

**What do you do if a parent wishes to be involved in the family foundation?
Here are some helpful hints for those who are considering this matter.**

- Taking an objective look at the history of your relationship with your parent, how will his or her involvement help or hinder the formation of a family foundation?
- How well can you and your parent work together comfortably?
- How able are you to share decisionmaking easily with your parent?
- How capable is your parent? (What skills, expertise, and talents does he or she have?)
- Does there exist, or can you create, a contributing role for your parent that can be successfully accomplished?
- In the event that your parent's participation in the foundation doesn't work out, do you have a plan in mind to redefine or discontinue involvement?

If your responses to these considerations have been positive, capitalizing on your parent's capabilities, energies, and desire to be involved in the family foundation can bring much needed support and satisfaction. And an encouraging word, sprinkled with a bit of wisdom from the past, can mean a lot when it comes from such a close family member!