Turning a Love of Music into a Lasting Family Legacy

After moving to Orange County in 1970, Sol and Bunny Zechter became actively involved in the Jewish community. Sol served as a 20-year member on the Board of Directors and Investment Committee of the Jewish Community Foundation.

In 2010, fueled by a desire to share their life-long passion for music, the Zechters approached Jewish Federation & Family Services with the outline of a music center they envisioned to provide free music lessons and music appreciation activities to Jewish youth in Orange County. Over the course of a year, the Zechters watched as their dream became a reality. They were intimately involved in every step of the music center’s development.

The Jewish Community Foundation worked together with the Zechters and JFFS to establish the Zechter Music Center Endowment Fund. Through this fund, the Zechters have provided for this impactful program to take place each year into perpetuity.

In January 2012 the Zechter Music Center opened its doors. The Zechters never missed an opportunity to come and hear the students play, delighting in seeing the children’s faces light up as they mastered a new piece of music or watched a performance by a celebrated artist.

Sadly, Sol passed away last year. However, his commitment to leaving a legacy through his philanthropy enabled him to make a dream he shared with Bunny come true – a dream that children will enjoy for generations to come.

Bunny Zechter continues her leadership role in the Zechter Music Center, carefully guiding its activities and programs. She looks forward to the opportunity to meet many new students each year, to hear them play, and to inspire their love of music.

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What will your legacy be?
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What do you wish for?

• Innovative Jewish programs
• Quality services for seniors
• Assisting families in need with food, clothing and shelter
• Music appreciation classes for children
• Support for Israel
• Fighting poverty
•Providing Jewish educational programs for our youth

Creating a legacy gift is one way you can support the future of vital programs and services that are important to you. Establishing a legacy plan is far simpler than you might imagine, and legacy gifts are highly customized to match your wishes. Gifts can be established during one’s lifetime or through an estate plan.

The Foundation is here to support you in creating a plan that supports your personal vision and values. We are a reliable and supportive resource that can turn your philanthropic wishes into a reality. Share your values and make a lasting impact on the causes you care about most. Call Wendy Arenson, J.D., CSPG at the Jewish Community Foundation to discuss how we can create your personal legacy plan together.

“When we pool our resources and pull together as a community, we are many times stronger than any of us as individuals, and our giving goes much further.

We must participate – Sol Zechter

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