# Story County PHILANTHROPY DAY 2017



### 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.

## **14TH** ANNUAL STORY COUNTY PHILANTHROPY DAY

#### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17 11:30 A.M. TO 1:15 P.M.

WELCOME Jean Kresse President & CEO, United Way of Story County

MUSIC Nevada High School band

#### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS Award Presenter - Yvonne Kinzler

Co-Owner Kinzler Construction Services, Community Leader

#### Award Winners

Outstanding Individual/Family Philanthropist *Hertz Family* 

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Alan & Mary Christy

Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist *Renewable Energy Group* 

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Ames High School Reggie's Sleep Out Committee

Outstanding Group Philanthropist Jeff & Peggy Johnson

CLOSING REMARKS Yvonne Kinzler

#### OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISER



## Alan & Mary Christy

Nominated by Friendship Ark, Inc. Alan and Mary Christy have tirelessly given of their time and resources to create housing for individuals need for over two decades A contractor by trade, Alan used his expertise to make a big impact on the needs of Friendship Ark, Inc. and Emergency Residence Project (ERP). He donated hundreds of hours as the General Contractor for all five of Friendship Ark's homes for adults with disabilities. He also solicited and received hundreds of thousands of dollars. in in-kind donations from sub-contractors and building suppliers for each of those homes. Mary has assisted Alan along the way, as a leader for support of the housing community by educating others on the needs that exist and encouraging them to give of their time and resources.

In 1999, Alan also spearheaded the construction of a four-plex apartment building for ERP. His efforts provided twelve additional bedrooms to house ERP families. He has amazing ability to get others to see his vision, bringing along dozens of developers, suppliers and trades people to assist him in providing housing for people most in need. Alan and Mary Christy lead by example, demonstrating their own values and inspiring others to join them. They are a true picture of quality leadership and philanthropy, and they have had an immeasurable impact on the community around them.

#### **Previous Award Recipients**

2005: Verne C. Bates 2006: Philip O'Berry 2007: Suzan Shierholz 2008: Linda and Bernie White 2009: Heather and Gary Botine 2010: Neala Benson 2011: Rollie and Willie Struss 2012: Dr. Jay Brown 2013: Jim Black 2014: Roger Kluesner 2015: Monica Porter 2016: Tim Day

#### OUTSTANDING CORPORATE PHILANTHROPIST



## Renewable Energy Group

Nominated by Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County, ISU Foundation, Mary Greeley Medical Center Renewable Energy Group, Inc. (REG)'s support of non-profit organizations in Story County has made a tremendous impact on the youth in the community for many years. The company is a financial pillar for Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County, providing funding for supplies to the Club's participants on a monthly basis and hosting a carnival each year. REG also supports Mary Greeley Medical Center's Mileage Club, impacting thousands of children from 17 Story County schools each year.

REG's support goes beyond these two agencies, creating undergraduate scholarships at Iowa State University's College of Engineering and graduate scholarships for MBA students. REG has committed thousands of dollars for these scholarships as well as providing funding to support the Biobased Industry Center, the Young Women in Business Conference, the ISU chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the MBA Executive Advisory Council. In addition to all of the financial support, REG employees have volunteered time and talents on committees and boards for these organizations. REG's impact on the community is reflected by its exceptional corporate culture that encourages community involvement and philanthropy, making them a leader in support for Ames and Story County!

#### **Previous Award Recipients**

2005: Pella Rolscreen Foundation, SC Operations
2006: McFarland Clinic PC
2007: Sauer-Danfoss
2008: First National Bank
2009: Burke Corporation
2010: Greater Iowa Credit Union
2011: Alpha Copies & Print Centers
2012: Kreg Tool Company
2013: 3M
2014 Bethesda Lutheran Church
2015: Wilson Toyota Scion of Ames
2016: Country Landscapes

#### OUTSTANDING YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY



## AHS Reggie's Sleep Out Committee

Nominated by Youth and Shelter Services The Ames High School Reggie's Sleepout Committee was an integral part of the first ever Reggie's Sleepout Ames (RSO Ames). This event, which raised money and awareness for youth homelessness, benefitted three organizations in Story County: ACCESS, ERP and YSS.

The group started as an idea from students who participated in Youth Leadership Ames and helped organize the event by participating in meetings, marketing to their peers and raising money. The group even held a basic needs drive, collecting over 300 items such as shampoo, deodorant, and toilet paper to give to homeless individuals in the community.

The inaugural event brought over 500 campers and volunteers and raised over \$90,000 to help fight homelessness in Story County. The Ames High School committee's efforts brought 50 high school students and over \$1,000 to the event. Their passion and dedication played an important role in RSO Ames' success.

#### **Previous Award Recipients**

2005: Kevin Geiken and Keegan Kautzky 2006: Nevada Multiage Program 2007: Cory M. Hanson 2008: Joe Wallace 2009: Central Elementary K-Kids 2010: Story County Youth Philanthropists 2011: Ames Public Library Teen Advisory Group 2012: Nevada High School Key Club 2013 Girl Scout Troops 28 and 150 2014: Mrs. Lynn Nielsen's Special Needs Class at Roland-Story Elementary School

2015: Kate Hulshizer 2016: Pi Kappa Alpha

#### OUTSTANDING GROUP PHILANTHROPIST



## Rotary Club of Ames

Nominated by Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County, Mary Greeley Medical Center, United Way of Story County Rotary Club of Ames has a long history of providing financial and volunteer support for hundreds of projects across many organizations in Story County and around the world. With 220 current members and hundreds of prior members, this civic group is a generous and powerful force for good in our community.

At the local level, the impact of this club is seen across Story County. Rotary Club of Ames has given tens of thousands of dollars to help programs at organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County, Israel Family Hospice House, Mary Greeley Medical Center, United Way of Story County, YSS, Heartland Senior Services and Raising Readers in Story County to name only a few. Their support for numerous local organizations has provided services to countless individuals and families in Ames and Story County.

The Rotary Club's message of Service Above Self is exemplified by its members actively serving on many local non-profit boards, volunteering their time, mentoring students, running for public office, offering their expertise and sharing their financial resources. For nearly 100 years, this special group of leaders and volunteers have collectively exemplified dedication, leadership, and generosity that benefits our community and beyond.

#### **Previous Award Recipients**

2009: Heartland Senior Services Variety Show Committee 2010: Mary Greeley Medical Center Auxiliary 2011: Josephine Tope Community Auditorium Capital Campaign Committee 2012: Ames Public Library Friends Foundation – Sales Committee 2013: Kiwanis of Story County 2014: Ames Police Benevolent Association 2015: Altrusa of Ames 2016: Ballard Education Foundation

#### OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIST



## Jeff & Peggy Johnson

Nominated by Youth and Shelter Services Peggy and Jeff Johnson are two of the greatest friends to the Ames and Story County communities. Their support to organizations including Mary Greeley Medical Center, Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County, Ames Public Library, YSS, Iowa State University, and United Way of Story County demonstrates their extreme passion for the people around them.

Peggy and Jeff have committed their time, energy and resources to support these organizations for many years. Whether Peggy was serving as a member of the YSS' Board of Directors, Jeff was helping to lead the Mary Greeley Foundation Board of Directors or financially supporting one of many organizations, the two of them have always displayed their leadership and passion for making their community better.

Peggy and Jeff have immersed themselves in the community and made vast contributions that are seen all throughout Story County. They are

set apart by their enthusiasm for philanthropy and their encouragement of others to join them. Peggy and Jeff Johnson's caring and generous support has made our community more welcoming.

#### **Previous Award Recipients**

2005: Janet S. and Donald R. Payer 2006: Marge and Erb Hunziker 2007: Ruth and Clayton Swenson 2008: Sherry and Lee Sargent 2009: Clare and Jim Frevert 2010: Janice and Marvin Walter 2011: Carolyn and Chuck Jons 2012: Jennifer and Brian Dieter 2013: Yvonne and Kevin Kinzler 2014: Julie and Harold Pike 2015: Hertz Family: Randy and Liz Hertz (Nevada) and Tom and Joyce (deceased) Hertz (Ames) 2016: Bey & Warren Madden

#### AWARD PRESENTER

Yvonne co-owns with her husband Kevin, Kinzler Construction Services, Inc. and The Auto/Truck Repair Center. They own or are partners in eight other companies including commercial rentals, land and property development or building supplies.



Yvonne Kinzler Community Leader Yvonne was the 2016 Campaign Chair for the United Way of Story County and led the team to successfully reach and exceed the goal.

Yvonne served on the Mary Greeley Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors and served as President in 2008-2009. She has been a member and a mentor of the United Way of Story County's Women United program since 2009. Yvonne also served on the Christ Community Church Capital Campaign Committee.

Yvonne and Kevin were two of the parents who originally incorporated as Community Options to provide summer daycare and respite weekend care for their special needs daughter and other children with similar needs. This has now become Child Serve in Ames, Iowa.

They were also instrumental in creating a home providing a level of care appropriate for young adults with high medical needs in central Iowa in February 2009. This is the Mainstream Living's Aspen House in Ames.

In 2013, Yvonne and Kevin were recognized as Outstanding Individual Philanthropists. They are supporters of United Way of Story County, Habitat for Humanity, The Ronald McDonald House, Rhett Syndrome Research Trust, and Christ Community Church. Yvonne, Kevin, and their three children have formed a family foundation called the Kinzler Family Fund.

#### ARTIST



## **Steve Aitchison**

Artist

Steve grew up in Ames Iowa and first encountered clay in the 70's through the public schools and the Octagon Center for the Arts. After leaving Iowa he eventually settled in Tucson making his home and base of operations in southern Arizona. For 25 years he travelled internationally to conferences and workshops, while designing for a custom ceramics manufacturing firm.

Back in Ames, he maintains his studio at CASA, the Creative Artists Studios of Ames, a cooperative art studio with 30 some artists working in many different in mediums. "I believe we create in response to the seasons of our lives. In my world every studio session is an adventure. The imagery of my current work "Cloud Vessels" is crafted by fire and organic elements, influenced, inspired by the cloud patterns of the Midwest and the weather worn geology of the southwest, I find it has a confident and contemplative presence layered with subtle complexity."



#### **Contact Info:**

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#### STORY COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR PHILANTRHOPY MEMBERS

#### ACCESS

Cherie Torresi

Ames Public Library Friends Foundation Stevin Dahl

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County** Erika Peterson & Ali Sauer

**ChildServe** Rachelle Flory

**Friendship Ark Homes** Jennifer Ellis

Heartland Senior Services Nancy Carroll

**Iowa State Center** Paul Ferrone

**Iowa State Memorial Union** Ashley Dorris

**ISU Department of Residence & Memorial Union** Kevin Merrill **Iowa State University Foundation** Rachael Karriker & Dave Thalacker

LSI (Lutheran Services in Iowa) Jason Lee

Mary Greeley Medical Center Foundation Melissa McGarry

Raising Readers in Story County Kim Hanna

Reiman Gardens Lisa Stephany

Story County Community Foundation Tillie Good

**The Arc of Story County** Tricia Crain

**United Way of Story County** Jean Kresse & Lina Gurtovoy

**YSS** Sarah Mowery

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to all who played a role in the Story County Philanthropy Day Celebration. We are grateful to live in communities with people who care and give so freely of themselves to improve the lives of others.

#### Story County Alliance for Philanthropy

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