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### Don Peasley's Commitment Sustains Our Community At Woodstock Christian Life Services

For over half a century, Woodstock resident Don Peasley has been actively involved with the McHenry County community. He is currently a columnist and freelance writer for the *Woodstock Independent* and *Northwest Herald*. He has been an editor, photographer and historian of McHenry County since 1947, as well as an avid supporter of the not-for-profit organization Woodstock Christian Life Services (WCLS). WCLS manages three divisions: Woodstock Early Learning Center, Hearthstone Village Senior Living Community and Hearthstone Manor Rehabilitative and Nursing Care.

A board member since 1978, Mr. Peasley has devoted countless hours to fundraising efforts in support of WCLS programs. He has also made personal donations to the organization in every possible manner, including pro bono professional services and a unique family arrangement where, instead of exchanging holiday gifts, family members make donations earmarked for the Woodstock Early Learning Center.

A desire to make a substantial contribution to the organization led Mr. Peasley to evaluate options such as annuities, bequests and endowments. "I personally had close observations of the work of staff members and volunteers in all



*Don Peasley with Terry Egan, President/CEO of WCLS, and children of the Woodstock Early Learning Center*

divisions of WCLS," he says. "I wanted to do something more than just an ordinary check."

Mr. Peasley chose a gift annuity. Deferred payment gift annuities like this are a wonderful option for those looking for a retirement income or tax-sheltered investment.

Mr. Peasley's contributions will support the WCLS endowment, which is held by the McHenry County Community Foundation.

"I'm pleased to have this opportunity to call attention to the way many people can help WCLS with an appropriate contribution that reaches out to serve present and future residents and children," he says. WCLS is currently on a drive to raise the endowment to \$100,000, the interest income from which will be used for the continued support of programs for the children and seniors of McHenry County.

To learn how you can support WCLS programs, please call the Planned Giving Office at (815) 321-4028 or visit [www.wclsil.org](http://www.wclsil.org).

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