

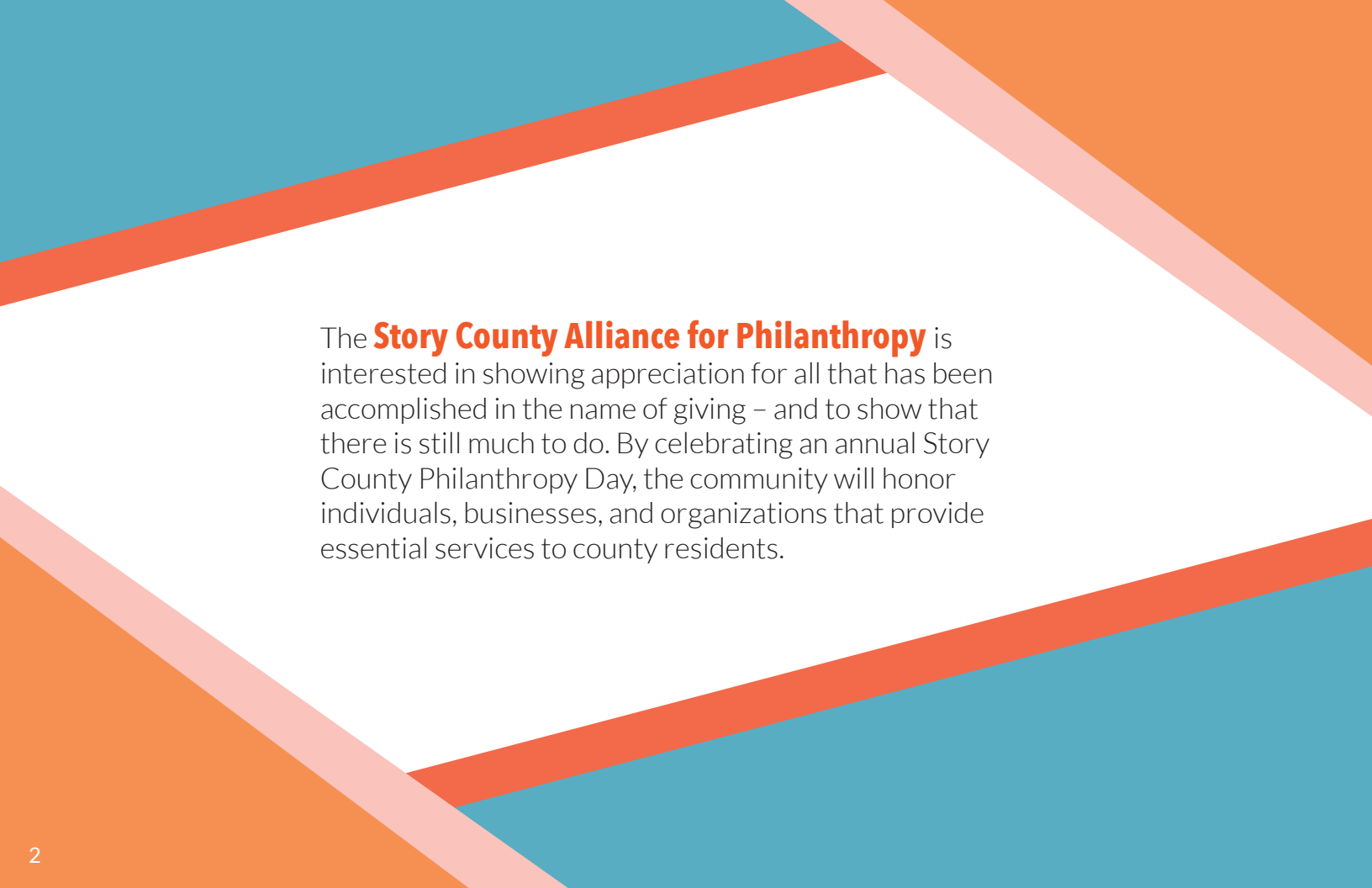


STORY COUNTY  
**PHILANTHROPY**

DAY  
2018







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 15**  
**11:30 A.M. TO 1:15 P.M.**

## WELCOME

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

## MUSIC

*Robert Walling and Jonah DeGeest*

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

### **Award Presenter - Austin Woodin**

Edward Jones Financial Advisor

### **Award Winners**

Outstanding Business Philanthropist  
*South Story Bank and Trust*

Outstanding Youth In Philanthropy  
*Michael Wiechmann*

Outstanding Group Philanthropist  
*Ames Morning Rotary*

Outstanding Youth Group in Philanthropy  
*Latinx Student Leadership Council*

Outstanding Philanthropists  
*Pat and Louis Banitt*

## CLOSING REMARKS

*Austin Woodin*



## OUTSTANDING BUSINESS PHILANTHROPIST



### **South Story Bank & Trust**

Nominated by  
United Way of Story County

South Story Bank & Trust's support of non-profit organizations has made a tremendous impact in Story County for many years. They are a great supporter of United Way of Story County's (UWSC) LIVE UNITED annual campaign as well as UWSC special events. The corporation matches employee gifts. South Story Bank & Trust also supports Ballard Community Schools and its affiliates, the Story County Fair, Story County Extension, Story County Cattlemen's Association, Heartland Senior Services, and Story County Community Foundation.

In addition to all of the financial support, South Story Bank & Trust employees volunteer their time and talents on committees and boards in Story County.

South Story Bank & Trust'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

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



## OUTSTANDING YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY



**Michael  
Wiechmann**

Nominated by  
YSS

Michael Wiechman's philanthropic spirit is inspiring, especially given his age. At just 10 years old, Michael set out on a mission to provide a better Christmas for those who need it most. Throughout the months of November and December of 2017, Michael worked to collect cash donations and in-kind items to provide hygiene kits to homeless youth in Story County. Because of his efforts, Michael was able to raise over \$1,000 in monetary donations. His efforts allowed him to provide more than 100 hygiene kits in which included a comb, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, socks, a hat, a gift card to Dollar Tree and other items to help people feel clean and warm. Michael enjoys serving his community and is so very excited and honored to be a part of this award; he would like to accept it on behalf of those who helped contribute to the bags. Story County is fortunate to have a young man of such character in our community!

### 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  
2017: AHS Reggie's Sleep Out Committee



## OUTSTANDING GROUP PHILANTHROPIST



### Ames Morning Rotary

Nominated by  
Story County  
Community Foundation

Rotary, by its nature, is a service organization whose byline is “service above self.” The Ames Morning Rotary Club has a long-standing philanthropic impact on Story County as well as internationally. Their primary focus has been to increase childhood literacy and healthy development of young children throughout Story County. This can be seen in their support of Raising Readers in Story County, as well as the Kids Run for Kids event. The Ames Police Association, Boys and Girls Clubs of Story County, Ames Public Library, Heartland Senior Services Center, the Emergency Residence Project, and the Story County Veterans Freedom Flights have also benefited from the philanthropic efforts of the Ames Morning Rotary. The members of the club not only support these efforts with financial contributions, but also with their time through volunteering. The Ames Morning Rotary may be fairly small in size (approximately 57 members), but it continues to “come through big” for Story County!

### 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



## OUTSTANDING YOUTH GROUP IN PHILANTHROPY



### Latinx Student Leadership Council

Nominated by  
ISU Foundation

The Latinx Student Leadership Council is comprised of several student organizations at Iowa State University that share a common goal—to promote the success of Latino, Latina and Latinx students, regardless of their immigration status, in higher education. In late 2017, the council worked with the Iowa State University Office of Diversity and Inclusion and, the Iowa State University Office of Student Financial Aid to create a scholarship, the first of its kind, to support DACA and undocumented students, pursuing their degree at Iowa State University.

The council planned and carried out their inaugural event—a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza in Ames and a DACA 5K Run on the Iowa State University campus. Among the council members, and additional recruited volunteers, they created a communication plan, made shirts for participants, set a fundraising goal and developed a race route. Through the two

events, the council raised over \$6,000 for the scholarship. In April 2018, the council was able to award six \$1,000 scholarships to students within the Ames community. The Latinx Student Leadership Council demonstrates collective leadership, drive and commitment to make real change in their community.



## OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPISTS



### Pat and Louis Banitt

Nominated by  
Mary Greeley Foundation

Pat and Dr. Louis Banitt are committed to giving back to the community that has given them so much. They support healthcare, education, innovation, and the arts. They give generously of their time and financial resources to Mary Greeley Medical Center, Story County Community Foundation, Ames Education Foundation, Ames Community Arts Council, Iowa State University Museums, United Way of Story County, Primary Health Care, Ames Public Library and many other nonprofit organizations in our community. Their volunteer leadership roles have resulted in substantial financial support throughout Story County and serve as an excellent example for others to follow.

The Banitts believe in leaving a legacy and have established several endowment funds throughout the community. They have served as founding donors to the United Way of Story County endowment fund and the Ames Education Foundation Band Endowment. As members of the Mary Greeley Foundation's Greeley Society, Louis and Pat will establish a significant endowment through their estate plan to fund Innovation. These gifts represent the

deepest of commitments and will have a lasting impact on the whole community.

Pat and Louis Banitt 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: 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 & Warren Madden

2017: Jeff and Peggy Johnson



## AWARD PRESENTER



**Austin Woodin**

Edward Jones Financial  
Advisor

Austin Woodin has a passion for volunteer leadership and leads by example with his time, talent and treasure. He has been a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones since 2003. In addition to running his practice, he has held numerous volunteer leadership positions with the firm. He currently serves his region as the Culture of Compliance Leader. He has also served as the Client Solutions Leader, Field Trainer Leader, Level Leader and has been both a Field Trainer and Mentor to many new Financial Advisors in the area.

He is a "hometown kid" and graduate of Ames High and Iowa State. He feels fortunate to call Ames and Story County home and believes there is no better place to raise his family. He and his wife, Melissa, have four kids ranging from ages 3 to 11. In their free time, Austin and his family love spending time together in Clear Lake, attending ISU athletic events, golfing and traveling.





**Priscilla Kepner  
Sage**

Priscilla Kepner Sage, born in Allentown, Pennsylvania. She received her B.S. in Art Education from Pennsylvania State University. She pursued graduate studies at Columbia University and Iowa State University, but received her M.F.A. in Sculpture from Drake University. She has taught art and made her own art steadily since her undergraduate degree.

Artist statement: My sculptures are lightweight, designed to move in air currents so the colors make that sensuous slide from convex to concave or turn from a cool exterior to a rich vibrant interior. Although I work on a large scale, my inspiration comes from the structure of natural forms that can be as small as mosses, as sinuous as the DNA helix, as vast as images from the Hubbel telescope, or as personal as the human body. The underlying theme of my sculpture is the relationship of humans and nature. There are deep and powerful connexions between ourselves and everything else; the longer we look the more we see how our existence and the nature of the universe are part of one consist picture."



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## STORY COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR PHILANTHROPY MEMBERS

### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Story County**

Jodi Stumbo and Ali Sauer

### **ChildServe**

Rachelle Flory

### **Friendship Ark**

Jennifer Ellis

### **Iowa State Center**

Paul Ferrone

### **Iowa State Memorial Union**

Kevin Merrill and Ashley Dorris

### **ISU Foundation**

Rachael Karriker and Dave Thalacker

### **Lutheran Services in Iowa**

Jason Lee

### **Mary Greeley Medical Center Foundation**

Melissa McGarry and Sheryl Clark

### **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 and Lina Gurtovoy

### **Volunteer Center of Story County**

Anne Owens

### **Youth and Shelter Services**

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.



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