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# Favarh

LEGACY SOCIETY

Achieving Independence For Life




# You Can Make a Brighter Future for People with Disabilities

Favarh was founded in 1958 by a group of families who refused to accept the status quo for their children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). When job opportunities didn't exist, they created them. When access to services like a fair education was denied, they took matters into their own hands and built their own classrooms. When they faced resistance and skepticism in their community, they educated their peers and created allies and advocates.

Today, people with disabilities are vital members of their communities. They are integrated into schools, contributing to the workforce, and living independently.

People with disabilities—and Favarh—would not be where we are today without the dedication of the families who paved the way. **But our work is not done.**





We are proud to announce the **Favarh Legacy Society**, honoring both the families who have brought us this far and those who continue to build a brighter future for people with IDD today.

Together, we can safeguard the safety, well-being, and independence of our loved ones with IDD and continue to advocate for the rights and opportunities our community deserves.



## How To Become A Member:

Name Favarh as a beneficiary in one of the following places:

- Your will
- Your IRA, Life Insurance, or other vehicle
- Your loved-one's special needs trust

## Legacy Society Benefits:

- Recognition as founding member of Legacy Society (must join by December 31, 2027)
- Invitations to exclusive Legacy Society events
- Regular updates on the impact of the Legacy Society contributions
- Ensure care that lasts a lifetime – and beyond

Once you've made the inttiiton to remember Favarh in your estate plans, let us know how to recognize your family name in the Favarh Legacy Society.

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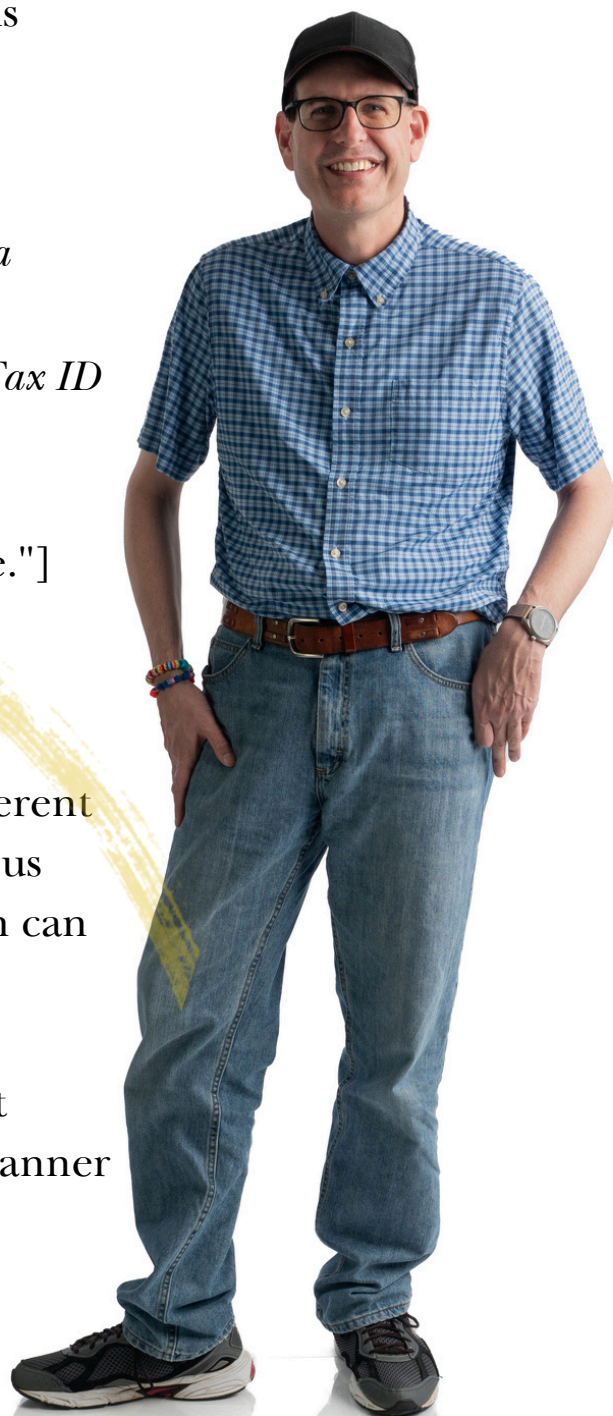
## Incorporating Favarh into your will

Adding Favarh as a beneficiary to your will is simple. Here is some suggested language to incorporate Favarh into your estate plans:

*"I give The Arc of the Farmington Valley, Inc., a nonprofit corporation currently located at 225 Commerce Drive, Canton, CT 06019, Federal Tax ID 06-6011136, or its successor thereto, [written amount OR percentage of the estate], for [its unrestricted charitable use and purpose.]"*  
OR  
*[to be designated to Favarh's endowment"]*

If you plan to direct your gift towards a different purpose besides the endowment, please let us know so we can ensure your intended vision can be achieved.

Favarh does not provide tax and investment strategy advice. Please consult a financial planner or estate planning professional to best understand the options available to you.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I don't have the kind of wealth to make a legacy gift**

Every gift matters, no matter how large or small!

There is no minimum contribution to join the society. Consider leaving a small fixed amount or a small percentage of whatever assets you may have.

### **What are some ways to include Favarh in my estate plans?**

You can name Favarh as a beneficiary in:

- Your will
- Your IRA, life insurance, or other financial accounts
- Your loved-one's special needs trust

### **I don't have a will and I don't even know where to start**

Making a will can be easy with the right resources.

We encourage you to reach out to an estate planning professional to get started. There are also free resources online to create your own will.

### **I have already included Favarh in my legacy giving, but I want to remain anonymous**

We are happy to list your family as "anonymous" in the Favarh Legacy Society.



## Donor Story – Rick and Fay Lenz

*When our son Danny was born, several doctors told us he might never be able to walk or talk.*



*Back in 1980, the programs and services available to people with IDD were just as limited as the expectations laid out for Danny. We were told he would likely end up in a sheltered workshop, isolated from his community and deprived of opportunities to lead a fulfilling life.*

*We refused to accept this limited future for our son and resolved to do everything we could to help Danny live as independently as possible.*

*As a young man, Danny benefited from special education teachers who pushed him academically, as well as his five wonderful older brothers, who included him, mentored him, and helped him develop socially.*

*At Favarh, Danny continues to flourish. He works in an integrated workplace, actively participates in community events at Favarh and Holy Family, and has achieved his dream of living independently in his own apartment—just like his brothers.*

*Danny is even the emcee for Favarh's theater program. Every year, he stands in front of hundreds of audience members to introduce the show. He has perfected his comedic timing and always gets a few good belly laughs from the audience. How's that for talking?*

*We are part of the Favarh Legacy Society because our son was born into a world that wasn't ready for him. If we had accepted the path originally laid out for Danny, he never would have had the opportunity to grow into the more self-sufficient person he is today. We want to protect the opportunities we fought so hard to create and continue building a future for people with IDD that is better than anything we could have imagined.*



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