



The Schwartz Center for Children's beloved founder and long-time Executive Director, Agnes E. "Posa" Raposa passed away on January 23, 2002 at the age of 86. Posa was well known as a champion for children with special developmental, educational, and healthcare needs.

The story of the Center is "her" story, which had its' beginning over fifty-five years ago. Her youngest child, a son, was born with cerebral palsy. Since there were no local services available, she created them. Imagine

the drive and foresight she had in establishing a pediatric therapeutic treatment center in 1947. Her mission to help each child "achieve their greatest potential," was one to which she dedicated her life.

Continuing Posa's legacy is paramount to the mission of the Center today. We also remain dedicated to the memory of Dr. Isaac Schwartz, the Center's first Medical Director, and his professional standard of "treat the patient first, then the handicap." As such, the Schwartz Center for Children continues to be a beacon of hope, inspiration, and comfort for thousands of children and their families throughout Southeastern Massachusetts.



As a dear friend to Posa and her life's work of creating a preeminent educational and therapeutic and treatment center for children with special needs, we invite you to become a Charter Member of the "Agnes E. "Posa" Raposa Memorial Society.

Your membership will enable us to ensure that the future of Posa's mission will be secure. Membership in the Society will be a monthly sustaining program. All dues will directly support the services we provide to the children in our many programs: Day School, Child Development, Rehabilitation and Outpatient Therapy, Sensory Integration, Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, Early Intervention, Evaluation Clinics, and a Regional Consultation Program.



We hope that you will consider becoming a Charter Member of the Agnes E. "Raposa" Memorial Society to ensure that the Center can continue "Posa's" work - everyday and always.



We are proud of our history which now spans over half a century. Through Posa's dedication and leadership, persistence, positive determination and entrepreneurial spirit, the Schwartz Center has impacted the lives of thousands of children in our community. The story of Posa is entwined within every service we provide. Her spirit is ever present and continues to enrich all our lives every day.

The Schwartz Center is a special place where people rely on people. Posa taught us that well. We count on friends like you to help us treat and enrich the lives of our children. We ask for your continued help and support just as Posa would have.

Agnes E. "Posa" Raposa Memorial Society Charter Membership Benefits

- Help the Schwartz Center for Children sustain its mission by helping children with special needs achieve their greatest potential.
- Listing in the Charter Membership Roll in the Center's "Handprints" newsletter.
- Special certificate acknowledging your Charter Membership.
- Special display at the Center acknowledging your Charter Membership.

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NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____
EMAIL: _____

YES, I am honored to become a Charter Member of the Agnes E. "Posa" Raposa's Memorial Society. I want to ensure that the Center continues Posa's work - everyday and always.

○ I'm enclosing my check in payment of my first monthly contribution, and I pledge to send the same amount each month. Please bill me. I understand I may cancel this arrangement at any time.

(Please make check payable to the Schwartz Center for Children.)

\$150 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other _____

****contribution is per month***

I cannot join the Agnes E. "Posa" Raposa Memorial Society. But enclosed is my special contribution in the amount of \$ _____ and understand that this is a one-time donation.

Credit Card No. (VISA or MasterCard only) _____

Expiration _____

Signature _____

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