residents have started their GED test but not yet completed it.

EmployIndy’s campaign focuses on getting 2,000-plus Marion County residents who have started their GED test to complete it by mid-December 2013. Besides alerting them to the upcoming changes, EmployIndy is sharing information about local preparation and testing sites. Southeast Community Services is one of them, and staff launched a phone campaign to contact lapsed GED students.

“Once they find out about the changes, a lot of our folks are rushing to get it done,” says Peterson. “They see it as a chance for a fresh start for their lives in the new year.”

GENE B. GLICK 1921–2013



Gene and wife Marilyn Koffman Glick created a philanthropic legacy that promises to transform central Indiana for generations.

Eugene (“Gene”) Biccard Glick passed away October 3rd, 2013 at the age of 92. Known by many for his extraordinary accomplishments as a real estate developer, Gene, in partnership with his wife of 65 years, Marilyn Koffman Glick (1922-2012), was an incredibly committed and generous philanthropic champion of our community.

“Personally and professionally, on behalf of the Foundation, we are all saddened by this loss,” said Brian Payne, President and CEO, Central Indiana Community Foundation. “Yet we are quick to recognize what remarkable people Gene and Marilyn both were. Their devotion to giving back to the community and to caring for others through philanthropy was, and is, breathtaking in its scope and reach. But beyond that, they were both kind, gentle people who believed in simple, meaningful

values which they instilled in their family and shared with others by leading through example. Together they touched countless lives in central Indiana in many wonderful ways, and we were all very fortunate to have known them.”

The bulk of the fortune Gene and Marilyn Glick earned has been used to fund civic projects and not-for-profit arts, education, public health, and aid organizations throughout central Indiana. In 1982, the Glicks established the Eugene & Marilyn Glick Family Foundation, followed by The Glick Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation and The Glick Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis (JFGI).

Glick served on numerous professional, civic and philanthropic boards, and was inducted into the

National Housing Hall of Fame. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Butler University in 1989 along with Sagamore of the Wabash awards from Indiana governors Robert Orr (1982), Evan Bayh (1992), and Joe Kernan (2005). Glick was named an Indiana Living Legend by the Indiana Historical Society in 2002.

Gene Glick was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. He is survived by his four daughters: Marianne Glick (Mike Woods), Arlene Grande (Thomas), Alice Meshbane (Andrew), and Lynda Schwartz (Mark). He is also survived by his many grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Visit www.cicf.org/the-glick-fund to watch a video and learn more!

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