



### ABOUT ELS FOR AUTISM

Els for Autism is a game-changing resource, delivering and facilitating programs that are leading examples of what can be available to people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Els for Autism is guided by the fundamental values of respect and responsibility.

Because Els for Autism believes in the value of respect, services are offered to people with ASD of all ages and provided in a caring and nurturing manner – clients feel taken care of in their community. Els for Autism embodies the value of responsibility, providing services that allow our clients to live as independently as possible throughout their lives.



Through the compassionate support from Els for Autism, clients and their families are helped in many ways, including education, therapy, research, recreation and adult services.

When families first learn that their loved one may have a developmental disability, Els for Autism is there to provide encouragement, support and services. Ernie and Liezl Els remember when their son Ben was first diagnosed with autism, and have made it their lives' mission to help families like their own. With foundations in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and South Africa, we seek to make a global difference every day in the lives of people with ASD and their families.

Our Legacy donors are individuals just like you who want to make sure that people with ASD around the world received the support they need, now and in the future.

Begin building your legacy at any giving level today at [www.elsforautism.org](http://www.elsforautism.org)



# How would you like to shape the future?

## PLANNED GIVING PROVIDES MANY CREATIVE STRATEGIES THAT ALLOW YOU TO

- ◆ Shape the future through support of education, research, therapy and other aspects of our work
- ◆ Retain control of your assets during your lifetime should your personal or family circumstances change
- ◆ Contribute tax-advantaged assets such as publicly traded securities and real estate
- ◆ Receive significant charitable income, estate and capital gain tax benefits

## LET'S PLAN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER.



Our team is here to help you structure a gift that fulfills your philanthropic, financial and estate planning goals to make a difference today and for years to come.

To learn more, please contact:  
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### ***As you think about your legacy...***

*consider how planned giving may enable you to support our work in ways that may not be possible through lifetime gifts and create an impact today, tomorrow and for generations to come.*

### **BEQUESTS**

You may include a provision in your will or living trust in which you designate a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or specific property to the Els for Autism Foundation.

### **BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS**

You may designate the Els for Autism Foundation as beneficiary of any portion of the assets from your qualified retirement plan, life insurance policy, commercial annuity, or bank or brokerage accounts.

### **GIFTS OF APPRECIATED STOCK & REAL ESTATE**

One of the most tax-efficient ways to give is through gifts of long-term (owned for more than one year) appreciated stock or real estate. Gifts of stock or real estate provide:

- A charitable income tax deduction based on the current value of the property
- Capital gain tax savings

### **TAX-FREE CHARITABLE IRA GIFTS**

If you are 70 ½ years of age or older, you may make tax-free gifts up to \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to the Els for Autism Foundation. This giving opportunity is particularly beneficial for individuals who may not need their annual required minimum distribution, are not itemizing their deductions, or who want to make a larger tax-free gift from an IRA.