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LEGACY STORY

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The Heinritz Family

In 2008, Mark and Melinda Heinritz completed their first estate plan, something less than 50% of Americans ever put into place. A year later, when they became parents to their son, Sullivan, they updated the plan to include provisions for his future care and financial security.

Nearly a decade later, after Melinda had become the president of the Madison Public Schools Foundation, Mark and Melinda focused anew on the charities named in their plan. As products of public schools – Mark from the Appleton (WI) Area School District and Melinda from Shelbyville (IN) Central Schools – they wanted to express their gratitude for these experiences and to support Sullivan's "home district," the Madison Metropolitan School District. Designating the Madison Public Schools Foundation for a bequest was the perfect way to accomplish their charitable goals.

After 13 years in MMSD schools – Midvale Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, Cherokee Heights Middle School, and Madison West High School – the Heinritz family looks forward to celebrating Sullivan's graduation next June as part of the Class of 2024. We thank the countless MMSD teachers, coaches, guidance counselors, social workers, building staff, and principals who have been a part of our lives over the years. And... we appreciate the central office staff who now support Sullivan's post-secondary path in the trades as a youth apprentice electrician.



To create your own legacy for Madison public schools, contact Melinda Heinritz, President, Madison Public Schools Foundation at mheinritz@SchoolsMakeMadison.org or 608.210.6902.

