



MARY ANNE EHLERT

President & Founder



Mary Anne Ehlert, CFP®, is a financial professional and sister to an individual with disabilities. She is highly regarded as a specialist in working with families of individuals with disabilities and the elderly and speaks to conferences and television audiences on financial planning.

President and Founder of both Protected Tomorrows, Inc. and Ehlert Financial Group, Inc., Mary Anne serves as a member of the Board of Directors of several organizations providing services to children and adults with special needs, including; Vice-chair, National Disability Institute in Washington DC, and Illinois Special Olympics. She is a member of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, The ARC of Illinois and the National Council on Aging.

Mary Anne has been honored for her contributions to the Lake County Advocacy Conference for Persons with Disabilities. She speaks to conferences and other audiences on financial planning, and has recently completed her book, entitled “The Gift I Was Given.”

“My sister Marcia, who was born with cerebral palsy, changed my life forever. Who would I have become without her? My close relationship with my sister taught me what really matters, what really is important in life, not only day-to-day, but also for the long term.”

“Marcia taught me that saying how one feels is important. She taught me not to be afraid of trying something new even though I might fail. And she helped me discover that there is a way I can make a difference in the lives of others.”

“I’ve learned that sharing my own background and feelings about growing up with Marcia helps other families focus on the positives while they deal with the challenges. They respond to my candor about the dynamics of my own family I can see them nod their heads when I talk about how family members coped differently with my sister’s disabilities they feel secure in planning with someone who knows what they’re going through.”

“I’ve also learned how Marcia impacted my entire family, especially my parents. In addition to helping the other five of us get on our feet and reach responsible adulthood, they devoted their lives to Marcia for 34 years. They aged 10 years in one week after deciding to give Marcia the opportunity to live residentially with her peers. They ultimately learned to find joy in her growth at Clearbrook, even though they missed her at every turn.”

“Being able to make a difference in the lives of other families and helping them solve some of their unique challenges brings me great comfort. Marcia is no longer of this earth but I’m convinced she looks over my shoulder every day and smiles at her legacy.”

Mary Anne Ehlert is founder of Protected Tomorrows, Inc.

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