



## The Galantis — A Special Style of Giving



Planned gifts are an important source of financial support for AMIB. Wills and bequests, for instance, offer opportunities for donors to make significant gifts that will help AMIB provide the best care for our residents now and well into the future. At the same time, they are an enduring testament to the generous spirit of the givers.

Peter and Mildred Galanti are two friends who have decided to remember AMIB in their wills. The Galantis first became aware

ways," Mildred explains.

"We want to help because we know life isn't easy for the residents or the staff."

Peter and Mildred Galanti's thoughtfulness stems from a keen interest in helping others. They have followed a conservative lifestyle, choosing to earmark significant sums to benefit others.

"I believe in working hard, being thrifty, saving money, and letting it grow," says Peter, who was a child of the Depression

of AMIB in 1986, when they met Albert and Polly Wilson at a party. Polly was then president of AMIB.

The work of AMIB so impressed the Galantis that they decided to establish a special endowment fund for the Association. Each year they add to this fund, and each year the income received from the fund goes to alleviate special needs of AMIB residents.

"AMIB is a model for society in many, many

and remembers well what it was like to be poor. Born and raised in Lodi, NJ, he graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a B.S. in business administration in 1932. He put himself through college by sweeping floors and doing other menial jobs for which he recalls being paid 25 cents an hour. In 1962 he earned an M.A. degree from Seton Hall University.

Peter and Mildred met in 1959 and married the following year. The couple has no children, but Peter raised his sister's son. Peter's working years were spent teaching accounting, bookkeeping, and business law at Lodi and Irvington High Schools. He also owned and operated a successful building business and a menswear store.

AMIB is not alone in benefiting from the Galantis' thoughtful generosity. Other beneficiaries include the University of Rhode Island, Seton Hall University, the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. The couple has also established scholarship and loan funds for college students, nurses, and LPNs (Licensed Practical Nurses).

The Galantis will be remembered not only by the students, young people and multiple-impaired blind of these organizations today but by future generations, whose lives will be enriched by their spirit of generosity.