

Legacy of the Beach Center Part I

Rud and Ann Turnbull

Ann: I would like for them to say that we have integrity in our work and that our work made a difference and that the cause of the work, individuals with disabilities and their families, had a better quality of life. If that could be said, our hard work, long days, multi tasking, complexities, many challenges, would be so well worth it. For me that is really the bottom line.

Rud: I would say two things would be important. One is to think of the University of Kansas Beach Center as a major exporter of ideas and values to people around the world. We have begun to do that, and I think with a little bit of luck and a whole lot of hard work I think we continue to do that. I want us to be regarded as an export agency. Second, I am going to use a metaphor of the ocean. We want to be the force that is underneath the wave, but we also want to be the cutting edge of the wave. We will continue to be challenged by people with disabilities, including our own son. That is the force underneath the wave and our response in the education, policy, training, research has to be the cutting edge of the wave. I hope people will say that, yes, they were underneath the wave but they were also the cutting edge of the curve.

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