Why SARRC Matters

SARRC provides programs that address the needs of individuals with ASD of all ages by offering an early intervention program for newly diagnosed children up to six years of age; a four-classroom inclusive preschool for children from 18 months to five years of age; K-12 school consultation services, and school-based inclusion programs to promote peer understanding and acceptance of those with differences; home-based programs; remote telemedicine and parent training for military families and those in rural communities with limited services; community-based life skills and pre-employment experiences for teens (ages 13-18); and employment services, life skills training, and educational opportunities for adults.

Planning Your Gift

Present gifts to endowment including, testamentary bequests, life-income agreements, or other instruments hold benefits for the donor, SARRC and future generations needing services. 

- All planned gifts give donors the opportunity to make a lasting difference in our community.
- A planned gift allows the donor to be philanthropic today and may also provide a current income tax deduction.
- Gifts funded with highly appreciated assets may allow a donor to avoid or lessen capital gains tax liabilities.
- Planned gifts may provide the donor with the opportunity to enjoy increased income at either a fixed or variable rate often more favorable than current investments.
- Select instruments may give the donor the opportunity to supplement retirement income through a deferred charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust.

Planned Gift Options

The long lasting impact of your charitable giving can be accomplished through a variety of options:

- Bequest: Include a simple bequest in your will or trust. With no impact to current income, you can specify a sum of money, a percentage of your estate, a particular asset, or name SARRC as a residuary beneficiary, allowing what is left after other distributions to go to SARRC.

- Life Insurance Policy: Name SARRC as a beneficiary of an existing policy or purchase life insurance naming SARRC as the beneficiary. At minimal or no cost today, this gift can have a major impact tomorrow. You can also receive annual charitable deductions for premiums paid.

- Charitable Gift Annuity: Create a legal contract with SARRC through a gift of cash, stock or other assets. In addition to a current deduction, you are ensured an agreed upon income at a fixed or variable rate for one life or two.

- Charitable Lead Trust: Provide income to SARRC for a period of years through a trust created to preserve assets. Providing both current and future tax benefits, at the end of the period, the trust assets are returned to the donor and heirs.

- Life Estate Contract: Transfer the deed of your home or other property to SARRC while reserving the right to live on or use the property for your life. Charitable deductions for this gift are limited to properties that are personal residences.

- Retirement Plan Assets: Make a gift from your individual retirement accounts when you no longer need them. When left to SARRC, these assets escape both estate and income taxation and provide maximum charitable benefit versus an income tax liability to your heirs.

Unless otherwise directed by the donor, gifts to the SARRC Legacy Circle are held in perpetuity, with annual distributions for specific programs or for general purposes.

SARRC Legacy Circle Member Benefits

As a thank you and to recognize this special level of generosity your benefits include:

- Invitation to our special annual event created to honor SARRC Legacy Circle members.
- Recognition, with your permission, of your name as a member of the SARRC Legacy Circle on the SARRC Donor Wall and SARRC’s Outreach Magazine.
Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC)

SARRC is an internationally recognized nonprofit dedicated to autism research, education, treatment and community outreach. Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the U.S., with more children diagnosed today than pediatric AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined. The critical need to expand and increase financial resources has never been greater.

Our Mission

SARRC’s mission is to advance research and provide a lifetime of support for individuals with autism and their families. Through integrative research, educational outreach, model programs, and collaborative initiatives, we set forth, promote and facilitate best practices for early intervention and an improved quality of life for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The SARRC Legacy Circle

The SARRC Legacy Circle was established to create additional financial resources for the long term needs of our community and lasting economic stability, despite economic conditions. This Circle of on-going support has been formed to honor legacy donors for their commitment to SARRC’s mission.

Your gift to the Legacy Circle Endowment Fund is a long term investment in the research, programs and services of SARRC. It is carefully managed by prudent financial experts through policies approved and monitored by SARRC’s Board of Directors. These perpetual legacy gifts will allow continued expansion of our endowment funds, sustaining SARRC’s essential services for the years ahead.

Whether you think of your financial legacy as large or small, gifts of all sizes make a difference to SARRC.

Interested in contributing to a bright future for SARRC?

We can help you explore options and work with your professional advisors. Please contact our Development Office at (602) 340-8717.

Thanks to SARRC’s “Rising Entrepreneurs” program, Matt and our family created a home-bakery business called SMILE Biscotti™, which stands for Supporting Matt’s Independent Living Enterprise. While Matt remains significantly impacted by his autism, he’s enjoying an active adult life as a successful entrepreneur.

– Denise D. Resnik, Matt’s Mom, SARRC Co-founder