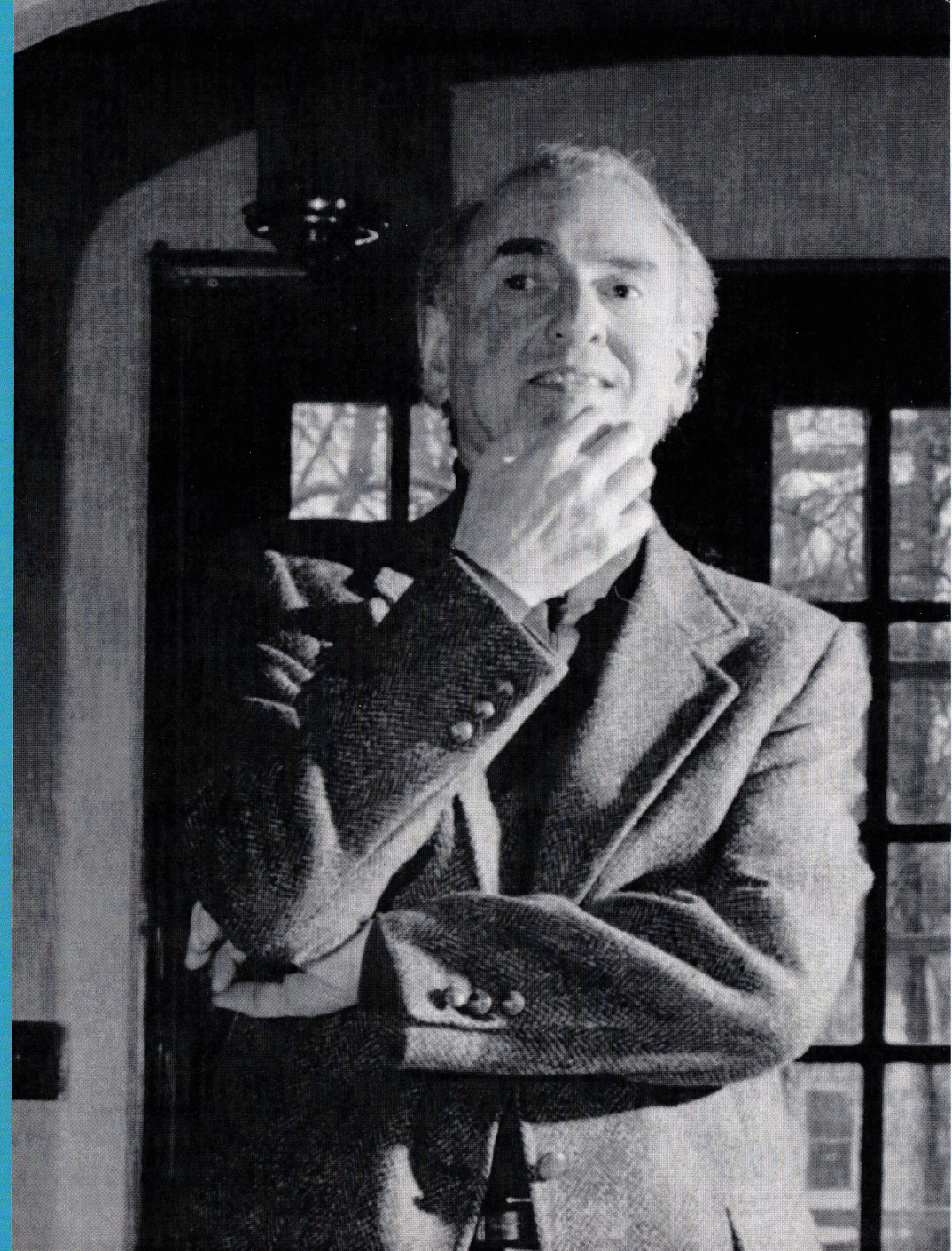


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Wolf P. Wolfensberger, Ph.D. (1934 - 2011) was a world-renowned advocate for developmentally disabled persons. A faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and a researcher at the former Nebraska Psychiatric Institute (NPI) of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) from 1964-1971, he went on to spend more than 35 years at Syracuse University as director of the Training Institute for Human Service Planning, Leadership and Change Agency. Born in Germany, Wolfensberger immigrated to the United States in 1950. He is best known for popularizing the principle of "Normalization" and later developing the concept of Social Role Valorization. He also founded and promoted Citizen Advocacy. He is widely regarded as one of the most influential figures in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. He was the author and co-author of more than 40 books and monographs, and more than 250 chapters and articles, with writings translated into 11 languages. His book, *The Principle of Normalization in Human Services*, was selected as the most influential book in the second half of the 20th century in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. In 2008, Exceptional Parent magazine named the work of Dr. Wolfensberger on the Principles of Normalization and Social Role Valorization as one of the "7 Wonders of the World of Disabilities." In 1999, Dr. Wolfensberger was selected by representatives of seven major disability organizations as one of 35 individuals worldwide who had the greatest impact on mental retardation in the 20th century. Dr. Wolfensberger had a reputation for being a stirring and controversial speaker. The documentary *Valuing Lives - Wolf Wolfensberger and the Principle of Normalization* will inspire a new generation of leaders in the field.

