

## In Memory of Donna...

When former Adelphoi Board Chair Ralph Liberatore heard about the addition of a new activities program at Adelphoi, he knew it would be a perfect way to honor his late wife, Donna. Known for her compassion and generosity, Donna had a history of helping others, especially children.

Donna passed away in 2019 after a long, courageous battle with liver disease. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children: Craig Liberatore, Sharie Rodriguez, and Stacie Hartman. Donna was the foundation of her family. There wasn't anything that she wouldn't do for them including taking care of Stacie after a serious car accident left her with a traumatic brain injury and hospitalized for eight months.

"Donna was there every single day, helping Stacie get out of bed, keeping her active, making sure she was able to get where she needed to be. She completely dedicated herself to Stacie's care. Donna helped Stacie gain a quality of life. Without her, Stacie would not be alive today," said Ralph.

In her memory, the **Donna Liberatore Memorial Activities Fund** was created at Adelphoi in 2019 to support a significant need for structured activities for the more than 300 youth in our residential programs.

Adelphoi recognizes the importance of providing therapeutic recreational opportunities and interactive learning experiences

to youth in placement. Recreation and leisure activities strengthen and reinforce family bonds, increase self-confidence, and positively impact physical and mental health. Many of the activities supported by this special fund take place inside Adelphoi's Youth and Family Center, which features a stage and multi-purpose auditorium for events and student-driven artistic performances, as well as dedicated rooms to provide art and music therapy as part of a growing curriculum for at-risk youth.



*Donna and Ralph Liberatore*

This special fund will support various activities, including basketball and volleyball tournaments, concerts, karaoke, and movie nights. We hope to offer community service activities and educational opportunities as well as access to the arts for our youth in residential care. Donna was passionate about the arts and loved to paint and attend art classes as a member of the Greensburg/Latrobe Art Center. She also ran her own interior design business.

Through the generosity of more than 70 individual donors to date, the Donna Liberatore Memorial Activities Fund has already purchase recreation and leisure equipment, as well as art supplies, to enhance the scope of our residential programming. This special fund has also supported various on-campus and off-campus activities.

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