

Stories from the CDSS LEGACY OF JOY SOCIETY

BEVERLY FRANCIS & DAVID CHANDLER

We've been dancing for a combined total of about 88 years. We met at a weekly dance in New York City, and five years later morris and country dance were key elements in our wedding. We've gone to (at least one) CDSS week at camp every year since 1973. Clearly dancing has been a dear part of our lives for decades.

Although CDSS may not be the immediate sponsor of our local dances, it underlies our dance lives in significant ways. Camp, of course, has been a wonderful vacation that also provides a source of new dances, a chance to feel part of the larger community of dancers, and inspiration by seeing others do things very well. Under the CDSS umbrella, our local dance groups have had the vital support of tax exemption and liability insurance. The CDSS News and social media keep us abreast of what is happening across the continent. CDSS is the network that has kept us connected to dance and dancers beyond our local groups. It's the link, sometimes unseen but always there, that brings people, tradition, and creativity together. For us, these connections have given us fellowship and community and decades of fun.

Given all this, we have provided substantial contributions to CDSS over the years and both of us have served on the CDSS Board.



Naturally we want to include in our final bequests the organization that has contributed to our health and happiness all these years. We recently moved



"CDSS is... the link, sometimes unseen but always there, that brings people, tradition, and creativity together."

from New Jersey to Ohio to be close to family. Our son grew up dancing and sings songs from Pinewoods to his children. We have the happy obligation to help provide for their futures. So we'll do what we can – CDSS really is important and has a place in our hearts. We want to contribute to insuring a thriving dance and music community for future generations.

If you'd like to join the CDSS LEGACY OF JOY SOCIETY, 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.