



STORY COUNTY
PHILANTHROPY

DAY
2019

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.

15TH ANNUAL STORY COUNTY PHILANTHROPY DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
11:30 A.M. TO 1:15 P.M.

WELCOME

Jean Kresse
President & CEO,
United Way
of Story County

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Award Presenter - Andrew Murdoch
Principal Securities, Inc.

Award Winners

Outstanding Business Philanthropist
RE/MAX Real Estate Center

Outstanding Group Philanthropist
Story City Friends Endowment

Outstanding Youth Group In Philanthropy
Roland-Story Community School District – Student Organizations

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser
Sheila Lundt

Outstanding Philanthropist
Ruth Harris

CLOSING REMARKS

Andrew Murdoch

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS PHILANTHROPIST



RE/MAX Real Estate Center

Nominated by
YSS

RE/MAX Real Estate Center and Reggie's Sleepout Ames go hand in hand. The team at RE/MAX have played a vital role in supporting the event for two of the three years it has taken place and their impact on those events has been significant. Reggie's Sleepout Ames raises money to support youth experiencing homelessness through three organizations - ACCESS, ERP and YSS. In the last year, these organizations helped support 485 youth in need of emergency shelter care right here in Story County.

Sarah Laaser-Webb, REALTOR at RE/MAX Real Estate Center has been helping with the Holiday Giving for nine years and has served on the Friends Committee for 7 years. Sarah brought her passion for YSS to RE/MAX when she joined their team in 2016. Sarah and the rest of the RE/MAX team first participated in 2018 and signed up as a sponsor and a participating team with less than a month to raise money. That didn't stop them from raising over \$10,000 for the event that year. When Reggie's Sleepout 2018 had to be cancelled due to heavy snowfall, the RE/MAX team held their promise to sleep outside in support of youth experiencing homelessness. Traci and Bill Jennings, owners of RE/MAX Real Estate Center in Ames, hosted the rest of the team at their home

where they set up their boxes and camped to raise awareness.

RE/MAX continued their support for Reggie's Sleepout in 2019 with another significant financial support and a team of participants who showed up to sleep out on the night of the event. ACCESS, ERP AND YSS are all so grateful for the RE/MAX team and their efforts to support youth experiencing homelessness in our community. Thank you, RE/MAX Real Estate Center!

Previous Award Recipients

2005: Pella Rolscreen Foundation, SC
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
2017: Renewable Energy Group
2018: South Story Bank and Trust

OUTSTANDING GROUP PHILANTHROPIST



Story City Friends Endowment

Nominated by Story County
Community Foundation

A handful of Story City residents gathered together in 2014 with the vision to give back locally to their community. The Story City Friends Endowment Group was started in September 2014 and grew quickly to issue their first grants in 2015. To date they have awarded 12 grants for a total of \$5,400 to eleven local non-profit projects benefitting Story City and Roland residents and visitors. These grants have impacted individuals of all ages, race, and socio-economic status. The Story City Friends Endowment Group has been a leader in demonstrating how a few individuals can come together and make a permanent, meaningful impact on their local community.

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
2017: Rotary Club of Ames
2018: Ames Morning Rotary

OUTSTANDING YOUTH GROUP IN PHILANTHROPY



Roland-Story Community School District - Student Organizations

Nominated by
Mary Greeley Foundation

Humbly serving others is a core value of the Roland-Story School District. Several student organizations have demonstrated this belief in action by leading fundraising efforts and gathering more than \$13,200 to support the William R. Bliss Cancer Center at Mary Greeley Medical Center over the last four years.

The National Honor Society, Student Council and athletic teams have all shown leadership to plan specific events to generate financial support and increase awareness and understanding of cancer. These tremendous events take a lot of coordination, time, effort and leadership. Over four years of giving, these student groups have consistently demonstrated their ability to be successful and generous.

Other groups that have demonstrated the core value of serving others include our local FFA, FCCLA, Science Club and Key Club along with various fine arts groups that perform for local residents. Our students understand the value of community and their need to be involved especially in a community our size.

We are grateful to the student leaders at Roland-Story for the vision and drive to accomplish these tasks, the administration for fostering this type of character value and the community for supporting the cause and investing in Mary Greeley.

Previous Award Recipients

2005: Kevin Geiken & 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 Troop 28 and 150
2014: Mrs. Lynn Nielsen's Special Needs Class
2015: Kate Hulshizer
2016: Pi Kappa Alpha
2017: AHS Reggie's Sleep Out Committee
2018: Latinx Student Leadership Council

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISER



Sheila Lundt

Nominated by
The Arc of Story County

During Sheila's tenure, the Ames Foundation was also one of the strongest supporters of a privately-funded initiative, to raise over \$2 million dollars, for the Ames Miracle League Field and All-Inclusive Playground at Inis Grove Park. Sheila immediately acted, agreeing to serve as one of the initial steering committee members. Since that time, she helped develop park concepts, worked with the city on regulations and enacted a stalwart fund-raising campaign. Sheila's efforts alone produced more than \$600,000 by securing donations from the Amemiya Estate, First National Bank, US Bank, and numerous others. Sheila saw the Miracle Park's vision come to reality when Ames community members gathered to celebrate the ground-breaking in July.

Beyond Sheila's work for the Inclusive Playground and Miracle Field, her impact can be seen throughout the community. Sheila has served on the Story County Mental Health/Criminal Justice Task Force, the Central Iowa Emergency Services Chaplaincy advisory board, volunteered with Heartland Senior Services, and served on the Public Policy Alumni Board at Iowa State University.

As one supporter wrote, "Sheila is a true citizen of Ames and Story County, she has a heart of gold that wraps everyone around her in warmth and enthusiasm. I think of Sheila as a mentor for volunteerism and I only hope I can emulate her service in the future."

When not serving the Story County community, Sheila is a dedicated fan of Iowa State athletics—having not missed a home football game since the fall of 1974, and an avid gardener.

Previous Award Recipients

2005: Verne C. Bates
2006: Phillip o'Berry
2007: Suzan Shierholz
2008: Linda and Bernie White
2009: Heather and Gary Botine
2010: Nealla Benson
2011: Rollie and Willie Struss
2012: Dr. Jay Brown
2013: Jim Black
2014: Roger Kluesner
2015: Monica Porter
2016: Tim Day
2018: Alan & Mary Christy

OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIST



Ruth Harris

Nominated by
The Mary Greeley
Foundation and Boys & Girls
Clubs of Story County

Ruth Harris and her husband, Eugene, called Story County home for more than 60 years. The couple raised four children while operating Harris TV and Appliance in Ames. The Harrises are highly respected and well-known within Ames, and even though Ruth now resides in a retirement community in West Des Moines; her philanthropy still benefits many organizations within Story County. She remains committed to serving the area which embraced her family and local business for countless years. Ruth is a strong proponent of affordable education, health and wellness programing, youth services and the cultural arts--all these amenities make Story County a more vibrant community. The Mary Greeley Medical Center Foundation, Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County, Iowa State University--through gifts within the College of Engineering, Athletics and the Ivy College of Business, Reiman Gardens, the Iowa State Center, Youth & Shelter Services, Ames Historical Society and Bethesda Lutheran Church are among the many non-profits Ruth continues to support annually.

At 90 years young, Ruth is a devoted Cyclones fan and continues to attend home athletic events—loudly cheering for her beloved Iowa State

Cyclones. Ruth Harris' legacy is rooted in love and gratitude for what she and Gene received from the community, and in return, she continues to generously give back year after year. Her children, and nine grand and 12 great-grandchildren are supportive of her sustained investment in Ames and Story County. Ruth's life-long kindness and philanthropic spirit serve as an inspiration to all who know her.

Previous Award Recipients

2005: Janet S. and Donald R. Payer

2006: Marge & 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 and Tom and Joyce Hertz

2016: Bev and Warren Madden

2017: Jeff and Peggy Johnson

2018: Pat and Louis Bannitt

AWARD PRESENTER



Andrew Murdoch

Financial Advisor, Principal
Securities, Inc.

Andrew Murdoch was born and raised in Ames, Iowa. Upon graduating from Gilbert, High School, Andrew played hockey in Montana, Canada, and Sweden before going to Iowa State University. Andrew is now in his 10th year at Principal Financial Group as a financial planner. For 5 years he has served on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County, and has cherished every moment. Andrew's biggest highlight, so far, was getting the "Heroes" of central Iowa to rappel down a building on campus all for the kids of the clubs. Recently, Andrew has joined the Ames Main Street Board as he loves the history of Ames and wants to see it grow for the future of our kids. Andrew is married to Natalie Murdoch, a 4th grade teacher at Meeker Elementary. They have three children, Scarlett - 9, Reid - 7, and Scotland - 4 who attend Gilbert Elementary.



Chris Martin

Chris Martin received a BFA in Craft Design from Iowa State University in 1990 and then MFA in furniture design from Rhode Island School of Design in 1994. Since then he has designed and produced furniture pieces for both commission and gallery exhibitions around the country and world. Currently he is a Professor of furniture design in the Department of Art & Visual Culture at Iowa State University.

In 2008 he began a 27-month stint alongside his wife Tammi as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in the West African country of Ghana and was deeply influenced by his experiences there. More recently Martin was awarded a

Fulbright fellowship where he spent 5 months in Ahmedabad India working with both traditional artisans and modern craftsmen and technicians in developing a series of contemporary furniture pieces that pay reverence to the richness of India's traditional craft culture. Collaboration with traditional artisans particularly in developing countries and working with them to develop sustainable livelihoods is where his research focus has been directed.

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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.

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