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Heritage Society Raises First \$1 Million Towards \$10 Million Goal!



Mary Lou Pier, President & Founder of Pier & Associates, with her brother Joe

Joe with his daughter Alexandra, who is in Search's residential program

The **Keystone Foundation's Heritage Society** was launched in late 2016 with a goal of raising \$10 million to benefit **Search** and **Glenkirk**. The goal of the fund is to provide direct financial aid for housing, vocational training, employment, and healthcare services for people with disabilities. The Heritage Society will be a source of permanent financial stability for Search and Glenkirk to thrive and grow well into the future.

After just one year, we are thrilled to announce that the fund has surpassed \$1 million towards the \$10 million goal! Additionally, we are excited to share that Chicago based CPA firm **Pier & Associates** became the first business to support the fund with a \$25,000 commitment. Mary Lou Pier, President and Founder of Pier & Associates, has a niece in Search's residential program and knows firsthand the critical importance of long term support for nonprofits.

"At Pier & Associates, we strive to keep community and people as an important part of our lives. Our owners and employees continually remark at how lucky we are and have been throughout our lives and careers. Inevitably, lucky people like to pay that forward. That is what we want to do as a business," stated Mary Lou. *"Some can give cash, some can give time and some can give ideas. We hope all can contribute to the Heritage Society. We hope other businesses feel the same and understand their employees feel the same. Encouraging that pay it forward feeling keeps employees engaged and feeling a purpose beyond their role in the business. It also provides team building and a pride in the company they work for."*

Gifts totaling \$5,000 or more qualify for the Heritage Society and can be directed to either Search or Glenkirk. The gift can be made as one-time donation, annually, quarterly, monthly, or cover a specified time period (at donors discretion). Members of the Heritage Society have access to a number of exclusive benefits.

Thank you to those that have helped us get to our first \$1 million – the professional and philanthropic leaders who made significant investments towards empowering individuals with disabilities! And thank you in advance to those that will join us in the coming years.

Please join us in creating opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead rich, rewarding lives in the community. Please consider supporting the Heritage Society. Together we will help change lives!

To support the Heritage Society or to find out more, please contact Bruce Wood, Senior Development Officer, at 773-305-0740 x 53 or bwood@keystonealliance.org