

Stories from the CDSS *Legacy of Joy Society*

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L'*dor v'dor* (from generation to generation) is a Jewish phrase which refers to continuity, the responsibility of passing on knowledge and traditions to sustain them for the future. This concept informs our plans to leave a bequest to CDSS.

We met folk dancing, and our family life has been enriched by community dance and song, largely from our home base in Northern California. We've danced throughout the U.S. and even in Jerusalem, courtesy of an American expatriate dancer. As toddlers, our daughters fell asleep on the sidelines of contra dances, and as they grew, joined us on the dance floor and at summer camps. This summer we look forward to CDSS Family Week at Ogontz with our daughter and 2-year-old granddaughter—the next generation to share the tradition with us.

As local dance organizers, we appreciate the volunteer energy and resources that sustain our communities. We are inspired by the musicians, callers, song leaders, composers, choreographers, and teachers who preserve and extend these traditions.

For over 100 years, CDSS has supported and connected us as individuals and communities who love participatory dance, music, and song.



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As a former CDSS Treasurer, I (Craig) know that developing a sustainable financial base is essential to CDSS’s future. I am proud to have helped implement CDSS’s “robust reserves” plan. Including CDSS in our estate plan helps ensure that CDSS will be here for decades to come, to help spread the joy to future generations—*l’dor v’dor*.



If you'd like to join the CDSS *Legacy of Joy*, fill out the online **Request to Join form** at cdss.org/legacy or call Robin Hayden at 413-203-5467 x107. CDSS will work with you to contribute a joyous photo, a zippy quote, and your own legacy story. Considering including CDSS in your estate plans but don't know where to begin or what your options are? Fill out the **Expression of Interest form** on the website.