

IN *Memoriam*
Steve Protulis

December 19, 1941 – April 19, 2021

*Forever In
Our Hearts*



April 19, 2021

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart I write to inform you that Mr. Protulis, our fearless leader, passed away yesterday. His family has written a special message for all of you, as they consider EHDOC his second family.

"Steve Protulis, President and CEO Emeritus of Elderly Housing Development & Operations Corporation (EHDOC) peacefully passed away at the age of 79 in his home, while embraced by his family on April 19, 2021. Steve's transition was met without discomfort and he was surrounded by his family's love.

Steve was born in a small town outside of Montevideo, Uruguay and emigrated to the United States in his late teens. He began his career of caring for the welfare of others after serving in the United States Army. Steve's passion for fairness and equity became a driving force throughout his distinguished career. From his time with the United Auto Workers to the AFL-CIO and his last 20 years as the CEO of EHDOC, Steve was driven by an indefatigable passion to advocate for those who needed a voice and he was fearless in his commitments.

Steve is survived by his three children, Robin, Randy, and Eric. His son, Danny, preceded him in death. He is survived by his six grandchildren (Sean, Charlie, John, Amy Marie, Nate, and Ellie) and one great-grandchild (Johnny).

Honoring Steve's wishes and his commitment to the Seniors of EHDOC, in lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests that you make a donation to the EHDOC Senior Relief Fund. Information can be found at www.Ehdoc.org."

We will never forget him and I am here to make sure his legacy lives on forever.

Melanie A. Ribeiro

President & CEO

To our EHDOC family, residents, and community,

Please take a quiet moment in honor of Steve Protulis' amazing life. Remember him and get to know him through all of these beautiful images. We purposely left out descriptions and other business-like articles to allow for you to walk through his life. It is truly a remarkable one.

This magazine is Steve's forever "Moment of Silence." Every time you look at this issue, we hope it will inspire you. That it will help you remember. Help you appreciate the man that Steve was, the impact he has made, and the memories he has left behind. Be with us in this moment as we remember Steve, who will always be in our hearts.

*Steve Protulis:
You are the
"Lifetime Key" to
EHDOC's Success*



Steve's Wish

Steve's wish and the request of his family was to make donations to EHDOC's Senior Relief Fund in his honor. The Senior Relief Fund was near and dear to Steve's heart for the assistance it provides to seniors in need.

The EHDOC Senior Relief Fund distributes capital grants to help residents pay their monthly rent when government subsidies fail. It raises money so that it can enhance 'aging in place', sustain occupancy, and help low-income seniors that are displaced or affected by natural disasters.

Honor Steve in this special way by helping our seniors.

Please donate today.

Visit www.ehdoc.org/donate

**EHDOC
SENIOR RELIEF
FUND**







Steve's Office...

Where the Magic Happened!

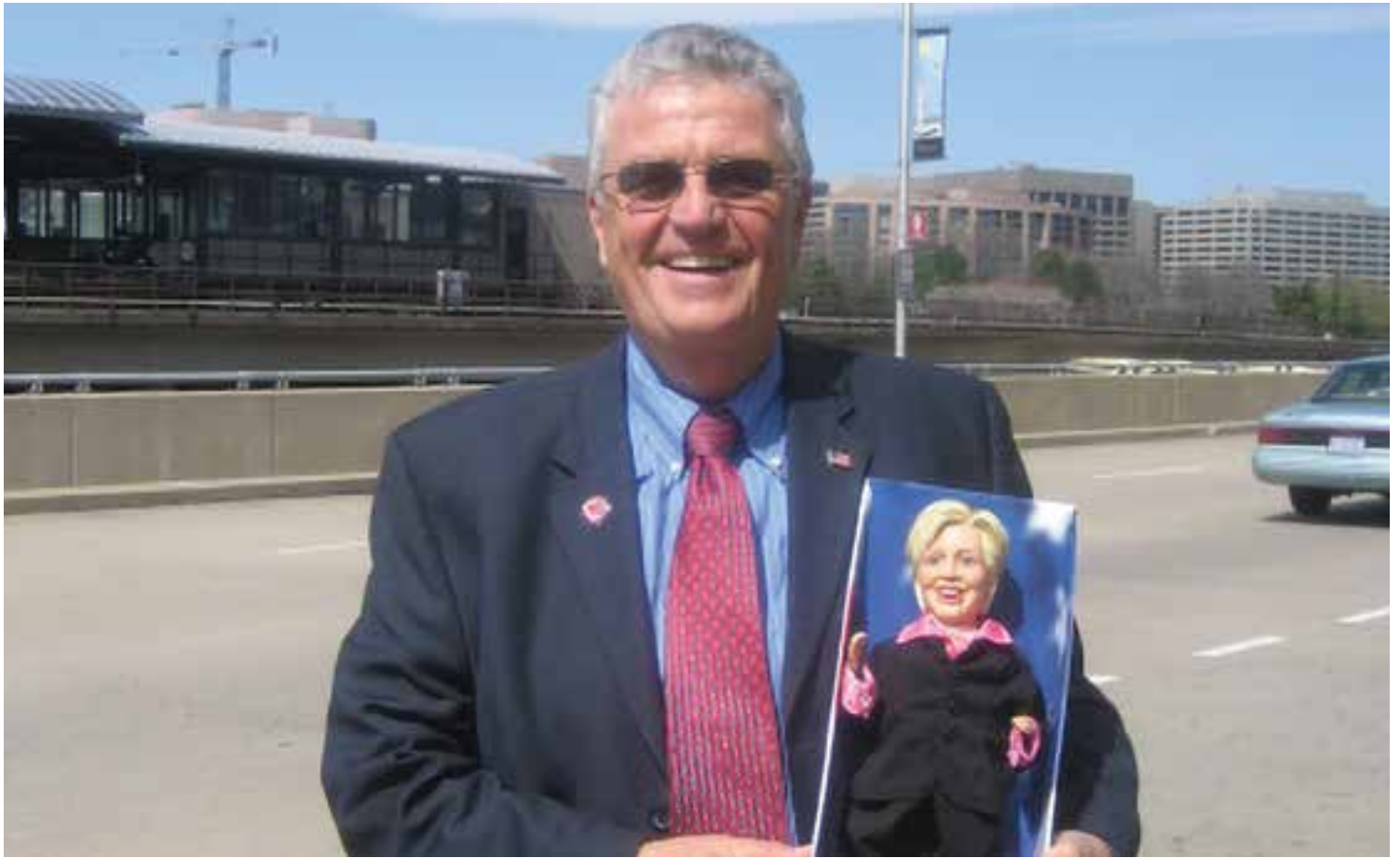
"Steve asked me relentlessly, "When are you moving into my office?" "Have you moved into my office yet?" "How long until you move into my office?" My answer was always the same. "Not today, not tomorrow, not ever." He would then reply, "I'm telling you to move into my office." My reply, "I've done everything you've asked of me and will continue to do so...this is the only time where my reply will continue to be...not today, not tomorrow, not ever." I always got a smile!"

--Melanie Ribeiro





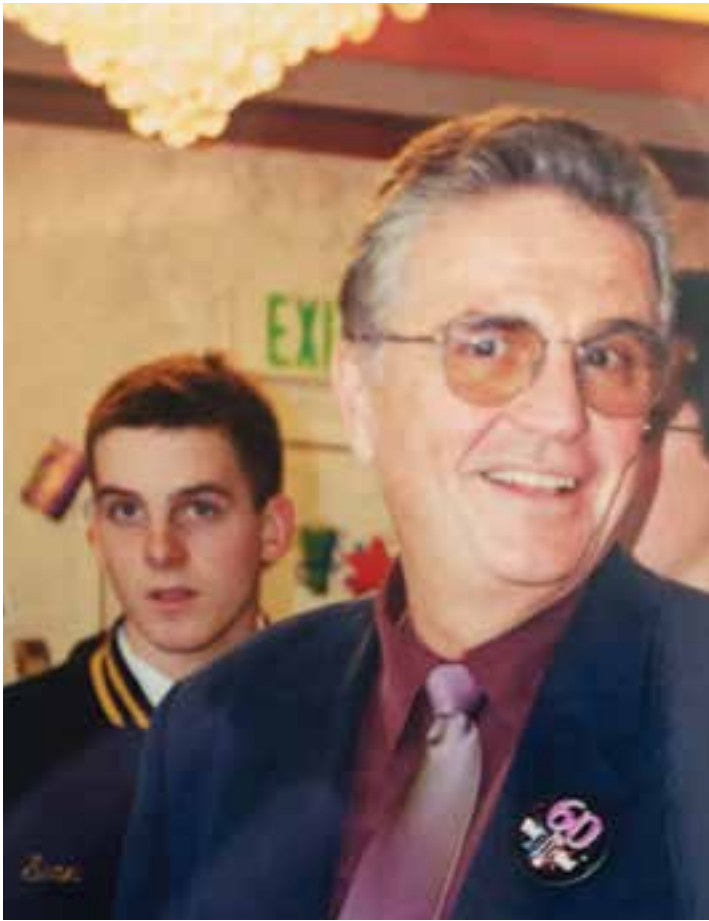










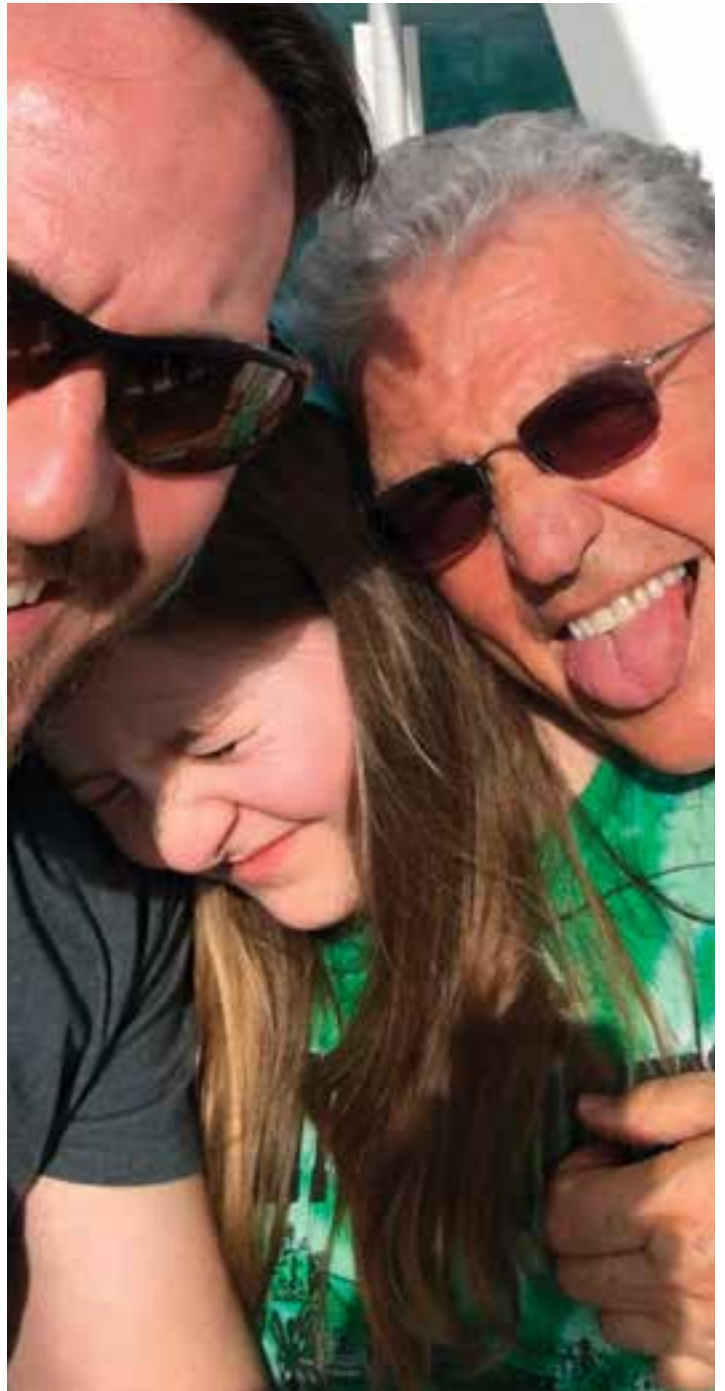




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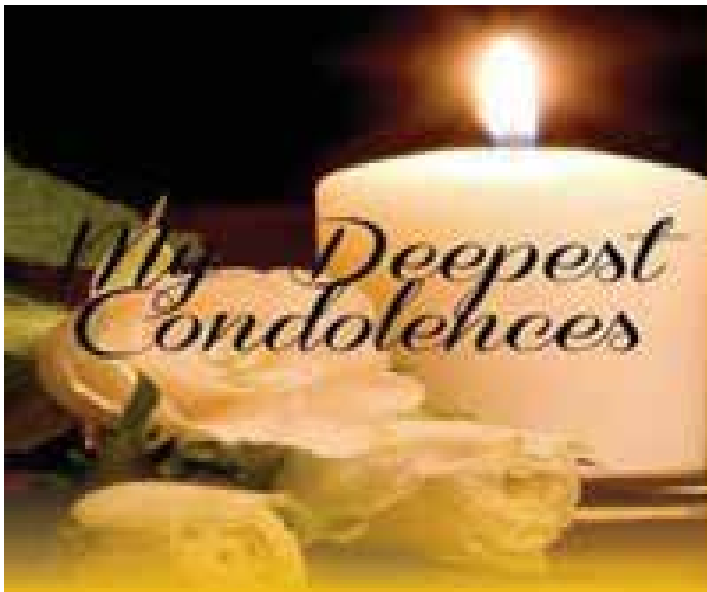
I am so sorry for your loss. He always had a smile even if the message you were about to receive might not bode well for you. It's really a shame that we lose track of people who have been such an influence on our work performance and growth in each chapter of our "Book of Many Chapters." Again, my condolences and know that my prayers are with you all.

Goodbye, My Friend.



TREASURED EMPLOYEE:

I am so sorry. I have been here a very short time, but understood that he was dynamic, compassionate and accomplished so very much in his life. Also, the things he did were for others, to make other people's lives better. I am lucky to know of him. Hearing of the way he lived his life and what he wanted for the company and residents is such a positive example.

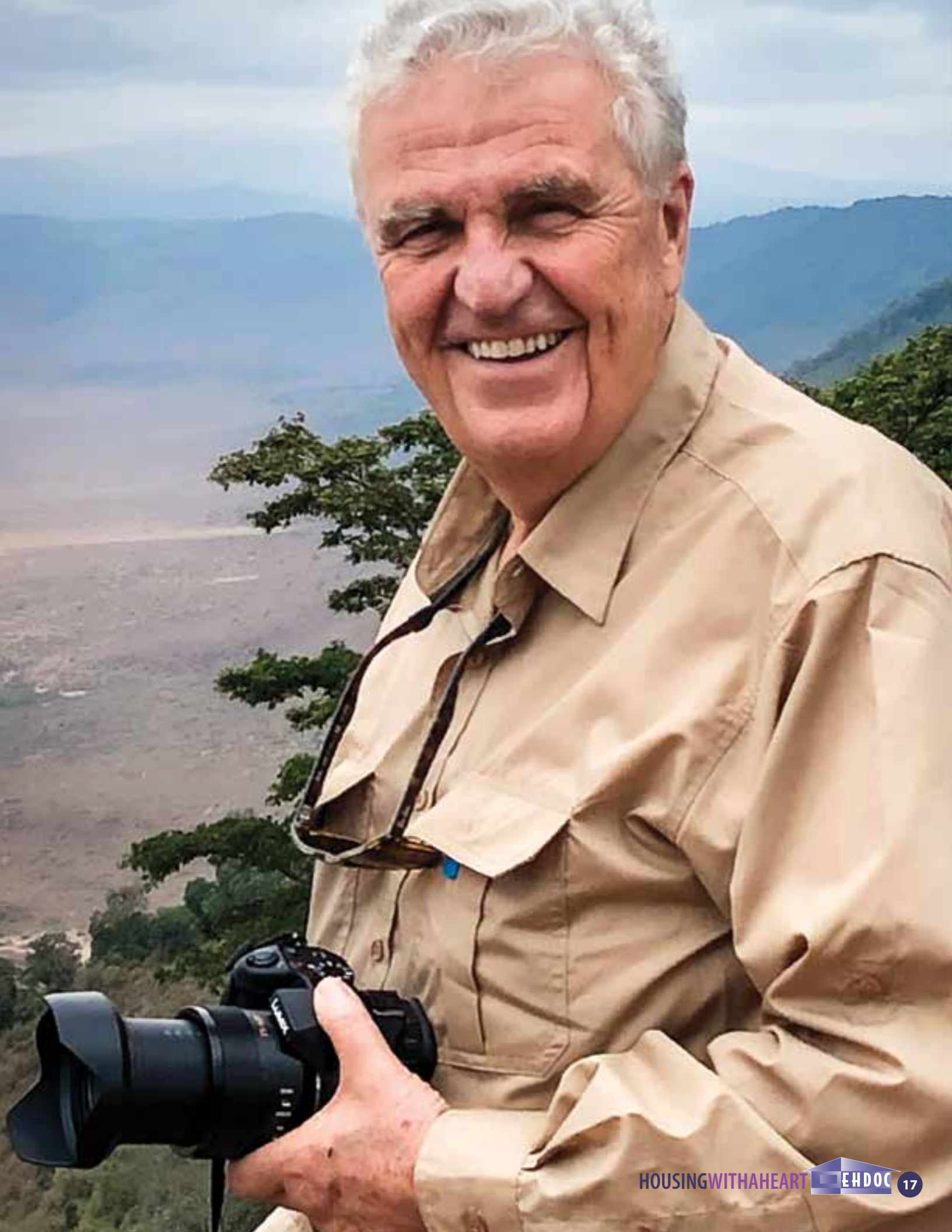


TREASURED EMPLOYEE:

I am deeply saddened by the loss of such a great man. Myself, EHDHC and the world at large, have lost an avid advocate for seniors. May his soul rest in peace!

My condolences to the family.







VALUED VENDOR:

Melanie, I know how important he was to you personally and everyone at EHDOD generally. He leaves a tremendous legacy, and I'm glad that I was able to get to know him and help him (and now you) serve the greater EHDOD family. Will remember Steve and his family and the greater EHDOD family in my prayers. This is a hard loss but a peaceful end to a long illness. May he Rest In Peace.

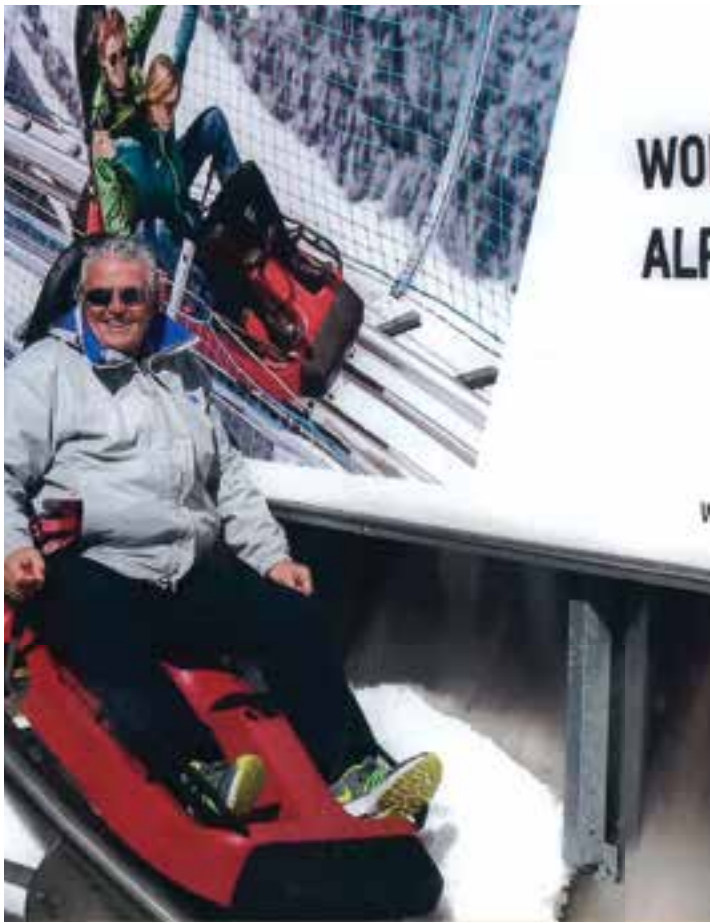
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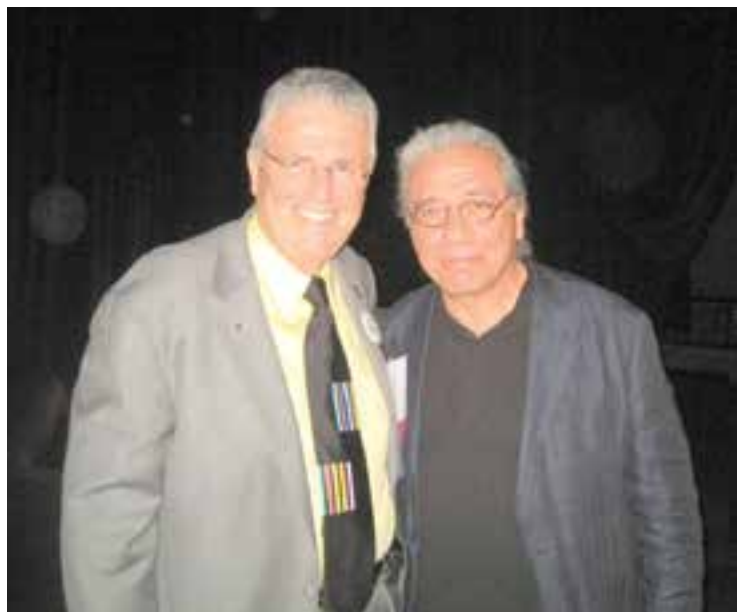
This is with great sadness to hear the loss of friendship of Steve Protulis to many especially to the great cause of aging in place. Our Prayers of peace to the family and friends with the many good memories in which he leaves with us all.

Thank you for sharing this news with us.











RESPECTED ORGANIZATION:

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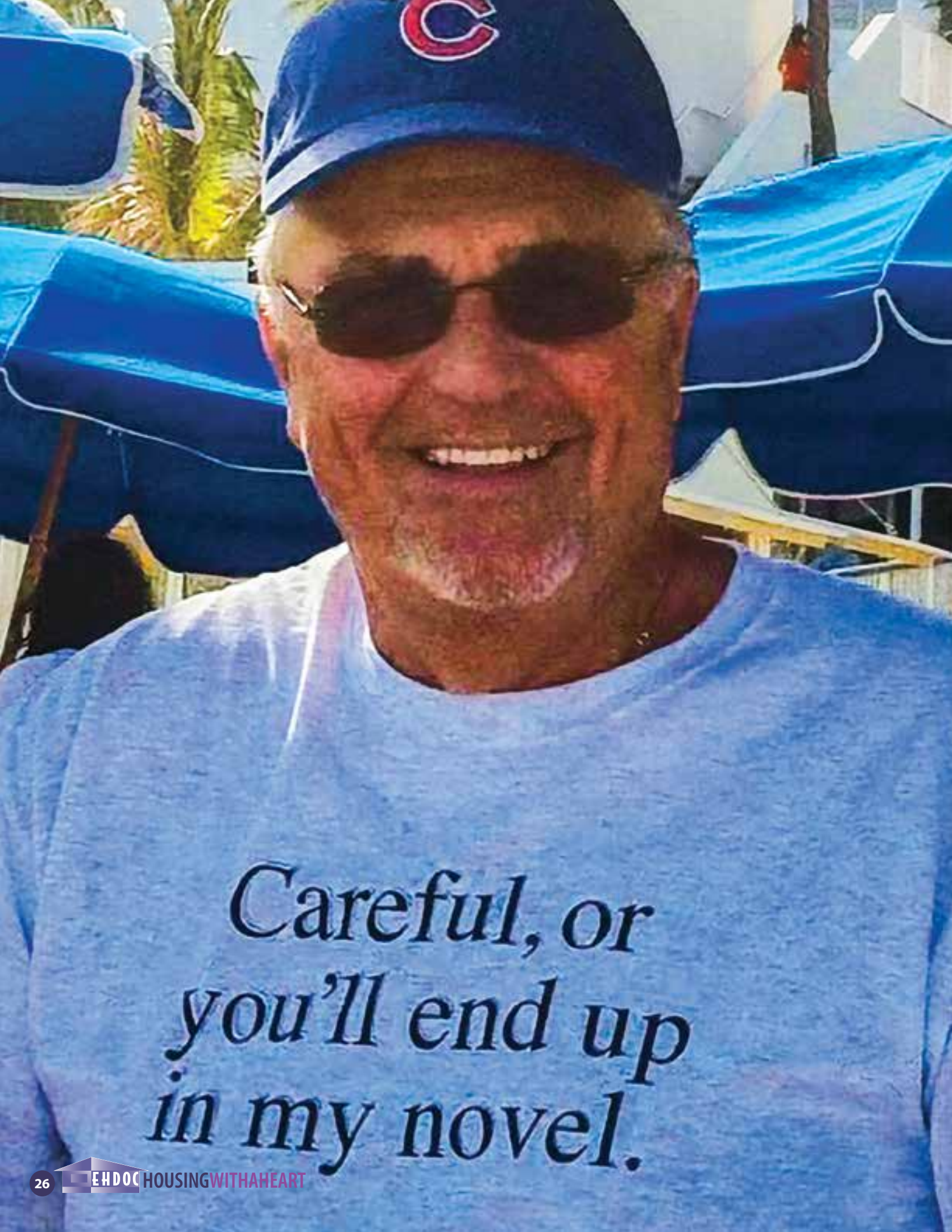
CHERISHED FRIEND:

Hello dear friends,
I am very sad to know that Steve Protulis passed away.
I want to send my condolences to you and the rest of
EHDCC staff.

Mr. Protulis was a dear friend of mine, who always be
remembered fondly.

My prayers are with you and his family in these
difficult times.





*Careful, or
you'll end up
in my novel.*

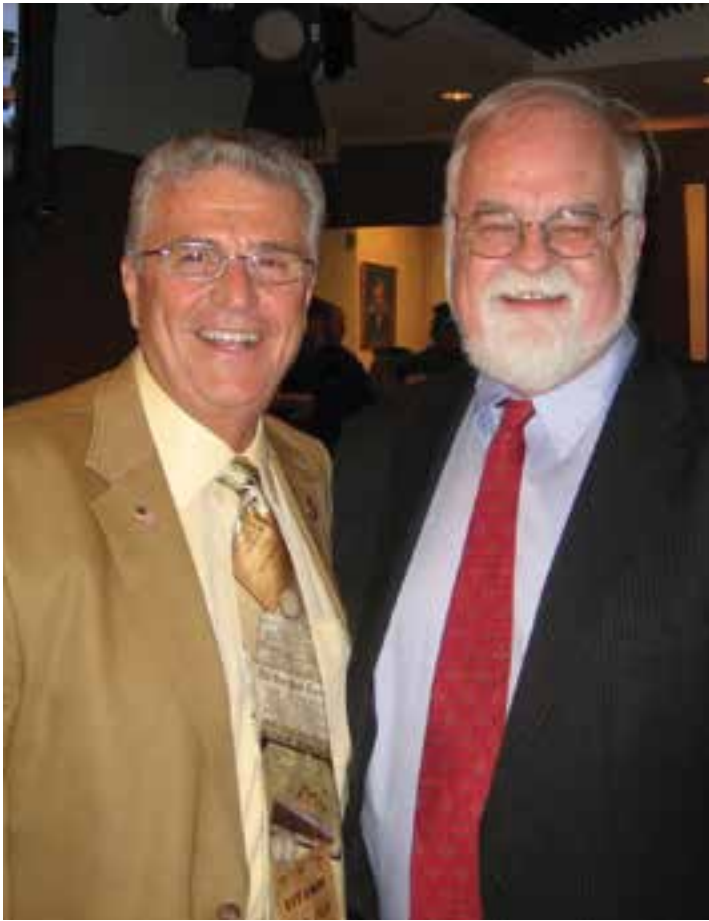


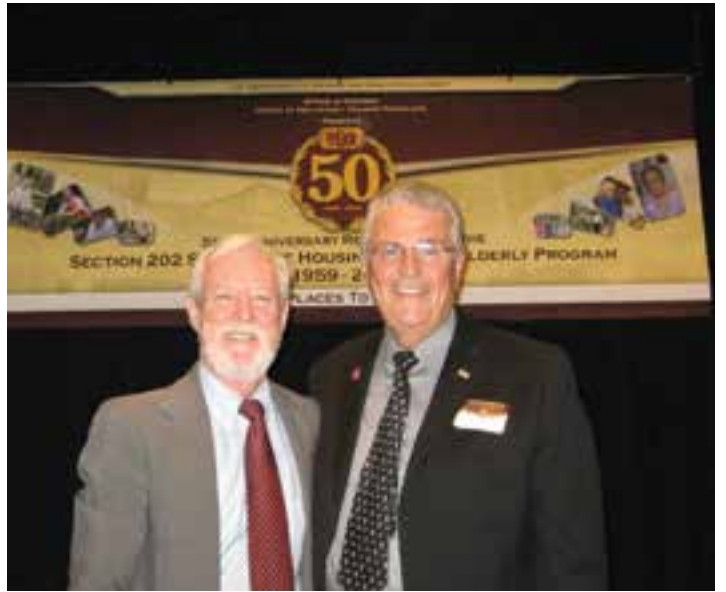
TREASURED EMPLOYEE:
I am so sorry to hear that my friend Steve has passed away. He was a wonderful man and I worked with him for seniors, and he helped others too.

God has a special place for him.





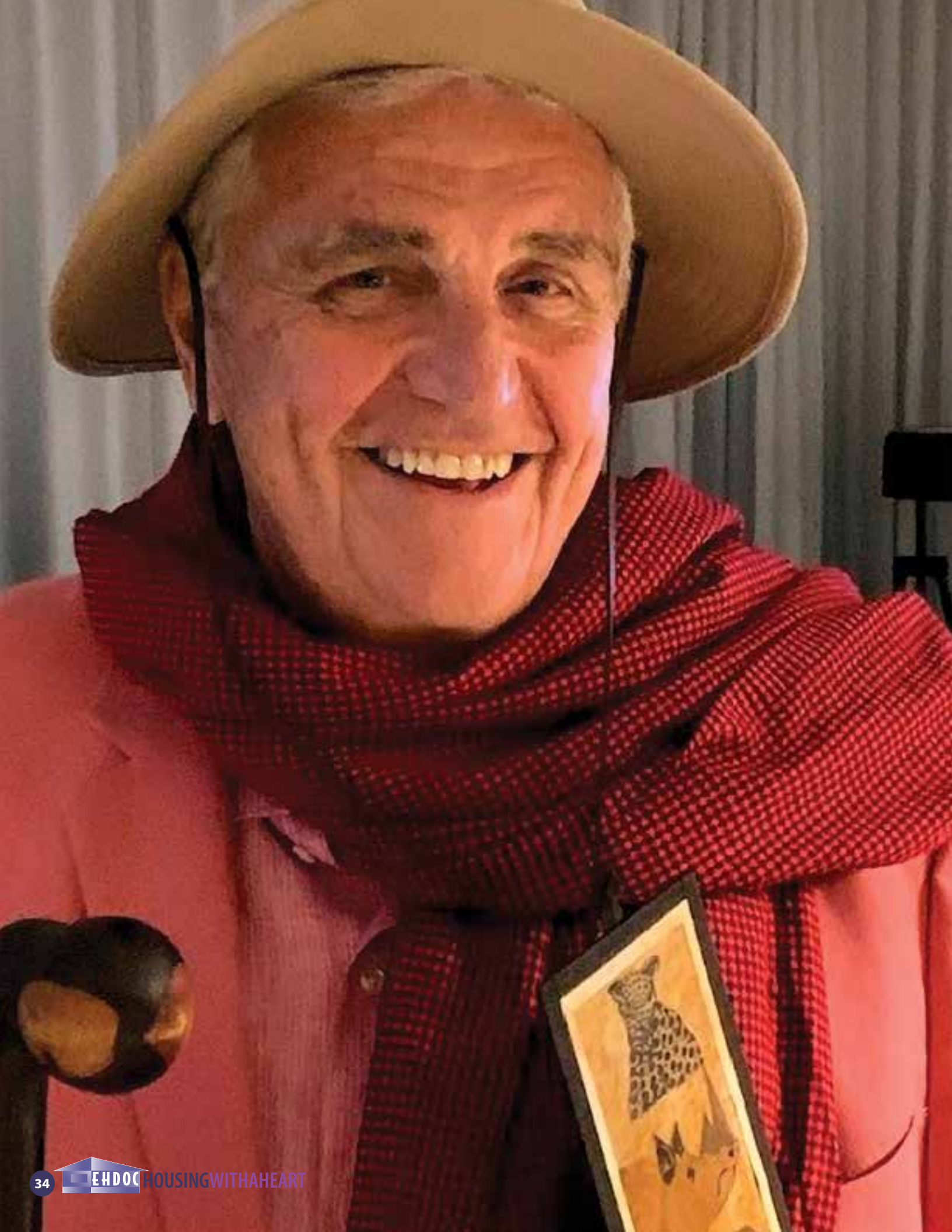












EHDOC BOARD OF DIRECTOR:

(Melanie) I am so, so very sorry to hear of Steve's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and his Family! I know how close you two were. He expressed his thoughts to me about you many times. Steve was a great man, a man of integrity and compassion. He did so much for so many, never asking for anything in return. Thousands of Seniors live a better life today because of a man named Steve Protulis. May God Bless you, his Family and may he rest in peace. Gods Speed.



RESPECTED ORGANIZATION:

I am so saddened to hear of Steve's passing. He was an incredible person, advocate and a mentor to me for many years. My heart goes out to his family and to all of those who knew him. He was such a positive influence for seniors throughout the country and was very successful. He will be missed but always well-respected by his colleagues and peers.

My heartfelt sympathies to everyone at EHDOC too. There was only one Steve and he was dedicated and determined to make a difference in the lives he served. He did that thousands of times over.

I will keep his family and EHDOC in my prayers.





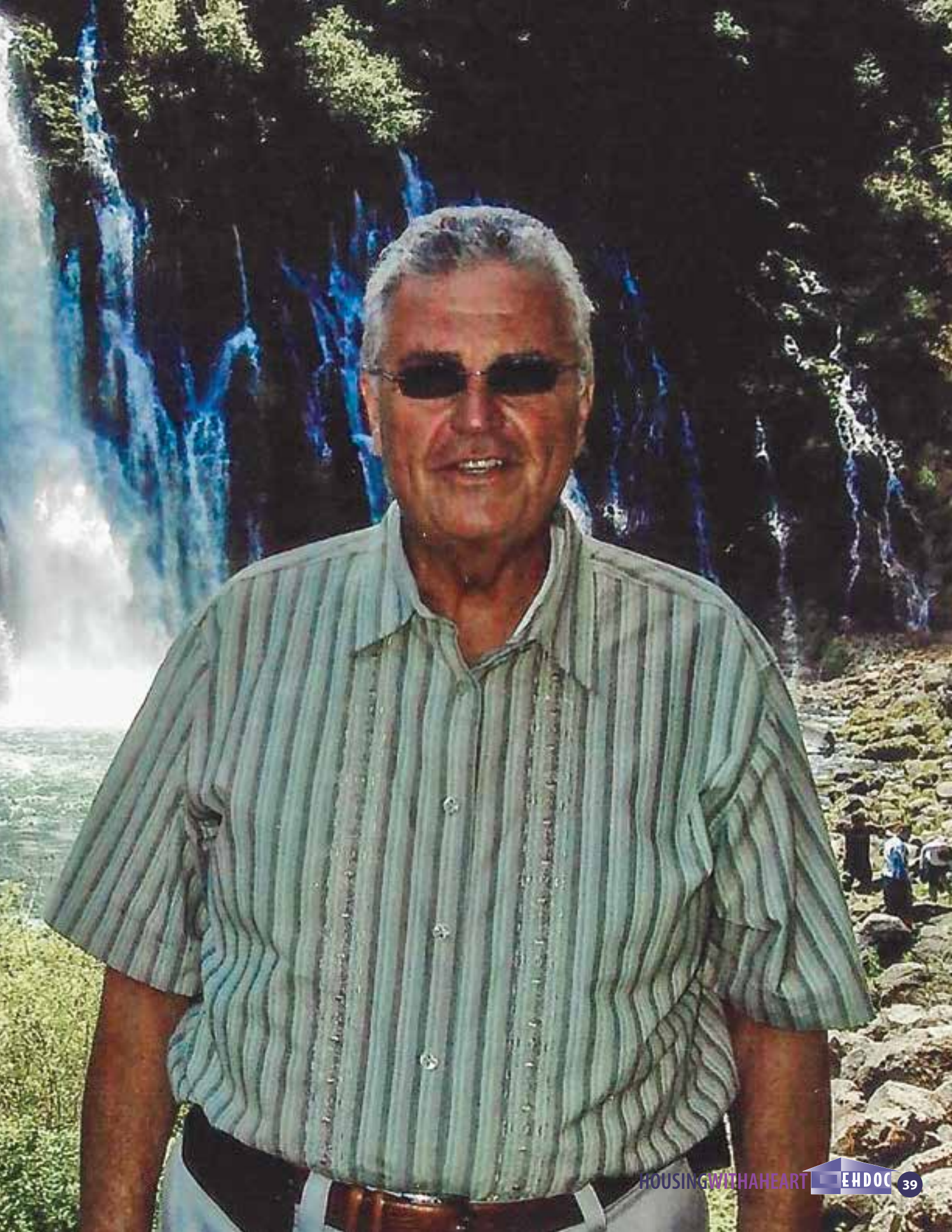
RESPECTED ORGANIZATION:

On behalf of myself and the entire team, I'm so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was indeed a fearless advocate, trailblazer and champion for seniors in this country and his leadership and leading by example will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

As I had expressed to him numerous times when we met, he was a true, personal role model to me and a leader to emulate, living the EHDHC motto of "housing with a heart" it wasn't simply platitude, and lip service- he lived that!

On behalf of all of us, we recommit ourselves to his commitment and legacy, and hope to be able to continue fighting for our nation's seniors, and building upon the extraordinary work he accomplished while at the helm of your storied organization.







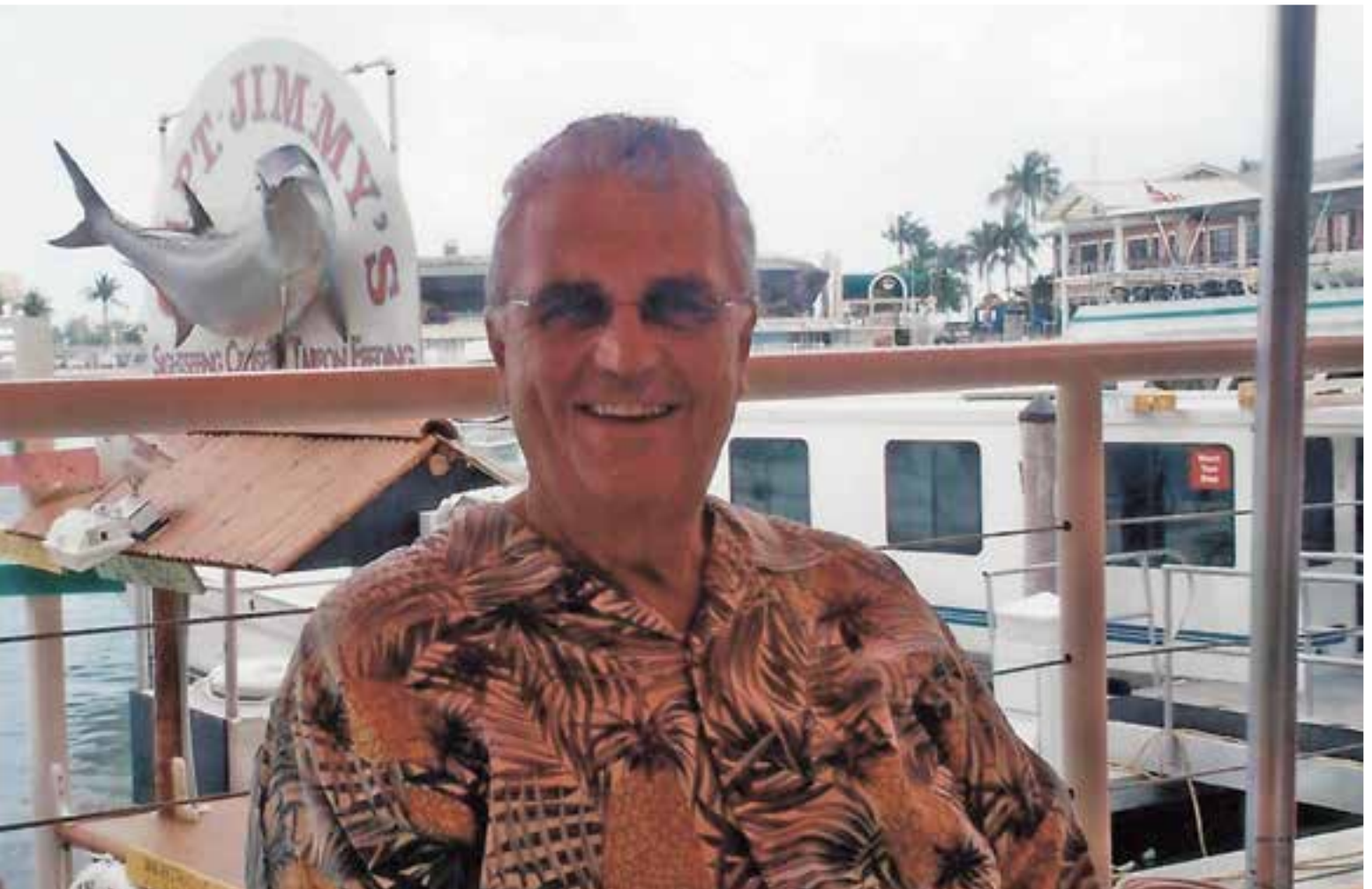


CHERISHED FRIEND:

(Melanie) I saw the email come across today about Steve's passing. He was a force of nature and the world is definitely a less interesting place without him. I know he was a very big influence in your life and I wanted to express my condolences to you and the entire EHD OC organization.

VALUED VENDOR:

My condolences. I have just learned that Steve has passed. I will never forget his support and appreciation. He was a larger-than-life leader who left big shoes to fill. I know you all are up to the challenge.

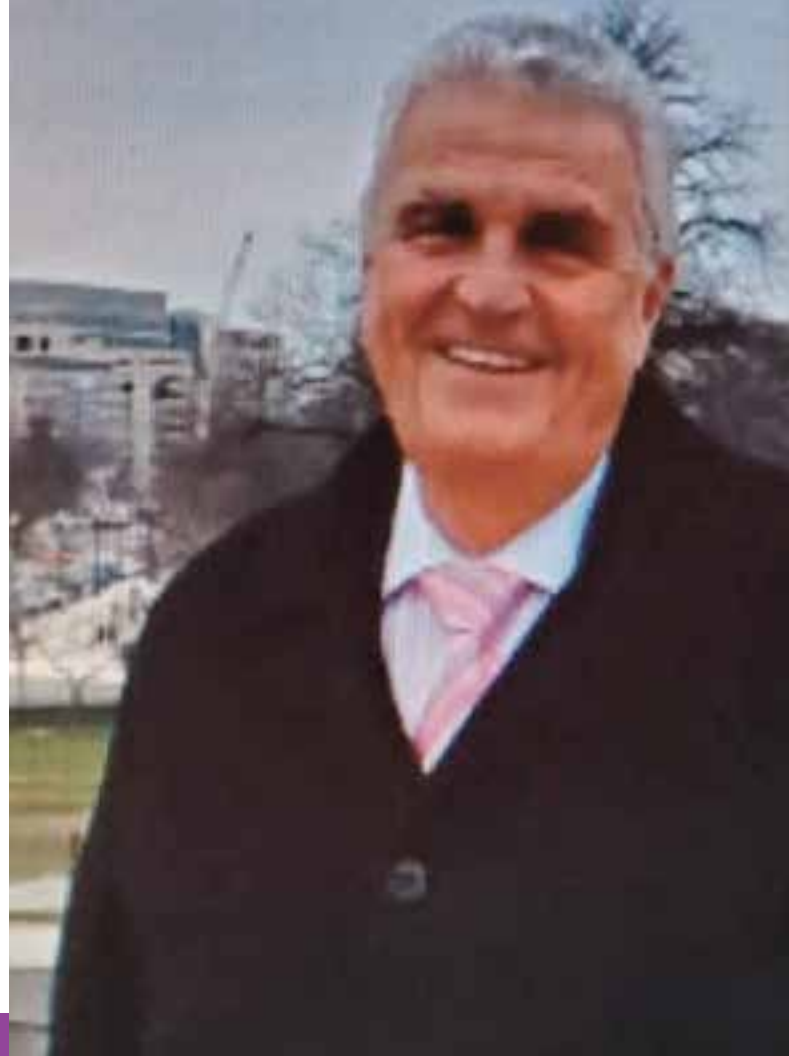


VALUED VENDOR:

(Melanie) I was so sorry to hear about our good friend Steve. I'm very glad his family was with him at the end and that he passed without discomfort. I commend you on your friendship to Steve in his final days, helping to take care of his needs, all while running the company he loved so much. I can only image how much he appreciated your help and friendship. He'll tell you when you see him again.

He was truly one of the finest people I've ever met. I'll really miss him.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you, or EHDOC.











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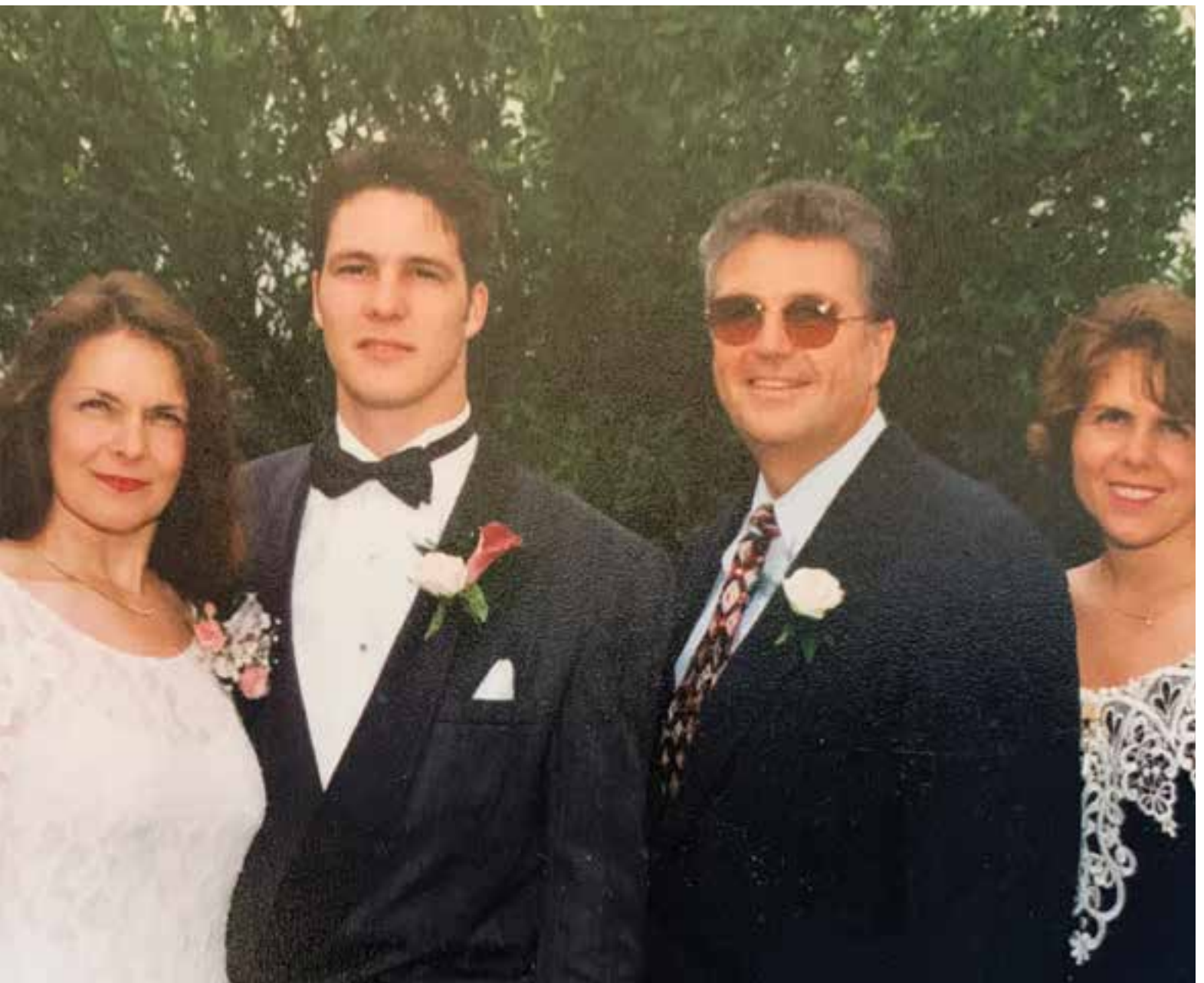
(Melanie) One of my favorite memories of Steve was his acceptance remarks after he received a prestigious award. He was to speak for a few minutes, but Steve was determined to share a message that took more time. At first, I was worried, but what turned into a speech was more memorable than what the keynote speaker had to say. Steve was also a lot of fun and a good dancer so I would say he was blessed in many ways and passed those blessings on to us through his intellect, compassion, and humor.



TREASURED EMPLOYEE:

He will be greatly missed and my prayers for his family and ours at EHDOC.

If there's anything we can do please let us know





*Steve, You'll Be Missed
and Never Forgotten.
We Love You.*









TREASURED EMPLOYEE:

I am so sorry to hear this sad news. My condolences to the EHDOC family.

TREASURED EMPLOYEE:

So sorry to hear this. We will do a fund raiser in his honor for the Senior Relief Fund.





RESPECTED ORGANIZATION:

All of us are saddened to hear the news of Steve's passing. He has been such an inspiration to the affordable housing community and will be deeply missed by many.

Please accept my condolences. If there is anything we can do for you and the EHDOC family during this time, please do not hesitate to reach out.





FORMER EMPLOYEE:

(Melanie) Thank you for sharing this. Steve was an amazing person who lived a full life. He will be a tremendous loss for the EHDCC and the entire affordable housing industry.

While you have been running the show for a while now, those shoes you are trying to fill are huge!

I will say a prayer for Steve and his family and wish you all the success in the world carrying on his legacy.



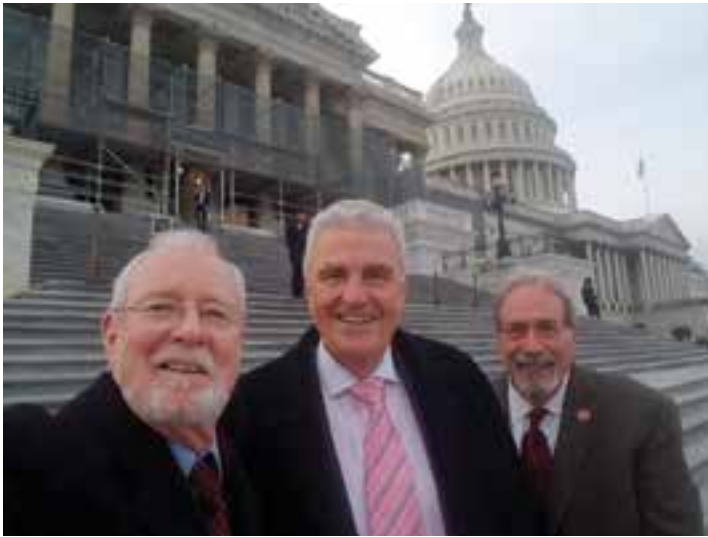




The image is a dense collage of 'Good Stuff' magazine covers. The covers feature various themes: a child on a swing, a child in a bunny hat, a snowman, a child in a rainbow shirt, a beehive, a dog, and a family. The text 'Good Stuff' is prominent on each cover, often with a subtitle 'A monthly collection of images & inspiration'. A large white circle is superimposed over the center of the collage, containing the title and a paragraph of text.

The Good Stuff

These monthly publications called *"The Good Stuff"* were Steve's favorite books. He would often burst into an office to share a quote or story. Steve drew encouragement from this collection of insights and inspiration.



CHERISHED FRIEND:

(Melanie) I am so sorry to hear of my friends passing. We shared a common bond and friends from the auto industry and were instant friends from the first time we met.

My prayers to his family. I will miss him!

I know you have and will continue his work in the same spirit he always displayed.







RESPECTED ORGANIZATION:

(Melanie) Very sad update on top of so much other sad news this past year. I was JUST thinking of him this weekend and that I should reach out again. I am glad that the Board had the foresight to make you the CEO. You have certainly been "holding it down..." for a while. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help you. I will make a contribution to EDHOC in Steve's honor.





TREASURED EMPLOYEE:

I worked with Steve for 20 years and admired him for his remarkable vision and tireless commitment in advocating for seniors so they can age in place in affordable housing. He touched the lives of many seniors and he will continue to be an inspiration to all of us.



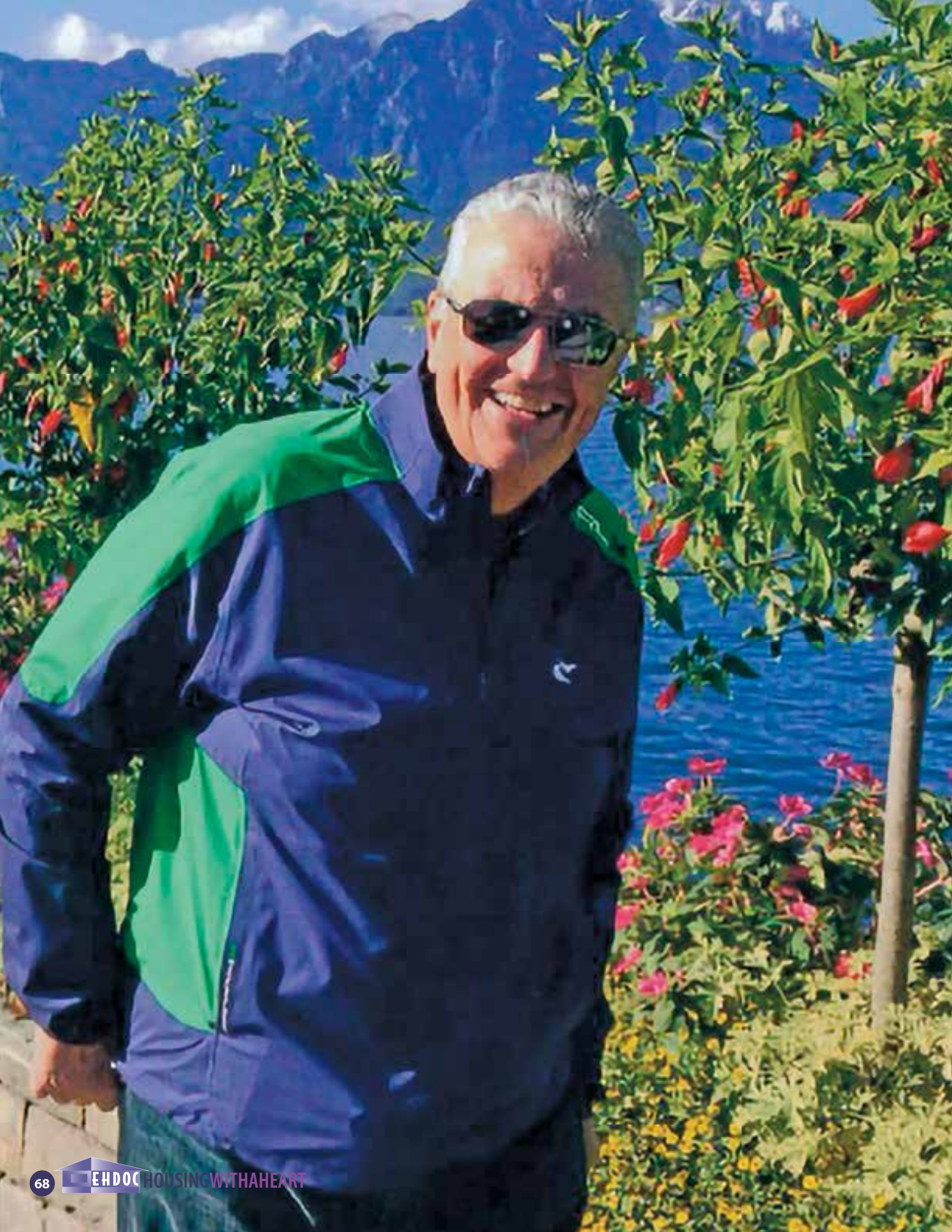






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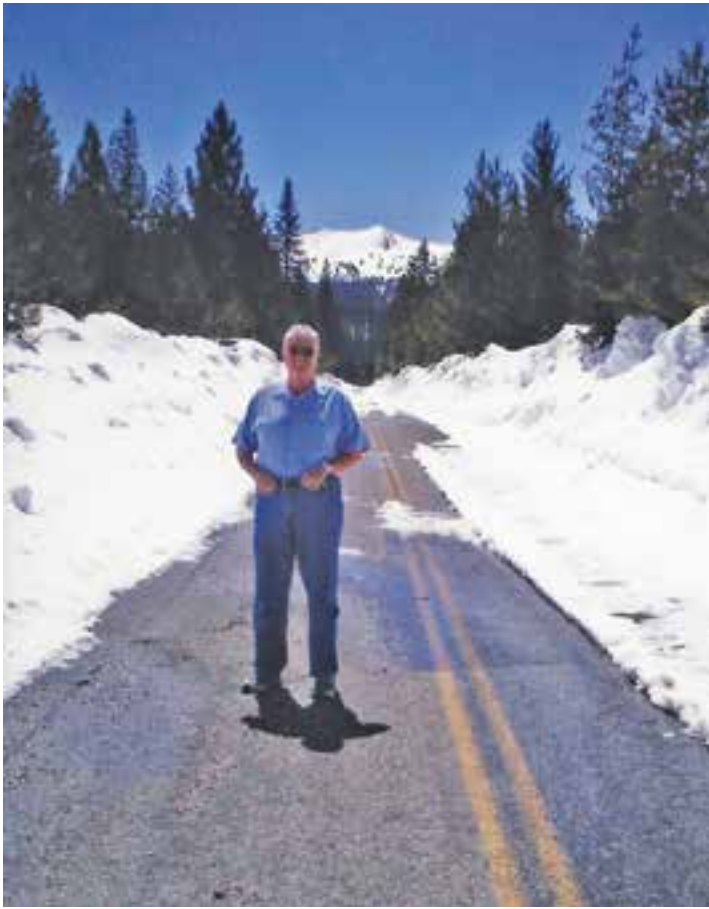














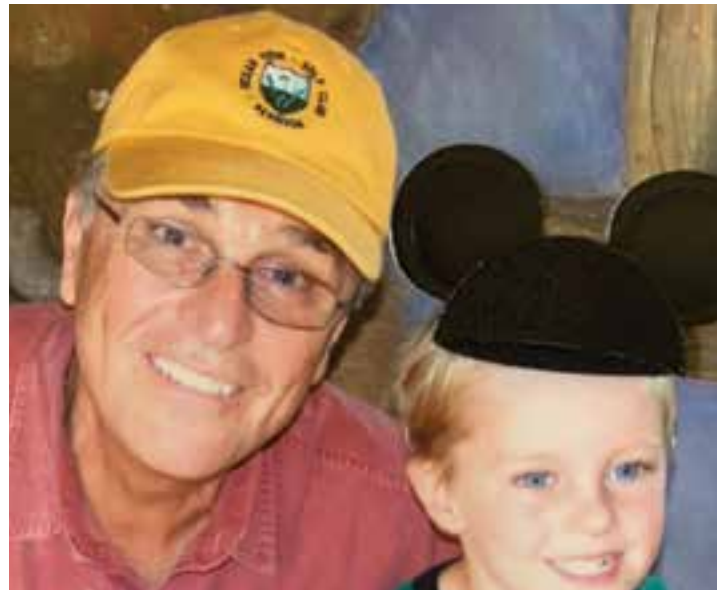
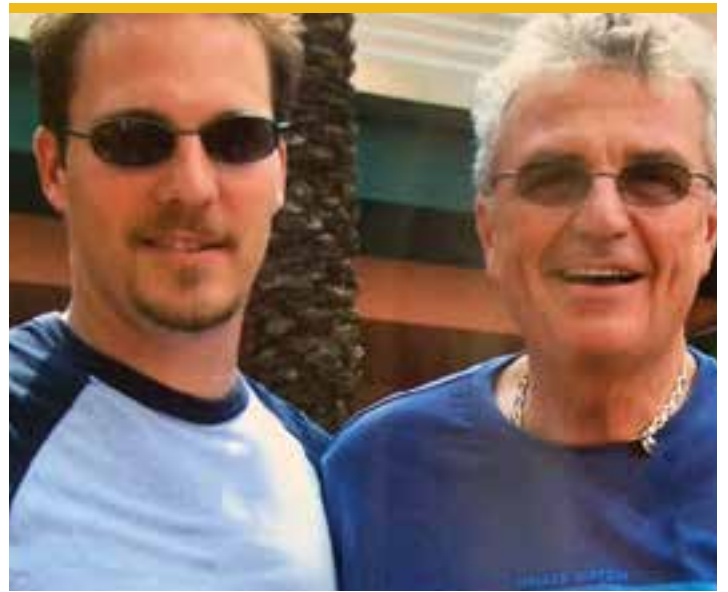
TREASURED EMPLOYEE:

Such a GREAT loss of a GREAT HEART!
DEFINITELY, we will continue to follow the
example that he set!





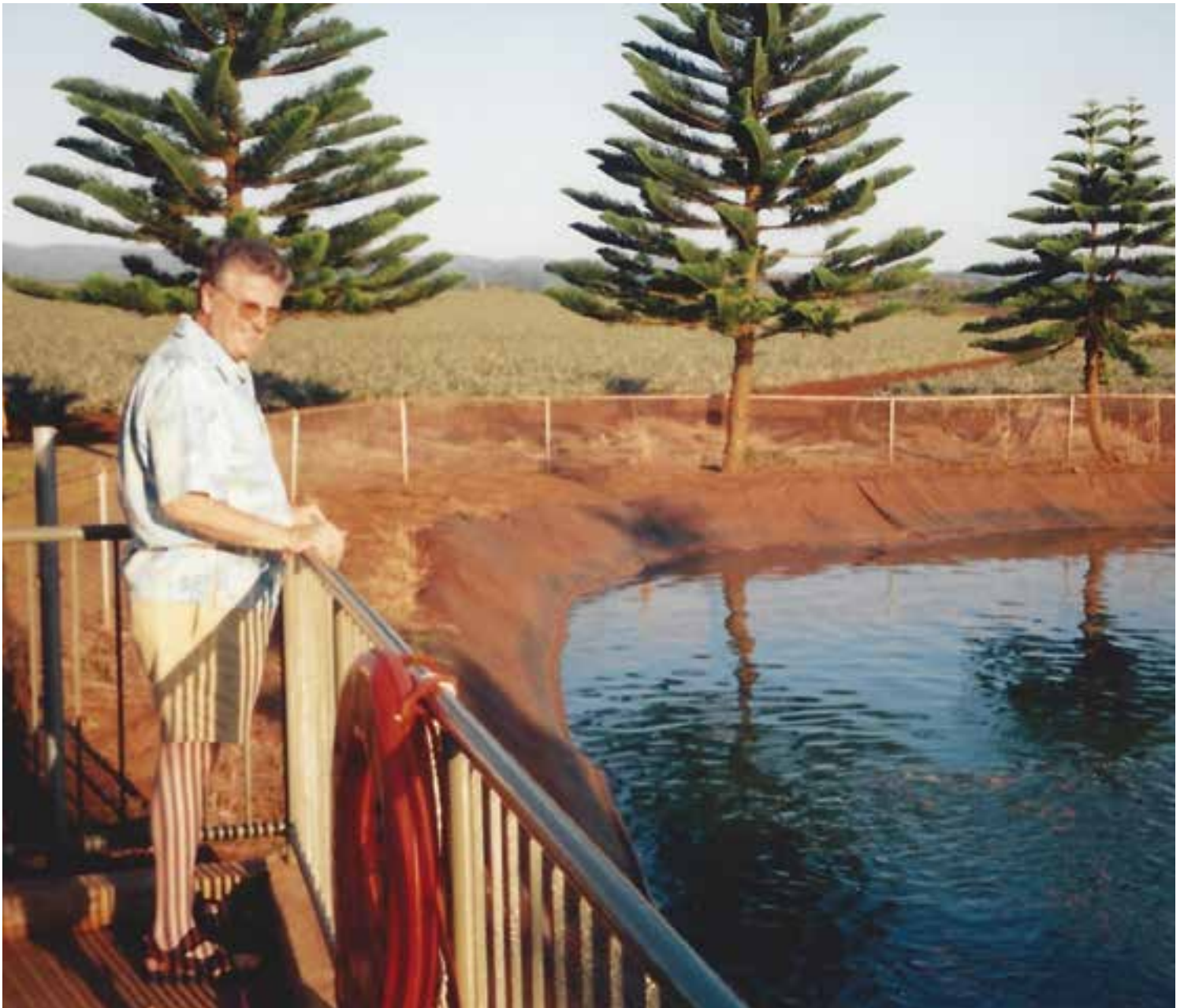






RESPECTED ORGANIZATION:

(Melanie) I was so sorry to learn of Steve's death. I know how close you were for so long, and I am sure this is difficult for you and the entire EHDOC team. I was honored to know Steve from 2016 until now, and I only wish I could have hugged him one more time and had a hearty discussion about affordable housing. I will keep you, your team and Steve's family in my prayers.







CHERISHED FRIEND/VALUED VENDOR:

I am deeply saddened and am praying for his soul welcoming him into heaven.

I have a lot of great memories as I have known him for 25 years. There is only one Steve!
We are all very fortunate for knowing him!

Dear friend, Rest in Peace!



RESPECTED ORGANIZATION:

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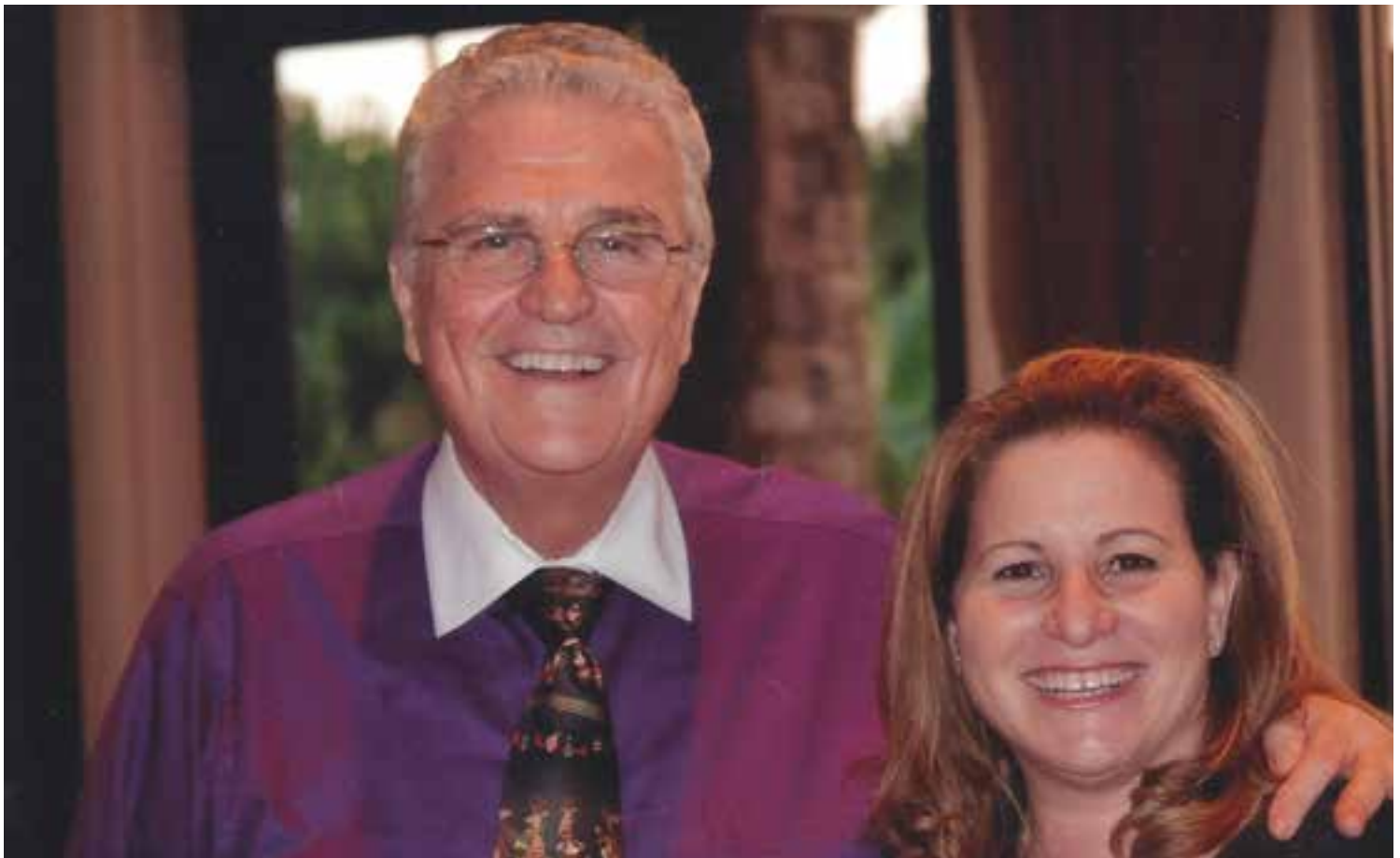
TREASURED EMPLOYEE:

His wisdom, courage and strength will be greatly missed. I am forever changed by knowing him.



RESPECTED ORGANIZATION

Please know our profound sadness with Steve's passing. He was a man "...bigger than life" - that brought passion & vision to all his endeavors. We will miss him.

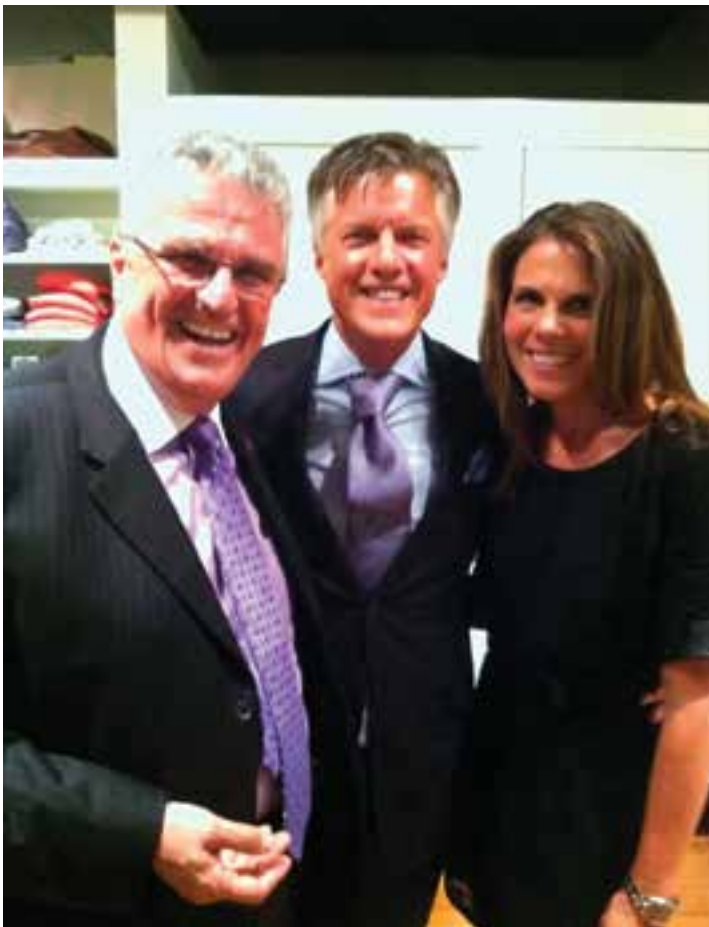




CHERISHED FRIEND/VALUED VENDOR:

Thanks for keeping me posted on Steve. I last talked to him on the 10th. I told him in closing that we love him and would say a prayer for him. I'm so glad I returned the missed call to him that day. Like everyone else that really knew Steve, I'm going to miss him a lot.





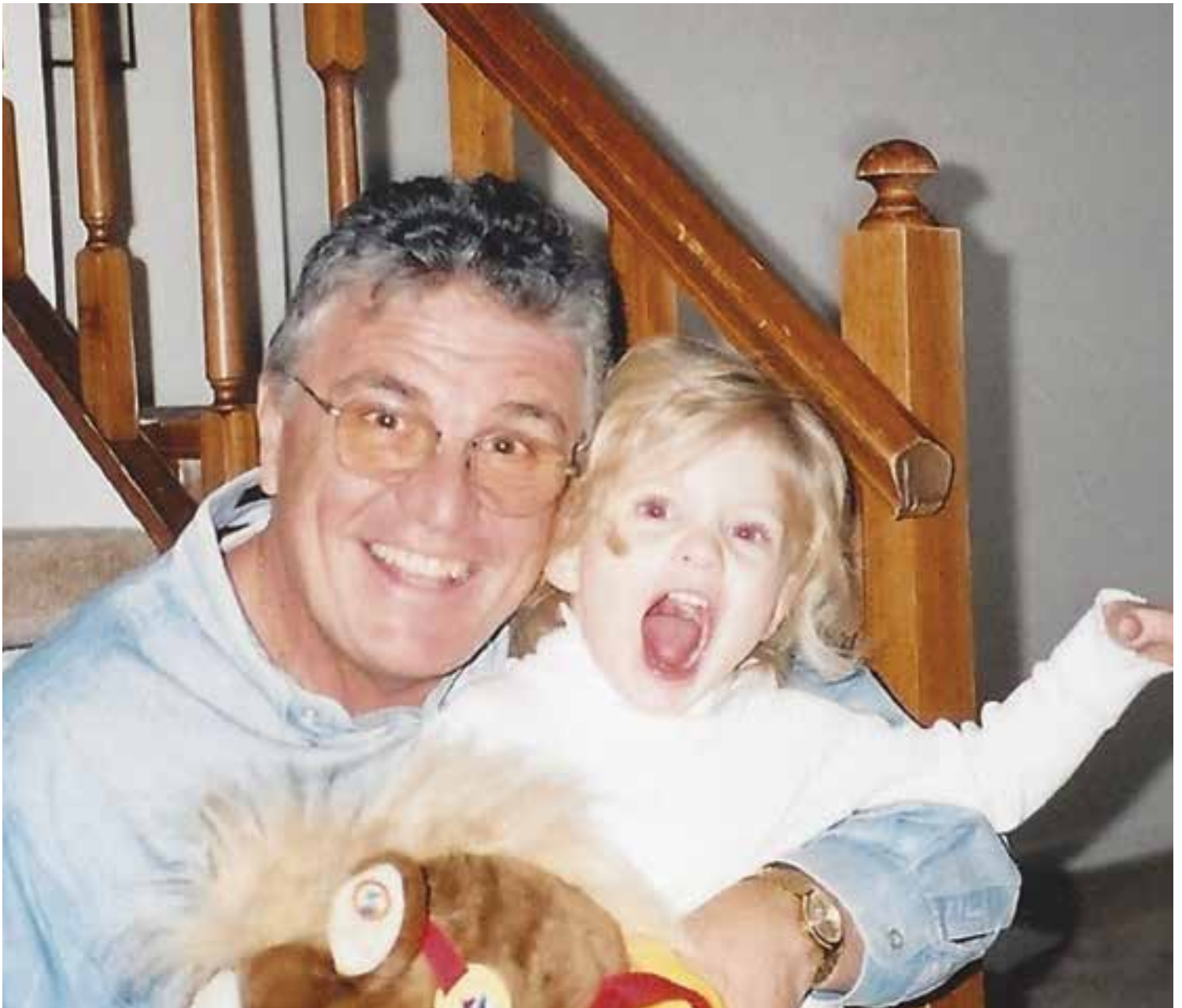


Dad



To THE WORLD YOU MAY BE *one Person,*
BUT TO ME YOU ARE *the World.*







Rest in peace, our fearless leader.
You will never be forgotten.
Your legacy will live on forever.
We will miss you!

Melanie and Your EHDOC family



Steve Protulis

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