

In Memory of Martin Stein

Marty had a heart even larger than his generosity and philanthropy.



The Edith and Martin Stein Building of Hope in New Brunswick, NJ

Martin and Edith Stein visiting the Children's Hospital in September 2015

Embrace Kids has lost a pillar of our community. Marty was a kind, fun and generous soul who literally put Embrace Kids on the map in 2002 by funding the purchase and renovation of our house at 121 Somerset Street in New Brunswick, NJ. The Edith and Martin Stein Building of Hope has served as a resource for families and a headquarters for Embrace Kids daily activities. The 4 story red brick building is a hub of activity for families, Rutgers students and our staff. In addition to Marty's extraordinary generosity to the foundation, he showed warmth and concern for all of us and was considered a friend by many of the core foundation supporters for the past 20 years.

Raised in an apartment over his family's Plainfield, NJ deli, Martin credited his hard-working parents with his lifelong commitment to philanthropy. When the store folded, he was left unemployed and without prospects. But, as Martin's own business journey led to great success, he took such satisfaction and joy in knowing that he and Edith fully devoted their retirement years to philanthropy.

Together, Martin and Edith supported a myriad of causes in New Jersey, Florida and Israel. After moving to Boca Raton, they quickly became vital members of their new community. Their compassion, generosity and spirit provided a wide array of support to a number of beneficiary agencies in southern Florida as well as the local arts community. From sustaining contributions to enabling new programs to routinely stepping forward for timely needs, and by their loving example, the Steins have made a critical difference and enhanced the quality of life for countless people.



Edith and Martin with their beloved dog Lily

Our hearts and prayers go out to Edith. Martin's memory should inspire all of us to achieve and especially to give more to those less fortunate than ourselves.



Marty visiting Kosta in the Children's Hospital



Edith and Martin honored at Embrace Kids Gala in September 2005