

In 1990, the Clinton family was blessed with their first child, Tristan. Like any child, he brightened their lives. But, as Tristan grew older, it became apparent that his needs were greater than most children his age. He stopped talking and began having seizures. He was diagnosed with autism.

The Clintons went to work to find services and supports for Tristan so that he would have the best opportunity to succeed. Unfortunately, in Titusville, the only option at the time was to enroll him in public school at the age of three and a half. Tristan learned a great deal in school and stayed there until he aged out. However, the family felt that he needed additional instruction at home.

Hidden Potentials, Inc. was founded to meet Tristan's needs and help other children succeed at home, in the community and at school. Since 1997, families have received services and support to improve their quality of life.

The life of one child has impacted the lives of thousands of children in a very positive way. Adversity led to solutions. Challenges led to **HOPE**.

In 2015, Tristan's earthly life ended and he became free to do all the things that he was unable to do for the 24 years he was here. Our celebration of his life would not be complete without using his struggles and determination to motivate the community to continue his legacy. As you read a few of the many comments from his Celebration of Life, you will see that the impact his short life had on SO many is inspiring.



Because of Tristan's life, Hidden Potentials was born. From that came respite care for my daughter, Rayna which gave mom and dad an extra set of hands freeing us to do "two man jobs" around the home. Sometimes we would even use those precious hours to sit and be with each other without concern for Rayna's care. But the most impacting to our lives is that Hidden Potentials started the Special Needs Ministry at my church. Without Tristan, my family would be a statistic instead of the miracle it is. Thank you!

~ Carolyn Stites

I am blessed to have Tristan and your family intercept with me. It was a privilege to be able to be a part of his upbringing and life and part of your family. God has blessed your family and has given you the strength to help many others. I will remember you always.

~ Dr. Douglas Barimo



Tristan was truly a blessing to everyone who met him. To me, he gave me the confidence to care for and treat someone in his situation. It was an absolute blessing to see Tristan change and respond as we got to work together.

~ Dr. Renee Hahn

I was blessed to know Tristan through the Children's Center and by getting to work with him for physical therapy. It always amazes me that kids who face such obstacles can do it with a grin – and boy, oh boy, Tristan had a big grin! But whenever I get frustrated with life or feel like there are too many obstacles, I think of all my angels on earth and in Heaven and it puts a smile back on my face. If he can face his life with a smile, then we should too!

~ Jeanette VanDuyne



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TRISTAN'S LEGACY

If making a difference is important to you, charitable giving can be an important way for you to help Hidden Potentials continue to thrive in the future. And the good news is that you don't have to be Andrew Carnegie or Bill Gates to start.

PLANNED GIVING

It's Easy

Simply adding a beneficiary to a life insurance policy or 401(K) takes one form from your plan administrator, agent, or advisor.

It's Smart

It doesn't impact your cash flow, lifestyle or financial planning. You continue to own the funds and take regular withdrawals as needed.

It Can Provide Generous Tax Benefits

Depending on the type of gift, short-term and/or long-term tax benefits may apply.

It Can Work Along with Family Priorities

Planned giving is not an "all or nothing" option. Gifts can exist side by side with other beneficiaries and personal priorities.

It's Long Remembered

Designating a planned gift automatically makes you a member of Tristan's Legacy Society, where members will receive immediate recognition on our website, in publications and receive invitations to special events.

<i>Gifts at a Glance</i>			
DONOR PROFILE	HOW IT WORKS	BENEFITS TO DONORS	SUGGESTED GIFT TYPE
Donors of any age or income level	Gift of any amount through a will, trust, life insurance policy or IRA	Estate tax benefits	Bequest
Donors of any age, most often middle-aged Good for complex or appreciated assets	A gift of cash in return for variable payments (% of gift) Upon passing, remainder is distributed to the charity	Annual income that can adjust over time; act as hedge against inflation May avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated assets Income tax charitable deduction in year of gift	Charitable Remainder Trust
Older donors who want to help a charity, have liquid assets (such as stocks, CDs, savings accounts) Middle-age donors who want to provide income for their parents or others	A gift of cash or stock in return for fixed payments to the donor for life Upon passing, remainder is distributed to the charity	Security of a fixed income for life Knowledge it is guaranteed by organization Income tax charitable deduction in year of gift	Charitable Gift Annuity
Anyone considering a planned gift should consult a tax and/or legal advisor to determine the consequences of making a gift			

YOUR DONATION WILL PROVIDE A LIFETIME OF HOPE

Much Needed Break

Give a mom and/or dad of a special needs child an evening of respite care so they can have some time together.

Real Life Skills for Independence

Scholarship a special needs student for a Life Skills class where they learn about social skills, healthy lifestyles, effective communication, dating, and handling stress.

Fulfilling Daytime Activities

Give special needs adults who have aged out of high school the opportunity to attend a program where they participate in activities such as music, sports, job skill training and social events.

Academic Success

Provide one-on-one tutoring for a student from a single parent home or a homeschooled special needs student who needs some extra support from a certified teacher.

Classroom Strategies for High School & College

Scholarship students for our Boot Camp where they learn strategies for note taking, organization, study, reference, math vocabulary and test taking skills. This will help them obtain scholarships.

Summer Boost

Scholarship students for our Summer Camps for reading comprehension, writing and math.

AND MANY, MANY MORE AVENUES OF GIVING HOPE TO FAMILIES

