

Leave a Legacy or Live a Legacy -  
The Building of one family's Legacy, Block by Block



In the late 1960's and early 1970's, two philanthropic visionaries Henry and Arthur Block embarked upon the development of a unique community. Set in the still largely wild caribou region, their vision was to create an environment that would benefit a person physically, emotionally and spiritually. It would consist of rural living in balance with thousands of acres of untouched land, retaining the freedom of nature in concert with select development.

Their dream became what is now known as the 108 Mile Ranch and Resort; a project designed using supported development it is a concrete example of the values of the Block Family and the focus they place on being good corporate stewards - a quest the family still engages in today.

Sadly in late 2015, Henry Block, surrounded by his loving family, passed; but the legacy he left has had a far greater impact than he could have dreamed. For the Block family, Henry's example of charitable contribution toward the creation of a stronger community became woven into the fabric of their lives.

Through their Foundation as well as their personal contributions, the Block family is actively involved in many local community projects, service clubs and social agencies on the peninsula- Sources is fortunate to be among them. Their involvement has led to some significant and innovative approaches, each impacting community in numerous and lasting ways:

- Volunteer Assisted Discharge Program that helps seniors get home from local hospitals and assists with reestablishing them in their homes.
- The powder milk project ensures milk is available (which is relatively non-perishable and contains comparable nutrients to fresh milk) to those in need
- The Rotary Save-On-Foods gift card program. This partner program is a community initiative that raises hundreds of thousands of dollars every year for the White Rock/South Surrey Food Bank.

For this family, "Leaving a Legacy" is also "Living a Legacy".

Henry planted seeds that germinated into the essence and spirit of an entire community. In doing so he set an example and cultivated family values that continue to drive this family toward Henry's dream- a community that benefits all persons including seniors, homeless, hungry and those living in poverty.....

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