

Story County Alliance for Philanthropy

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Story County Philanthropy Day 2005
treasures in story county

November 17, 2005

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Octagon Center for the Arts



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Story County Alliance for Philanthropy

The Story County Alliance for Philanthropy is interested in showing appreciation for all that has been accomplished in the name of giving - and to show that there is still much to do. By celebrating an annual Story County Philanthropy Day, the community will honor individuals, businesses and organizations that provide essential services to county residents.



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Luncheon Program

Welcome

Jeff Johnson
President, ISU Alumni Association

Phyllis Lepke
ISU Foundation (Retired)
Frankie Olsen
Executive Director,
United Way of Story County

Presentation of Award

Jeff Johnson
Kevin Geiken and
Keegan Kautzky
Outstanding Volunteer Youth
Fundraiser Philanthropists
Pella Corporation
Story City
Outstanding Business/
Corporate/ Foundation
Philanthropist
Verne Bates
Outstanding Individual
Volunteer Fundraiser
Don and Janet Payer
Outstanding Individual
Philanthropists

Closing Remarks

Jeff Johnson

Outstanding Volunteer Youth Philanthropist Fundraiser Award



Keegan left, Kevin right

Kevin Geiken and Keegan Kautzky

recently graduated from Iowa State University. While still students, they co-founded Pages of Promise, a multi-state nonprofit organization that collects and distributes textbooks for needy African schools. In just two years, more than \$1 million worth of books have been sent to developing countries of sub-Saharan Africa. Unlike some fundraising projects where young people collect one-time funds, Pages of Promise will grow in its potential to address the “book drought” because Kevin and Keegan not only created a plan, they made others aware of it, and established a board of directors. They built strong relationships with other universities—six in three states so far—and with sponsors and transport providers. They secured nonprofit status in Iowa and are now affiliated with the international organization Books for Africa. Being role models for philanthropy is not new to these students. Kevin, of Hampton, Iowa, served in leadership positions for a theater group, Habitat for Humanity and the American Cancer Society. He was involved in many organizations at Iowa State and volunteered with the World Food Prize and Ames Emergency Shelter. He plans to pursue a career in nonprofit administration or arts administration, while serving as director of Pages of Promise. Keegan, who is from Perry, became aware of the book famine in Africa while working for the Nairobi-based International Centre for Research in Agroforestry. Having served as an intern starting in 2001, Keegan is now Special Assistant to the President of the World Food Prize Foundation and serves as a research consultant for Refugees International, a humanitarian advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C. He plans to move to South Africa in January to begin graduate study as a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar. According to their nominators, “Kevin and Keegan have a personal passion for fostering strong community development and celebrating the diversity of the global community.”

Outstanding Business / Corporate / Foundation Philanthropist Award



Pella Rolscreen Foundation

story city operations is a philanthropic division of Pella Corporation. The Story City Operations employs 340 and manufactures casement style windows. Pella Rolscreen has been honored for six consecutive years by FORTUNE magazine as one of the nation's "100 Best Companies To Work For." It is the only privately-owned, Iowa-based company on this highly respected list. The Pella Rolscreen Foundation has provided funding totaling more than \$164,000 to Story County communities since 2001. Recipients include health societies, nursing homes, fine arts groups, fire departments, community festivals, community economic development groups, city playgrounds, school districts, pre-schools and day cares, drug prevention programs, sports programs and scouting. The Pella Rolscreen Foundation sponsors a scholarship program for children of employees and an employee matching gift program. New programs that now receive Foundation support include DMACC's Career Academy and the Pella Family Stage at Story City's Scandinavian Days Festival. The Foundation annually supports the Story City Main Street partnership, and Pella employees provide leadership to a number of community groups by serving on boards and planning committees. The Story City Operations manager is Tony Hogan. According to the Story City Lions Club, "The variety of projects supported and the amounts of money donated to various causes in and near Story County is most impressive and demonstrates the commitment of the Pella Rolscreen Foundation to Story City, Story County and many neighboring communities."

Outstanding Individual Volunteer Philanthropists Award



Donald R. Payer and Janet S. Payer

have a long association with Ames. Don graduated from Ames High School and has had his own legal practice in Ames for over 50 years. Jan and Don have supported the community throughout the years and in many ways. They have often been "quiet philanthropists," but have taken the lead in fundraising efforts, too. The Payers are annual supporters of both the Boys and Girls Club of Story County and the Ames Education Foundation. They also have supported their church, Iowa State University and dozens of other nonprofit organizations. Don was instrumental in establishing the Legal Aid organization in Story County. An ordained deacon of St. John's Episcopal Church, he provides worship services to prisoners at the county jail. Jan Payer received her MSW degree from the University of Iowa and worked for the Iowa Department of Human Services for ten years. She was involved in the initial discussions to create ASSET, has been president of the board for the Center for Personnel Development and board member of Beloit. She is currently a board member of AIOFA. When the Boys and Girls Club needed new facilities to serve more children, the Payers generously donated a building, from which sale proceeds were used to help construct a new facility designed specifically to meet the programming needs of the organization. Jan and Don believe in education and decided to help students who face obstacles to continuing their education beyond high school. Through discussions with the Ames Education Foundation, they made estate plans to create the Payer Family scholarship for an AHS student-- then they decided to begin funding the scholarship immediately! During the scholarship interviews, Don often explains that he and Jan believe in giving back to the community. Notes his nominators, "These simple words of explanation is one way Don encourages and motivates these young people to give back to the community, when they are able."

Outstanding Individual Volunteer Fundraiser Award



Verne C. Bates

is a graduate of Iowa Falls High School and Drake University. In 1975 he accepted a position with U.S. Bank in Des Moines, where he worked in the Trust Department for 18 years. He assumed the management of the U.S. Bank Private Client Group in Ames in 1993 and is currently Vice President and Trust Officer. Verne became involved with the Octagon Center for the Arts in the early 1990s, at a time when the Octagon was conducting an endowment fund drive. For the next seven years, he stayed with the Endowment Committee and also became an influential member of the Octagon Board of Trustees. During this time, Verne and Marlys Potter teamed to create the Founders Club. The Founders Club remains a viable asset to the Octagon with 47 members supporting the arts. According to his colleagues at the Octagon, "Verne has donated countless hours...His determination for success included personal calls, lunches, phone calls, and letters to potential donors." Verne was the driving force behind the financial contributions necessary for the creation of the two children's studios at the Octagon, providing opportunities for children of all ages to explore their creativity. Verne remains involved in the Octagon through his successful efforts to persuade other business members of the community to volunteer and contribute. "Verne has been an essential member of the Octagon's financial history...He continues to be a positive and strong inspiration for the Octagon, providing a voice from the past and commitment to the future," notes his nomination.

Master of Cerimonies

President, ISU Alumni Association



Jeffery W. Johnson was named the ISU Alumni Association's chief executive on Sept. 7, 1999 - only the seventh individual to hold this role in the Association's 5125-year history. As president, Jeff is responsible for facilitating the Association's mission of engaging the talents and resources of alumni, students, and friends in the life, work, and aspiration of Iowa State University. The Association currently has more than 49,700 members and recently broke ground on their future \$13 million alumni center. Jeff came to Iowa State from the University of Illinois Alumni Association at Urbana-Champaign. He previously worked in alumni relations at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg (where he received his bachelor's degree), and the University of Kansas, Lawrence (where he received his master's degree). Jeff is an active volunteer in the Ames and Iowa State community, as well as nationally in higher education.

Clay Artist

Associate ISU Professor



Ingrid Lilligren is an associate professor in ceramic at Iowa State University. Her work is primarily ceramic sculpture and mixed media. She developed a deep curiosity about ceramics from an early encounter with Native American pottery at her grandmother's home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ingrid earned her B.F.A. from the University of Wisconsin in River Hills and her M.F.A. from The Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California. Today, she teaches and pursues her art. The pieces she produced for the Philanthropy Day Awards allowed Ingrid to revisit her first love of utilitarian ceramics while permitting artistic exploration in the shapes and glazes employed.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in creating Story County's first Philanthropy Day Celebration. We are so grateful to live in communities with people who care and give so freely of themselves to improve the lives of others. You really are the *treasures of story county.*



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