

Cedarcrest

Sawyer~Clement Heritage Society

In 1947, Dorothy "Dot" Sawyer and Eleanor "Clemmie" Clement founded Cedarcrest in order to help neighbors who needed specialized care for their daughter. Within a few years, the farmhouse in Westmoreland and the program grew to support more than twenty children with developmental and/or physical disabilities. Through the ensuing decades, as technologies advanced, so too did the needs of the children Cedarcrest served. In the late 1980's, a new building was constructed in Keene, NH to better meet the complex medical concerns of infants, children, and teens from State of New Hampshire. Today, it continues to be a vibrant, high-tech facility whose staff remains focused on the individual needs of each resident. The mission is still to provide a nurturing home for children with significant medical and educational needs from New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont.

The children of Cedarcrest benefit every day from the concern, involvement, and support of members of the community. Individuals and families have stepped forward over the past seven decades and have given Cedarcrest a strong foundation upon which to build a bright future for today's children as well as those the organization will serve tomorrow.

The children have benefited greatly from the compassion and sustaining the interest of friends who have designated Cedarcrest as a beneficiary in their estate plans or trust provisions. Funding received has helped to grow our Board Designated Fund and has helped offset gaps in operational support. In response to their generosity, the organization has established the Sawyer~Clement Heritage Society to recognize those individuals who have included Cedarcrest in their estate plans.

Membership

Membership in the Sawyer~Clement Heritage Society is extended to those who provide for Cedarcrest in their wills or estate plans or who have made significant contributions in establishing an endowment or growing an endowment to benefit Cedarcrest. Membership is awarded by voluntary application. There are no membership dues. A form is available for members who wish to share their commitment with us.

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