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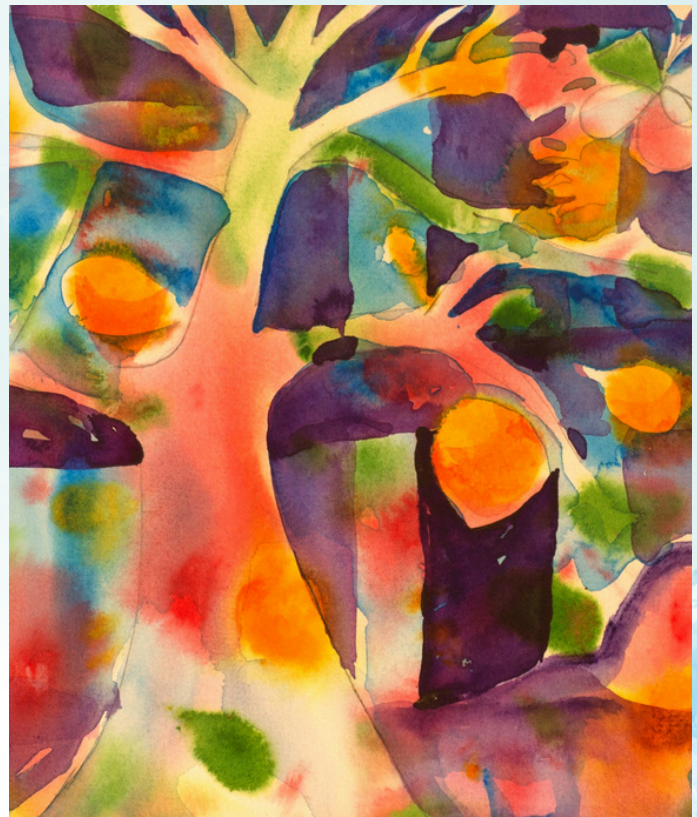


THE RUBIN FAMILY IN MEMORY OF LINDA RUBIN

A SPECIAL MATCHING GIFT
FROM JUNE RUBIN

to Haute with Heart Fashion Show

In this special edition of Sophie's Gazette June Rubin reflects on her sister Linda, and her sister's time at St. Madeleine Sophie's Center. June hopes to inspire others to support our center with her \$40,000 Matching Gift to the *Haute with Heart Fashion Show*. Thanks to her generosity and emphasis on giving back all donations contributed during the event will have double the impact! This is a fantastic opportunity to have your donations matched, and to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities all while honoring the memory of Linda Rubin.



Tree of Life © June Rubin

SPECIAL EDITION

How did you hear about St. Madeleine Sophie's Center?

As a co-conservator of my sister Linda, I found out about St. Madeleine Sophie's Center when the San Diego Regional Center provided me with a list of local programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I was looking for a program, and after touring several programs I identified St. Madeleine's as the Cadillac of centers. It was the best of the best!

How did coming to St. Madeleine's change your sister's life?

St. Madeleine's changed my sister's life immensely. There were so many activities for her to enjoy like swimming, gardening, and her favorite - art. Linda took pride in being an artist at Sophie's Gallery. She often wore a nametag saying, Linda Rubin Artist. She loved making art and her stuff sold fast. We are a family of artists but, Linda is the only one that had her artwork in a museum. In 2006, the California Center for the Arts Museum featured her in an exhibition of suitcases from Sophie's Gallery!



Mosaic Plaques by Linda Rubin

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Birthday Cake © Linda Rubin

Why as a sibling where you inspired to give a gift to St. Madeleine's?

My decision to give was inspired by Joan Jacobs and her philanthropic endeavors. I can give, and in my heart, I know that St. Madeleine's was such a positive experience for my sister. I decided it was important to give now while I'm alive and after too. I especially like supporting the fashion show, as it creates awareness of the center, and I like to spread the word and let others know about St. Madeleine's and the respect, kindness, and fun environment they provide for their students. I say check it out!

As siblings we are in a unique category, as we share a special needs sibling in our lives and it's a huge role! As a co-conservator with my brother, we were essentially taking on the role of parents. I realized what an important job it is for a loving family member to take responsibility for making life decisions for a sibling with special needs.



PASSAGEWAYS Life's Journey



I am going on a honeymoon by myself. I can't make a love potion cause we need a cauldron, we don't have one around here.

Linda Rubin

Love Potion © Linda Rubin

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What motivates you to continue to support St. Madeleine's after your sister has passed?

I have fond memories of the partnership my family had with Sophie's Gallery. In 2009 my mother, my sister, and I held the first of what turned into an annual art show titled The Rubins. The show was a huge success and in the next year my brother added his photographs. The 8th and last Rubin show titled True Blue was in memory of my mother, Donna. If there is an art gene, I guess we all had it!

Hopefully, my story will inspire others to think about all the opportunities St. Madeleine Sophie's Center provides for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and my gift from the Rubin Family, in Memory of Linda Rubin as a \$40,000 Matching Gift to Haute with Heart fashion show will inspire others to give.



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