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<p>MORT: The mission of the foundation, which is called the Phyllis and Deborah Ann November Children’s Fund, is for children. Everything we do is for children.</p> <p>IRIS: I always say we celebrate lives. We don’t memorialize them so much as we celebrate so we celebrate Phyllis and Debra November and we just recently celebrated Bernard Buddy Hollander, who was my first husband</p> <p>HEDY: Most of the projects memorialize Debra Ann, his late daughter. However, Mort remembers all the people who are near and dear to him. He had a wonderful project at the Center for Families and Children that he did in memory of his late parents. In order to honor his wife, Iris, he dedicated, as a surprise to her, the Library at the new Ratner School that is in Pepper Pike. Most recently, he and Iris together memorialized their late spouses by dedicating the Silo Theater at Case Western Reserve University in the memory of Phyllis for Mort, and Buddy Hollander for Iris.</p> <p>IRIS: And we have established this charming little theater...in a barn...and it’s sort of like...”I’ll bring the costumes, I’ll bring the scenery. And we’ll have a theater.” And so we did.</p>		<p>MORT</p> <p>IRIS Photo Debra Photo Pavilion</p> <p>HEDY</p>	<p></p> <p>Sub CCF photo of Novembers w/Debra photo -MOVE to INSERT below.</p> <p>Hedy & her title</p> <p>INSERT: Novembers at Jack & Lea November Pavilion</p> <p>Footage at Ratner Library</p> <p>The Silo Theater crop.jpg</p>
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<p>we're able to do what we're doing today for all of these organizations.</p> <p>[INSERT: HEDY: He is not somebody who just writes a check. He gives his all and his support, and he shows up, he is there.</p> <p>BARB: When you have Mort and Iris on the side of a project, you can count on it being done and being done well because they stick with it until they get that outcome. It is great to work with them because of that.</p> <p>HEDY: Mort will come to me and say, "Well, I think I want to do XYZ project." I will say, "You know, Mort-- that is going to be tough. Do you think you have the resources right now to do that?" And, he never lets any of those obstacles get in his way. He finds a way to do the things that are really meaningful for him.</p> <p>HEDY: When I think about what distinguishes projects that are funded by the Phyllis and Debra Ann November Children's Fund is that they are transformative for those institutions. So, if you think about the performing space at the East Cleveland Public Library that was dedicated about 10 years ago, that performance</p>		<p>HEDY</p> <p>BARB</p> <p>HEDY</p> <p>Library Exterior Children at computers</p>	<p>Mort & Iris talking with library director.</p> <p>BARB & her title</p> <p>Mort.jpg (pulling up)</p> <p>November Lodge.jpg</p>
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<p>space not only transformed the library, but it really helped transform that street and that part of East Cleveland, and it has become a hub for performing, for kids, for just the whole community.</p> <p>GREG: The expansion of our main library, the Debra Ann November Learning Center, will have an ongoing impact on our community for lifelong learning. There is the Greg L. Reese Performing Arts Center that I am quite proud of. It is a 243 seat state-of-the-art facility.</p> <p>There is the Ichabod Flewellen Collection which is a collection of African-American history, and also the new Minority Health Resource Center, which is a collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic.</p> <p>Also, we have a 31-station computer lab upstairs. It's beautiful, and the children's services department, which is extremely popular.</p> <p>IRIS: When I married Mort, which was 28 years ago, which is a wonderful, wonderful marriage. We both were caregivers. We stumbled over each other, caregiving each other. And when the</p>		<p>Shots of auditorium</p> <p>Shots of sculpture collection</p> <p>Novembers w/child Wall w/names</p> <p>IRIS</p>	<p>Show Greg Reese interview with his title.</p> <p>ADD shot of health resource area.</p> <p>INSERT: Kids at computers or shot of room.</p> <p>INSERT: M&I young 2.jpg ADD Wedding photo</p>
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<p>idea came up for what to do, he already had some ideas on how he wanted to memorialize his first wife and his daughter. And then we began to look for projects.</p> <p>MORT: When I come home with an idea, she fits right in and she has additional ideas and when we have meetings to plan these projects out like here, she's right here helping, suggesting.</p> <p>HEDY: One of the things that has continued to impress me and move me is the way in which Mort and Iris work as a team. Both of these individuals faced tremendous tragedies in their lives. They found each other, and they have made the proverbial lemonade out of lemons. I have never seen them without a smile on their face.</p> <p>BARB: Sometimes when you get a gift from a foundation, you get a gift and it's a great thing, but other times you get the real personal connection, and that is what we enjoy with Mort and Iris. That makes it special.</p> <p>GREG: We are still in touch with each other. He will call me when he is having a program somewhere and invite me to come. We</p>		<p>MORT</p> <p>HEDY</p> <p>BARB</p> <p>GREG</p>	<p>Young M&I cup on head</p> <p>M&I now.jpg</p>
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<p>have just formed a great relationship that will be ongoing.</p> <p>MORT: That's another thing that's a big benefit for both Iris and I, we have 500 new friends. Not that we see them every day but we look forward to seeing them and we call back each other....If there's anything better than having good friends, I can't think of it right now.</p> <p>IRIS: If you touch just one person, you have made your contribution and then, you touch more, and they touch more and it connects." And I feel very, again the word, passion. I feel very passionately about doing things for other people...and it just bursts right out of your soul. You can't, you can't contain it. I cannot be contained.</p> <p>GREG: They are kind, they are generous and they are genuine. That's the Novembers.</p> <p>MORT: With all of this that we are doing, we're having a lot of fun. We're looking forward to so many things that we're going to be doing and hopefully, you know, we'll last a long time....And good-bye!</p>		<p>MORT</p> <p>IRIS</p> <p>M&I young photo</p> <p>IRIS</p> <p>GREG</p> <p>MORT</p>	<p>See Mort & Iris drive off in red car</p>
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<p>[MORE PAUSE AND TITLES BEFORE...]</p> <p>MORT: We were so poor that when the rent came due, we moved. We were so poor that my brother broke his arm and we took him out to the airport to get it x-rayed....</p> <p>END</p>			<p>TITLES:</p> <p>Special Thanks To: Cleveland Clinic Media Services East Cleveland Public Library Robin Cole Transcription Services Venue Studios</p>
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