



The Giglotti family's story is bringing joy and support to young children

For 20 years, Michael Giglotti served The Early Learning Institute (TELI) by providing holiday gifts and Easter baskets to all of the children in TELI's South Hills preschool program. Each December, he dressed as Santa Claus and personally presented a gift to each of the students. When Michael became ill and passed away in 2003, his wife, Barbara, was determined to continue the work that her husband had started. Each year she assembles over 60 gift baskets for the TELI auction that is held in conjunction with the Jewel Ball Gala. She also opens up her home to the TELI staff and raises support for the organization through an annual gift basket luncheon.

Her sons Matthew and Michael Jr., and Michael Jr.'s wife, Paula, are also active supporters of TELI. Matt serves on the Fore Kids! Golf Committee solicits auction items on TELI's behalf, while Michael Jr. and Paula support TELI events.

The Giglotti family has greatly impacted TELI's work over the years through the gifts they have given to hundreds of children, as well as the time they have spent raising money for the organization.

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