

### Who is Midwest Special Needs Trust?

MSNT was established in 1989 as a result of advocacy by parents and professionals who realized many obstacles hindered planning for the financial future of individuals with disabilities. The non-profit organization was created by statute (RSMo 402.199 - 402.208) for the primary purpose of administering special needs trusts for persons with disabilities so as to protect important public benefits. MSNT is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by Missouri's Governor. Many of our board members and staff have family members with a disability. Our experience and dedication to our family members allow us to understand, relate and make the best policy decisions, not only for our loved ones but the beneficiaries we serve.

### Why Use Midwest Special Needs Trust?

Choosing a trustee is a very important decision. Some advantages of using MSNT are:

- Affordable fees
- Caring and knowledgeable staff who stay current with public benefit programs
- ▶ Timely distribution process
- ▶ True Link online portal and debit card availability
- ▶ Quarterly account statements
- ▶ Ongoing compliance through timely amendments to the Trust Agreement
- ▶ Assistance with Medicaid and Social Security eligibility reviews
- ▶ Toll free phone access for consultation or assistance
- ▶ Not-for-profit organization supporting the Charitable Trust Program



**"My son and I appreciated the knowledgeable and professional help we received from Trust Specialist Mary Lou Hughes**

when we worked with her to establish a Third Party Trust. She has excellent command of complex information and is able to present it in a way that is understandable. She is also clear about the limits of her expertise and directs appropriately to other resources when needed. She is a valuable resource. We have felt frustrated and anxious about getting answers, and she is the most competent information source we have found. Additionally, she is gracious and a pleasure to work with."

**"Our deepest and most sincere thanks to Trust Specialist Heather Allen.**

Heather's compassion, empathy, and professionalism is exemplary. She follows up and follows through!"



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**Trust Services  
for people  
with disabilities**



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Assisting people with disabilities since 1989