

ROSEMARY AND GEORGE RUNNION: A LEGACY OF CARING

Rosemary Runnion began volunteering at ACH in the 1980s. She loved ACH and enjoyed being involved and serving on the board, helping advance its mission of supporting children without family or from broken homes.

“There were times when I was a kid, she would bring me along with her to help out,” said her son John Runnion. She also tutored many ACH children at The Key School and was a proud champion for kids through the years.

In 1998, Rosemary and her husband George began planning their estate. Being community-minded, they wanted to share their good fortune with several charities.

John explained, “My dad was a Certified Public Accountant and had several clients who used a Charitable Remainder Unitrust in their estate plans. He thought it was a smart giving vehicle that could provide an income to them during their lives and leave the remainder to charity when they were gone.”

Rosemary and George Runnion created a Charitable Remainder Unitrust — a decision that John said “allowed them to provide for mom’s elder care in her last years of life. A time when the extra money helped.” He said, “Mom and dad were most proud of the fact that seven charities they valued most would share in their personal legacy.”

George passed away in 2019, and Rosemary followed in 2021, but the remaining funds from the trust have been distributed to seven non-profit organizations they cared most about, including ACH. For ACH, the Runnion gift is helping protect children and preserve families today.

We are honored to be part of Rosemary and George’s generous legacy that lives on at ACH; their gift has been added to the endowment and creates a permanent stream of philanthropic dollars to supplement ACH’s work as an agent of change in our community. Thank you, Rosemary and George Runnion!

