

## Forever Syracuse

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## Barbara and Robert Sadowski:

### *Dedicated to Education*

Barbara Ambuske Sadowski '62, G'69 and Robert Sadowski G'69 met as graduate student resident advisors at Brewster/Boland Hall, the first co-ed residence hall on the Syracuse University campus. Men were housed in one tower and women in another, with strict rules about visiting hours.

Among their many shared interests was the goal of becoming teachers, and that is exactly what they did—she in mathematics and computers and he in broadcast journalism. They both earned doctorates—Robert from the University of Iowa and Barbara from the University of Maryland. Married in 1970, they taught in many schools and colleges throughout their careers, including the University of Scranton, Marywood University, the University of Houston and Marist College.

### *Sharing a Love of Learning*

The Sadowskis credit Syracuse University with playing a large part in their success.



**Barbara and Robert Sadowski** are giving back to Syracuse University through two scholarships that will provide students with the same educational opportunities the couple received.

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## Change a Life

Like Barbara and Robert, you can make a lasting gift to recognize your Syracuse experience and make an education more affordable for future students. Contact our Office of Gift Planning at 888.352.9535 to learn the many options available for you to make a future gift to Syracuse University.



# With a Will, There is a Way

*Create Your Vision for the Future With This Important Document*

Momentous events like a milestone birthday, the arrival of a grandchild or retirement are times to celebrate and reflect on where your family has been and what the future might hold. It is also a chance to think about the values you hope to pass on to future generations.

One way you can ensure that your values endure is through will planning. Will planning is the highly personal process of deciding how your assets will be distributed after your lifetime.

## **Start at the Beginning**

Create a will. Through this important document, you can direct the division of your property the way you choose. If Syracuse University has been important in your life, you can also include a gift to support our future.

**Already have a will?** Do not set it and forget it! Review this document every couple of years to ensure that it has kept pace with your life. A new marriage, divorce, birth or death of a family member are events that should trigger a review to make sure that your will still protects the people you love.

## **Go a Step Further**

If supporting Syracuse University is a part of your future plans, share your intentions with loved ones. Does your family know why our students and programs are important to you? Tell them! These conversations help ensure that your family understands your intentions. You could also inspire them to make a connection with Syracuse University.



## **Deepen Your Commitment to Syracuse University**

Contact our Office of Gift Planning at 888.352.9535 for help in creating a personalized plan that protects the important people and causes in your life while fulfilling your wishes.



# Ask the Expert: When to Use an Estate Planning Attorney

By Lynn M. Gaumer, J.D.

Have you put off planning for the future because it seems complicated or confusing? You might consider enlisting the help of an estate planning attorney. An estate planning attorney can help you create a plan that distributes your assets to the loved ones and charities of your choosing and can put together the legal documents needed to implement it after your lifetime.

## **Q** What does an estate planning attorney do?

**A.** We all need basic estate planning documents. These include a will (and in some instances a revocable living trust), a durable power of attorney for financial matters, a living will and a health care power of attorney. An attorney will not only draft these documents according to your wishes, but he/she will coordinate assets with your overall estate planning objectives. This would cover any retirement plans, life insurance, commercial annuities and assets owned jointly with rights of survivorship.

## **Q** How does this benefit Syracuse University?

**A.** Many of us want to give back to the charities and causes with which we feel connected. An easy way to do this is to leave a percentage of your residuary estate to Syracuse University in your will so you do not have to part with any of your assets during your lifetime. Plus, this type of gift can be revised at any time.

## **Q** How do I find an attorney?

**A.** A good place to start is to ask for references from friends, relatives and co-workers. Your state's bar association may also have an online lawyer referral service, or you can contact our Office of Gift Planning at 888.352.9535 for assistance.

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"I really liked teaching, especially teaching children," says Barbara, the first person in her family to attend college. "I would never have known that if I hadn't had the opportunity at Syracuse to work with children who had trouble learning arithmetic."

Robert points to his Syracuse experience as instrumental in giving him the tools to be effective in his profession.

"At Syracuse, I learned how to be an educator, different ways to integrate practicum along with theory and how to get the love of learning across to students," he says.

## **A Gift That Lasts Forever**

Now retired, the Sadowskis have looked to the future and made plans for giving tomorrow's students the same educational opportunities they enjoyed. Barbara funded a scholarship to benefit mathematics education majors, with preference for those whose parents did not attend college. Robert's scholarship support is for Newhouse students studying radio-television-film and communication research.

"Barbara and I wish we could give more—endow professorships, maybe even put our names on a building," he says. "We can't quite get to name a building. But we can certainly do our part and create some scholarships."

"I decided to leave a scholarship to benefit somebody who needs it the same way I did," Barbara says. "There are very few things you can do that have that long-lasting an effect."



## Extend Your Impact

Please remember to make your annual gift to Syracuse University to help us continue to impact the lives of others. Return the enclosed reply card to get started.

# How to Give the Perfect Gift

We all have one: a box in the attic or closet where we put gifts from loved ones that do not quite match our needs or styles. It is the “re-gift” stash.

This year, you can make sure that your gifts to loved ones stay out of their re-gift box simply by rethinking what you give to those closest to you.

## **What to Give the Person Who Has Everything**

As you celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions with friends and family this year, take a moment to reflect on what is truly important to your loved ones. If that person values our scholarship, teaching and research at Syracuse University, consider making a gift in his or her honor.

A tribute gift can make your loved one feel special because you are celebrating and supporting a cause that is important in his or her life. Plus, you do not run the risk of giving a gift that someone neither wants nor needs.



## **Give From the Heart**

To learn more about gifts that will truly touch your loved ones, contact our Office of Gift Planning at 888.352.9535 today.



## **Honor Someone Who Inspired You**

If a professor or advisor at Syracuse University had a special impact on your life, a tribute gift is a meaningful way for you to recognize them. Your gift not only commemorates this person's influence, but allows future generations of Syracuse students the chance to experience a superior education.



## **What Stage is Your Plan?**

Whether you are considering a will or need to update an existing one, our resource guides you through every stage of planning. Simply return the enclosed reply card to request your FREE copy of **Your Will Planning Timeline**.

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## **Class is in Session—From the Comfort of Your Home**

You know you need to plan for your financial future, but the process might seem overwhelming. Go to [ForeverSyracuse.edu/planning-kit](https://ForeverSyracuse.edu/planning-kit) to download our Personal Estate Planning Kit and receive complimentary electronic copies of the lesson book and accompanying record book.