

1926 Society Leaving a Legacy

Tom Keasey admits there have been times growing up, that he wanted to hide his vision impairment. But now he is happy to share his story. “I’ve been a client of VisionCorps since the mid-1950’s,” Tom said, “and they’ve done a lot for me.” He’s also been a staff member, a board member, and a donor. And now you can add legacy donor to that impressive list.

Tom became vision impaired when he was a premature baby by getting too much oxygen in his incubator. After two years attending a residential school for the Blind, a family friend convinced his home school district to give him a chance to go to public school. Growing up and throughout most of his years in school, Tom tried to hide his vision impairment. “I just didn’t want to be different,” he said.

As soon as he graduated from college, Tom found a job at the York County Blind Center (now VisionCorps) doing a radio reading service for the blind. He worked there for twelve years, and later served two terms as a board member.

Tom is aware of the work that still needs to be done to improve the quality of life for the vision impaired. He would like to see employers give more with disabilities a chance to show what they can do. Transportation is also a big problem. “I meet lots of seniors who can no longer drive because of their vision loss,” said Tom. “They’re struggling.”



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Tom decided to “pay it forward” and include VisionCorps in his will. As a legacy donor, Tom is helping to ensure that others like him receive the resources and supports that VisionCorps provides. “VisionCorps has played a role in my life and it always will until I start pushing up daisies. They’ve been good to me. I’ve been very fortunate to have what I have, and to be where I’m at,” he said. “So, if I can help somebody else, that’s what it’s all about.”

To learn more about how you can join the 1926 Society and forever care for the blind and visually impaired by leaving a gift to VisionCorps after your lifetime, please contact Angela Lauer, Senior Philanthropy Officer, at alauer@visioncorps.net or 717.925.7101.

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How It Works

The 1926 Society provides you with the opportunity to continue your support of VisionCorps after your lifetime. Joining the 1926 Society is as simple as including VisionCorps in your will or as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or insurance policy.

Many donors find that leaving a gift in their will is an easy and convenient way to ensure their favorite organization will continue to benefit from their generosity. Wills may be written to include a specific amount of money to VisionCorps, a percentage of your estate, or a particular asset, such as stocks or real estate.

VisionCorps can also be named as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, IRA or life insurance policy. You can designate VisionCorps as the beneficiary for the entire policy or for a percentage.

Simply complete a statement of intent to let us know of your plans and you can become the newest member of the 1926 Society! Gifts in any amount will create a lasting legacy in your name and help VisionCorps continue to support your friends and neighbors with vision loss to attain independence.

VisionCorps

VisionCorps circa 1926



When you include VisionCorps in your estate plan you will be remembered as one who cared deeply about the blind and visually impaired and your gift will continue to support something you cared about long after you are gone.

What will your legacy be?

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