

Ross & Lyn Early – Legacy Family Members

Why we chose to include ASPIRO in our estate planning.

Ross and I had always planned on his sister, Connie, living with us someday but were not prepared for her to come to us in an emergency situation some 15 years ago. We were both working full time and were taken by surprise at the requirements to meet her needs and provide Connie good care. We had so many challenges, plenty of adjustments, and tons of scary, worrisome situations.

The only bright light for us was the ability for Connie to attend ASPIRO during the week while we were earning a living. It was the one thing in Connie's life that we never worried about. She was always welcome, very safe and so happy at ASPIRO. She was with so many of her friends and "extended family" every day and enjoyed every minute of it.

Connie's case manager was very concerned about her, just as Ross and I were, as we made this transition. She helped us to learn about her activities and work program and the wonderful sense of community and family that Connie experiences every day at ASPIRO. We are positive we would not have made it through without her help!!

We are inspired by the clients as they arrive at ASPIRO in the morning. Their disabilities seem to disappear and they are just average folks greeting friends, laughing, and getting ready for work! ASPIRO's staff and many volunteers are committed to doing all they can to help their clients achieve as much as possible as they strive to lead happy productive lives.

We can't even imagine this wonderful organization of caring people not being available for Connie and others; so Ross and I took steps in our estate planning to make sure we could provide some financial support for ASPIRO when the time comes. Our hope is that this planning will, in some small way, help ASPIRO to reach its 100 year anniversary. Now wouldn't that be great! Just think of all the folks they can help!

