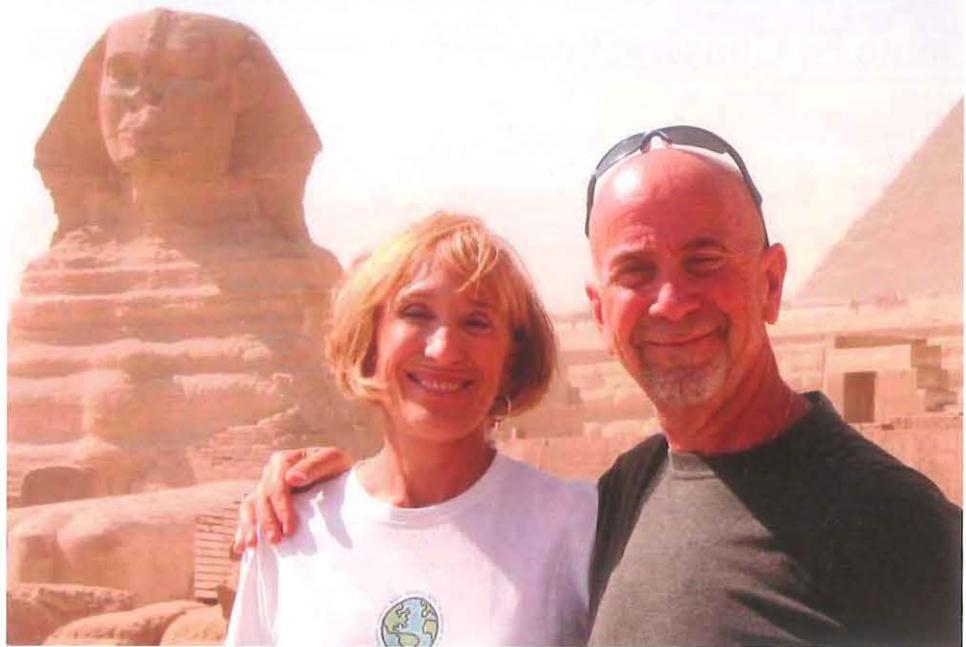


Landowner/Donor Profile - Barnet and Meryl Resnick

Barry and Meryl Resnick became landowner partners at the Santa Fe Conservation Trust in 2015 when they donated a conservation easement on their 318 acre property in the Galisteo Basin Preserve. Theirs is a wonderful parcel intersected by about a mile of the historic Kennedy Rail Line that the Resnicks have agreed can be developed as part of a regional trail system and open area for recreational users.



Barry and Meryl met in Chicago where they went to high school together. Barry is the founding partner of the firm Vogt, Resnick & Sherak and chairs the firm's Business, Finance and Tax Group. He works full time either in Santa Fe or in Newport Beach. Meryl was, for 25 years, the president of a company that processed claims for indigent hospital patients, first for just one hospital, then, by the time they sold it, for 75 California hospitals. Their two sons are now grown and have blessed them with four grandchildren, all of whom are either in or starting college. Their family is rounded out by a mellow 33-year-old parrot, Bud, who they thought was a boy until he laid an egg, so now she is called Rosebud. And Meryl was quick to point out how much she loves her dog, Sadie, who is, in fact, a very charismatic little animal!

The Resnicks have a vision for their conservation property in the Galisteo Basin Preserve that they have been working to manifest for a few years now. They would like to create a joint venture with a nonprofit educational or arts organization to house people so that the landscape can inspire creative endeavors. They envision poets, writers, artists and scientists living on the land, in housing the Resnicks would provide. Each casita would have 720 square feet of space and a deck, and, because of the contours of the land, would be "artfully" placed so that each structure would be hidden from the other. Then there would be a main meeting place of around 1,000 square feet. When asked what inspired this vision, Barry replied, with a laugh, "probably my third glass of wine."

But then, the stories of their other charitable interests started coming out, and it was clear that wine has nothing to do with their desire to give back. In addition to providing annual support to the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, Barry has served on many boards, including the Anaheim Performing Arts Center and LABiomed, a cutting edge medical research nonprofit. Both of them said they are longtime supporters of freewheelchairmission.org, which, over 18 years, has distributed more than 1 million free wheelchairs in third world countries where people with physical challenges are considered, "a liability, curse or embarrassment," Barry said. They also started an endowment to cover the cost of education for wheelchair recipients in Vietnam, Uganda and Peru. Part of the impetus for them is that Barry's sister had a developmental disability, which led them to also support Elwyn Industries.

Meryl then talked about the legal interns that come from all over the world for a month to six months to work with Barry's law firm. The interns stay with the Resnicks, and they become part of their extended family.

So, while they are not full time residents in Santa Fe, the Resnick's desire to help the Santa Fe Conservation Trust preserve the open landscapes of this area, to provide public access along the Kennedy Rail Line, and to make that land available to inspire creativity, means that their impact on Santa Fe and the region will be felt for generations to come. SFCT is grateful for their partnership with us!