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All Age Ranges Opt For Living Trusts—We the People Can Help You Avoid Probate

Walnut Creek – Typically, people approaching retirement age or already in their retirement years, ponder what they will leave behind and how. Seventy-two-year-old Ezequiel and 62-year-old Adelina of Antioch decided to establish their living trust when they realized the tax burden on their kids if their estate went to probate. After they saw the newspaper ad and visited the website for We The People (WTP) of Walnut Creek, they were able to make it happen.

“We don’t like to think about these things, but we should all be prepared”, says Adelina. She was a bit apprehensive due to the subject matter, but Bill Schaaf, co-owner (along with wife, Mary) offered insights and anecdotes that made the experience seem less heavy.

A complex divorce compelled 64-year-old Miriam Plum of Brentwood to initiate her living trust. She wants to make sure her kids get what she wants them to have upon her death. Miriam has used lawyers in several instances, but notes that using WTP is faster, friendlier and costs less. She characterizes Bill and Mary: “They’re neat people and really know what they’re doing. They’re down to earth. They didn’t use heavy legal terms.”

In contrast, 34-year-old businessman, John Gallop, decided to start his living trust at a relatively young age. He explains that he facilitated estate planning for others years ago, but not for himself. He figures the time is right, if not *too* late. He has a wife, two small children and a home in Danville, so wants his family protected in the case of his death. Because he is so often on travel, he believes the risk is higher for him.

John has hired lawyers in the past, but found WTP to be more “prudent, painless and inexpensive for the quality returned”. Working with We The People was a “killer experience...you save time and money without losing quality.” John has recommended WTP to three friends, and so goes forth the trend of younger people arranging for their children’s inheritance.

WTP owner Bill Schaaf reports the following breakdown of age ranges for people initiating living trusts: 30-40 years old—10%; 40-50 years old—20%; 50-60 years old—30%; 60-70 years old—30%, and 10% over 70. And the numbers of young people opting for living trusts are climbing, especially subsequent to the Terri Schiavo right-to-die case.

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