STORY COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR

PHILANTHROPY

2022

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 the annual Story County Philanthropy Day, the community will honor individuals, businesses, and organizations that provide essential services to county residents.

17TH ANNUAL STORY COUNTY PHILANTHROPY DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022
11:30 AM to 1:15 PM

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

MUSIC
Alleygrass

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
Award Presenter - Sarah Buck

Award Winners

Outstanding Business Philanthropist
Woodruff Construction

Outstanding Group Philanthropist
Ames Noon Kiwanis Club

Outstanding Philanthropists
Al & Karen Hermanson

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser
Dr. Jon Fleming

Outstanding Youth Group in Philanthropy
Ames Middle School Kiwanis Builders Club

CLOSING REMARKS
Sarah Buck

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS PHILANTHROPIST

Woodruff Construction

Nominated by
Boys & Girls Clubs of
Story County

Woodruff Construction is a company with purpose. They seek out projects that serve local communities and align with their company values. If Woodruff Construction has a presence in a community, you can be sure that they are looking for ways to give back and make an impact. Story County has benefitted many times over from Woodruff's commitment to in-kind donations, volunteerism, and significant financial contributions.

Woodruff Construction has been a major supporter of organizations in Story County like Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County, YSS, and The Bridge Home. Woodruff has provided sponsorship dollars, hours of volunteer service, playground equipment installation, construction labor, renovation materials, and board leadership. They truly lead by example, offering generosity and opportunities for communities to grow and thrive.

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
2019: RE/MAX Real Estate Center
2021: Ames Ford Lincoln

OUTSTANDING GROUP PHILANTHROPIST

Ames Noon Kiwanis Club

Nominated by
Geri Derner

The Ames Noon Kiwanis Club has been serving their community for 98 years. The desire of their club is to embody the definition of philanthropy: to promote the welfare of others. The Ames Noon Kiwanis Club has faced many challenges in its 98-year history, including the recent global pandemic. When challenging times arise, the Ames Noon Kiwanis Club adapts and continues their work of connecting youth and service organizations to resources and opportunities that improve lives and strengthens communities.

The club is able to provide these resources through a myriad of fun and creative fundraisers. Story County has benefited for many years from the club's annual Holiday Gift Wrap event, Knickles for Kids, and their famous pancake breakfast. The club has offered support to deserving organizations like Ames Children's Choirs, Story Theater Company, and local Girl Scout troops. Story County is lucky to have such a dedicated and determined group of volunteers!

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
2019: Story City Friends Endowment
2021: Northcrest Community Residents

OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPISTS

Al & Karen Hermanson

Nominated by
Ames Rotary Club

Al and Karen Hermanson have been quiet philanthropists for decades, faithfully giving their time and resources to improve the quality of life in Story County.

Over the years, they have made many significant contributions to dozens of Story County nonprofit organizations including Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City, Riverside Bible Camp, Lutheran Services in Iowa and Ames Morning Rotary. They established an Agricultural Entrepreneurship Scholarship Award at Iowa State University which annually supports budding entrepreneurs in the various agriculture fields. They also established the Hermanson Charitable Donor Advised Fund at the Story County Community Foundation in 2015, which has since impacted 75 organizations and countless lives.

The Hermansons not only provide financial support to many organizations, civic projects, programs and events, they roll up their sleeves and get to work whenever a need arises. They often lead the charge, offering their commitment, expertise, encouragement and friendship because they believe strongly in their community and want to invest in its future. As visionaries, they serve on various boards, councils and committees and take their roles very seriously.

Together, Al and Karen are a dynamic duo with big hearts and a passion for supporting Story County any way they can. They lead by example, holding true to their values and inspiring others to join them.

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 and Tom and Joyce Hertz
2016: Bev and Warren Madden
2017: Jeff and Peggy Johnson
2018: Pat and Louis Bannitt
2019: Ruth Harris
2021: Sarah and J. Ben Buck

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISER

Jon Fleming, M.D.

Nominated by
ISU Foundation and
Mary Greeley Medical
Center Foundation

Dr. Jon Fleming is a doer. He is well-known in the community for the high level of energy he brings to every role he serves and he is willing to help in any way necessary to ensure the success of the projects and programs he believes in. He has a talent and passion for helping organizations raise funds and has been quoted as saying he "likes to ask people for money" for good causes.

Jon served as a gastroenterologist at McFarland Clinic and Mary Greeley Medical Center from 1986 until his retirement in 2012. In 2011, he took on a leadership role with the Mary Greeley Foundation's Extraordinary Visions campaign, serving as co-chair of the largest fundraising campaign in the medical center's history and playing a key role in its success. He also helped the Ames Public Library in their fundraising campaign. Most recently, he served as campaign chair of the Forever True, For Iowa State nine-year campaign. His involvement and tireless efforts were central to it exceeding its $1.5 billion goal.

As a good fundraiser, Jon is among the first to contribute personally to causes he cares about. He has served on several nonprofit boards and received many awards and recognitions.

Jon Fleming is a beloved physician, volunteer, fundraiser, ISU alumnus and friend to all who know him. He has created an inspirational legacy that others strive to live up to.

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
2017: Alan & Mary Christy
2019: Sheila Lundt
2021: Georges Niang Golf Outing

OUTSTANDING YOUTH GROUP IN PHILANTHROPY

Ames Middle School Kiwanis Builders Club

Nominated by
Ames Town &
Country Kiwanis

In September of 2021 sixth and seventh grade students at Ames Middle School, met for their first post-Covid year of the Ames Middle School Kiwanis Builders Club. Faculty advisor Erin Bettazza led the Club in brainstorming and planning for a year of service and leadership. The areas of interest were identified: literacy, mental health, environment, hunger and homelessness.

The group's many projects included a book drive in partnership with Raising Readers in Story County, they assisted with the school district's clothing drive, and made cards and posters for veterans, middle school students and the United Way annual food drive. Working with the Ames Town and Country Kiwanis they were awarded a grant to plant trees in conjunction with Ames Park and Recreation.

The many projects completed by the Club required leadership, creativity and organizational skills. As the year progressed, their projects grew larger and more complicated as the Club increased their skills. Their Earth Day/Arbor Day project required research to find funding, a plan for the grant required education, collaborating with other community groups, finding resources and learning about tree planting. These many service projects demonstrate the warm, caring hearts and leadership of this small but mighty group of young citizens.

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
2015: Kate Hulshizer
2016: Pi Kappa Alpha
2017: AHS Reggie's Sleep Out Committee
2018: Latinx Student Leadership Council
2018: Michael Wiechmann
2019: Roland-Story Community School District – Student Organizations
2021: SHOP (Students Helping Our Peers) Food Pantry

OTHER PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

Rising Star Philanthropist

2021: Sia Agnihotri

Spirit of Philanthropy

2010: JoAnn Mosley

AWARD PRESENTER

Sarah Buck

For decades, Sarah Buck has been making her community a better place through volunteer service, leadership and generous financial support.

Sarah was employed by Mary Greeley Medical Center for 15 years before going to work for Iowa State University's Office for International Affairs. She later transitioned to the Iowa State University Foundation, retiring in 2005 as Vice President - Administration.

Since 1993, Sarah has served on the Mary Greeley Medical Center Board of Trustees, including 24 years as Board chair. She is an expert on effective governance and has received state and local awards for her leadership and service. Recently, Sarah received the 2022 Volunteer Leadership Award from Mary Greeley. She has volunteered countless hours to numerous community organizations, offering her support and expertise on boards, committees, campaign cabinets, and more. In addition, she and her husband J. Ben Buck have made transformational gifts to several nonprofits in Story County.

Sarah and Ben were recognized with the Story County Alliance for Philanthropy -- Outstanding Philanthropist Award in 2021. They have been married since 1975 and have a blended family of four children, four grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

ARTIST/PHOTOGRAPHER

Ruben Ruiz

Deer Creek Ceramics
Huxley, IA

Ruben's fascination with nature is a major influence in his work. His aim is to create pieces that inspire a smile. In 2005, he came in contact with clay for the first time at the Irvine Fine Arts Center in California where he learned wheel throwing. The hand building part of his work is a self-taught process.

His work is made with porcelain or stoneware clay. He wheel throws most of his pieces and then either alters them, adds texture, and/or creates sculptural details. Each piece is individually glazed and then fired in a reduction atmosphere at a temperature above 2100 degrees.

Each SCAP award recipient received a beautiful one-of-a-kind piece of artwork made by Ruben.

Event Photographer

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STORY COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR PHILANTHROPY MEMBERS

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Anna Magnusson

The Arc of Story County
Tricia Crain

Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County
Kaitlin Binnebose

The Bridge Home
Andrea Gronau

Child*Serve*
Rachelle Flory

Cultivating Hope Farms
Gina Perkins and Nicole Randick

Friendship Ark
Jennifer Ellis

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance
Charlie Weber

Iowa State Memorial Union
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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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