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### **PNNJ Establishes Memorial Fund at PHI**

The Polio Network of New Jersey (PNNJ) has established The Joyce and Arthur Siegfried Memorial Fund to underwrite the PHI program that supplies braces and custom-made shoes to eligible individuals with an initial gift of \$7,500.

The Memorial honors the late PNNJ leaders Joyce and Arthur Siegfried, who were pioneer advocates for polio survivors. Mrs. Siegfried attended the 1987 PHI (GINI) conference and took “pages and pages of notes” back to the Raritan Valley Post-Polio Support Group, which she founded that year. She helped organize the first New Jersey Conference on the Late Effects of Polio in 1990, which led to the creation of the Polio Network of New Jersey in 1991. She died in 2004, after many years as the organization's treasurer and leader of the Raritan Valley Support Group. Mr. Siegfried was a longtime PNNJ board attorney and also served as president, retiring in 2010 a year before his death.

PNNJ President Veliko “Lee” Bekir said, “This gives us the opportunity to bring the names of our friends, Joyce and Arthur, into a larger sphere of philanthropy and service, thus helping many polio survivors and at the same time honoring this outstanding couple in a more permanent way. We see our gift as ‘seed money’ that would encourage other groups and individuals to contribute to grow the fund. PNNJ will, within its means, make an annual contribution to maintain our commitment.”

“This generous gift assures that PHI can continue to assist polio survivors in living independently by granting funds for shoes and bracing,” said PHI Executive Director Joan L. Headley. “We are grateful to PNNJ and excited about the collaboration that helps both of our organizations fulfill their missions.” ▲

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