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History

In October of 2003, Mary Anne Ehlert, Certified Financial Planner, founded Protected Tomorrows Inc. in Suburban Chicago to honor her sister Marcia Wallace. Marcia was born with developmental disabilities due to Cerebral Palsy.

One of the many things Ms. Ehlert learned from her sister was the importance of planning. She initially launched Ehlert Financial Group in 1990 to focus on special needs planning after recognizing her parents' concern for Marcia's future when they would no longer be there to care for her. Thirteen years later, Protected Tomorrows, Inc. was born. The idea was to provide a wide array of services all focused on enhancing the lives of families with members who have special needs. Ms. Ehlert started to share her knowledge and comprehensive planning process with families and professionals nationwide. The goals and planning process she developed for Protected Tomorrows continue to this day.

Those goals are as follows:

- Educate families about the importance of proper planning and provide effective tools to meet those needs.
- Assist families in filtering their legal options, including Special Needs Trusts
- Work with families to maximize Government Benefit programs
- Develop a comprehensive directory of services and resources for use by families and professionals.
- Provide trained Advocates to assist families and help them reach their goals.
- Identify new methods and approaches to solve the need for residential facilities, job opportunities and recreation time.

Today, Protected Tomorrows, Inc. enhances the lives of people with developmental disabilities through a comprehensive eight step planning program which covers education, residential, legal, health care, employment and the recreational needs of the individual with special needs.

The program is facilitated by specially trained advocates, independent financial advisors and other professionals who share their passion and expertise as part of the Protected Tomorrows, Inc., network to bring peace of mind to families about the years ahead for their loved one.

*Our mission continues to remain the same~
Helping Families Plan a Safe, Fulfilling Life for their Loved Ones with Special Needs*

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