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A Listening Ear and a Generous Heart



Their shared heart for children with special needs motivates Jim and Debbi to give their time and treasure to serve Jill's House families.

Last month, Jim and Debbi became Mr. and Mrs. Rekas. Debbi is a special education teacher for Fairfax County, and Jim is a faithful supporter of Jill's House. Both bring into marriage a desire to serve and support families affected by disability. This month, we had the privilege of learning what motivates Jim to support Jill's House.

Several years ago during a service Jim attended at McLean Bible Church, Pastor Lon Solomon, co-founder of Jill's House and Jill's dad, described the challenges and blessings of raising a child with a disability. He also shared the Jill's House story and asked the church to prayerfully consider supporting Jill's House with their God-given gifts. "I was absolutely blown away by the Jill's House story," said Jim. "I went home that night and signed up to sponsor a child."

Jim's motivation to support is strengthened when he watches the Jill's House family videos and reads the family stories. "Their stories are so touching, especially if you're a parent," said Jim. "I have three typical boys and know the challenges of marriage and parenting. I can't imagine how much more difficult life would be if one of them had an intellectual disability. I don't know how the Jill's House families do it, but I'm glad for the chance to support them as they do."

In October 2014, Jim and Debbi attended the Jill's House Open House. "We loved everything we saw on the tour. All that wonderful equipment and furniture--the building designers really thought of everything." After they settle into married life, Jim and Debbi hope to start volunteering at Jill's House. "It's an amazing ministry," said Jim. "There are many good causes and ministries, but Jill's House jumped out at me. Supporting Jill's House is a no-brainer, and we look forward to serving as volunteers this summer."

To sponsor a child for a night, visit jillshouse.org/sponsor or email claire.waldrop@jillshouse.org.