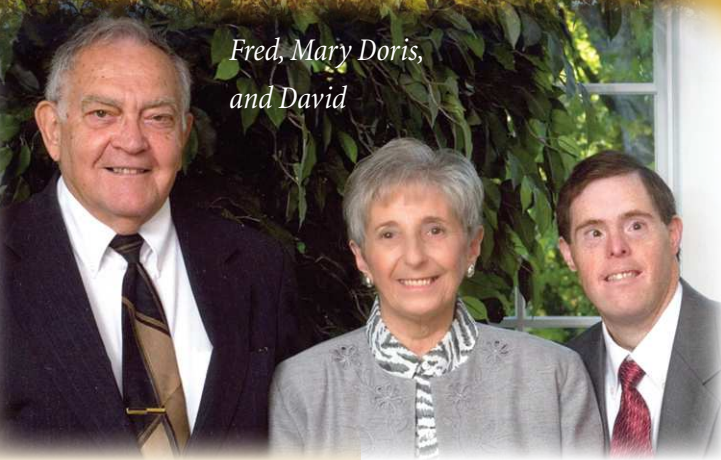


A Family's Commitment...

Fred, Mary Doris,
and David



Dear Friend:

We are the parents of David, a young man with a developmental disability who has been participating in Liberty's programs since he was a toddler. We would like to tell you about David, how we became involved with Liberty, and how much that relationship has meant to our family.

In 1969, when friends visited us at the hospital after the birth of our fourth son David, they all raved about how cute he was. Of course, we agreed he was a beautiful baby. We had no idea that there was a problem until our doctor told us David had Down Syndrome. We didn't really know what that meant. He told us that, intellectually, David would never

progress beyond a certain point and that we would have a child for the rest of our lives. It was difficult news to hear, but we were determined to provide the best life possible for our son.

David was a very good baby. He slept through the night and was always easy to care for and to be around. Right from the beginning, his brothers Michael, Ross, and Paul adored him. They and their neighborhood friends included David in their activities and looked out for him throughout his childhood...and still do today.

We first became involved with Liberty when David was about three years old. At the time, Liberty operated a pre-school program for children with special needs in the old school building located in Ft. Johnson, then known as "Liberty House." We were referred to Liberty House by Fran Gargiulo, whose son Jimmy attended the program. We welcomed the opportunity because we wanted David to be around other children and make friends and, of course, we were anxious for him to get a head start on his education. It was the beginning of a relationship with Liberty that has flourished for over 40 years.

Recognizing that it was very likely that David would continue to need services from Liberty, we wanted to become more involved with the organization. I (Mary Doris) joined the Board in the early 70s and was part of the governing body that hired Frank Capone as Executive Director in 1974. (I am very proud to have been part of the group that made that decision!) Our son Michael carried on the tradition when he joined the Board in 2006, until his sudden passing in 2011. His brother Paul stepped up to continue our family's involvement with Liberty when he filled Michael's seat on the Board of Directors in 2013.

Our family is committed to Liberty because we know that the people who work with David every day care about him and have his best interests at heart. He lives with us and works at Liberty Enterprises several days a week and attends the Life Skills program a couple of days. David truly enjoys his job and especially looks forward to being with the many friends he has made over the years.

This organization has always been there for David and for our family—as it has for so many individuals and families in our community. We hope you will join us in supporting **Liberty Foundation's 2014 Annual Appeal**, so that the wonderful programs Liberty offers are available to the people who need them now and to ensure they will be here for future generations.

With best regards,

Alfred "Fred" DiCaprio

Mary Doris DiCaprio

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