

PROFILES IN PHILANTHROPY

Mrs. Syd Barrel, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Apfel

"PEOPLE OF VISION" — PALM BEACH

Philanthropists with an eye for beauty.

There is no end to the value of vision. It affects every aspect of our lives and rewards us with innumerable pleasures, including the joy of recognizing beauty in the color and composition of our surroundings.

Iris Barrel Apfel, her husband Carl, and mother Sayde Barrel, have spent years creating, preserving and providing beautiful things for people and places throughout our society. Therefore, the family's recent gift of more than \$1.2 million to Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

is a generous extension of their life's work, one which will help to assure that more people everywhere continue to see and appreciate beauty in the world around them.

Mr. and Mrs. Apfel founded "Old World Weavers," a now renowned fabric firm which provides quality textiles and trimmings for many of the country's most discriminating interior designers and architects. Mrs. Apfel is the company's creative design director.

As an "incurable" collector who once owned her own design studio, she is also known for the unusual antiques, artifacts and jewelry she has amassed over the years. In fact, many of her "treasures" have been exhibited in museums both here and abroad.

She is also considered an expert in antique fabrics and their reproduction. This talent has led to her participation in local and national restora-



tion projects involving many historic buildings and residences. The White House, for example, has benefitted from her expertise six times, under the direction of six different presidents. Photographs of her work have been featured in Interior Design, Architectural Digest, Vogue, Interiors and The New York Times. Currently, she is refurbishing rooms in the Palm Beach Flagler Museum, a 17-year project for which the museum has awarded her a life membership.

Together, the Apfels and Mrs. Barrel, a former CEO and merchandise manager of her own junior department store, have shared the wealth

of their achievements with many hospitals, universities, museums and charities. The new museum gallery on campus at The Israel Institute of Technology (Technion), Haifa, Israel, will be named in the Apfels' honor. Mrs. Barrel, as well as the Apfels, is a "guardian" of the American Technion Society and a benefactor of New York City's Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital. And, there is a Carl and Iris Apfel Radiology Suite at University Hospital, New York Medical Center.

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute is proud to join these acclaimed institutions in recognizing the generosity of this most benevolent family. The sixth floor waiting area for family members and friends of patients in the Anne Bates Leach Eye Hospital surgery suite has been dedicated as "The Barrel-Apfel Waiting Room" in tribute to their commitment to vision and the joy it brings to an appreciation of beauty.

*Mrs. Syd Barrel, Mr. & Mrs. Apfel
(L to R), 1994.*