

## **Alan and Kathie Chapman – 2023 IPCF Philanthropists of the Year (Bloomington-Normal)**

Alan and Kathie Chapman of Bloomington truly understand the importance of community, philanthropy and service. In addition to their own significant efforts, they have instilled their deeply held values within their children and grandchildren, all of whom also live in Bloomington-Normal. Education and service to others in the community has been a theme of Alan and Kathie's impact in Bloomington-Normal, where they have both lived for most of their lives.



Kathie was a longtime elementary teacher at Glenn, Fairview and Colene Hoose elementary schools. Alan began his Unit 5 career as a teacher, moved to administration and eventually became Principal of Normal Community High School and later Superintendent of McLean County Unit District No. 5. As educators, Alan and Kathie formed unique and powerful connections within the community, including many students, parents, teachers and staff. In retirement, they have continued to strengthen those relationships and have leveraged their social capital to drive multiple philanthropic initiatives forward.

Alan has served on the Board of Directors and served as Interim President and CEO of United Way of McLean County. He also served as the 2008 United Way campaign chair, leading an effort to raise over \$4.6 million for local organizations in McLean County. Additionally, he has served on the Boards of Directors of the Beyond the Books and Unit 5 Educational Foundations. In 2014-2015, Alan was co-chair of the Heartland Community College major gifts campaign, which raised almost \$7.7 million and for which he was awarded a Heartland Community College President's Medallion in 2021. He was a project director for the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council, focused on building business community support for programs that encouraged investment and growth in our local economy.

He has served on both the Illinois State Deans Association and Illinois High School Association Boards of Directors. He was awarded the Illinois State University Foundation Fellowship by the Department of Educational Administration and Foundations and was inducted into the ISU College of Education Hall of Fame in 2004. In 2010, Alan received the E. Burton Mercier Alumni Service award from the ISU Alumni Association. Alan is a longtime active member of the Normal Rotary Club. He was honored as Rotarian of the Year in 2013, and was inducted into the Rotary District 6490 Hall of Honor in 2014.

Kathie has served as President of the ISU Alumni Association and as a member of its Board of Directors. She was previously active in the Bloomington-Normal Junior Woman's Club, where she was named Junior Club Woman of the Year for the 17th and 26th Districts. Involved in multiple Parent-Teacher Associations at Unit 5 schools, she volunteers frequently at local schools in her retirement from teaching.

Alan and Kathie have both served in many leadership positions, including Presidents of the Congregation at First Christian Church of Bloomington, where Alan currently serves as Chair of Trustees. The Chapmans have been longtime supporters of and donors to Illinois State University Athletics and various individual projects sponsored by Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, including the Harmony Park Project in 2018.

As grandparents, Alan and Kathie have reached new philanthropic heights. In honor of their grandson, Max Chapman, who was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder, they and Max's parents, Todd and Corin, founded Tee It Up! for the GFPD, a local community event which has raised over \$1.2 million in only 8 years to fund research and provide family support for those affected by Peroxisomal Biogenesis Disorder. Although Max's disorder is rare, Alan and Kathie's advocacy has rallied the community to provide overwhelming support and local awareness of this worthy cause.

It is difficult to attend a local community event without running into Alan and Kathie's friendly faces, as they are quick to respond generously when asked to support countless local causes. They are true partners in service,

always giving of their time and contributions to help, and are wonderful role models for creating a lasting legacy of philanthropy in our community.

Principal recipients of contributions by the Chapmans include:

- First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Bloomington
- The Global Foundation For Peroxisomal Disorders
- United Way of McLean County
- Illinois State University Foundation
- The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
- Unit 5 Educational Foundation
- Beyond the Books Educational Foundation
- Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation
- University of Illinois Foundation
- Heartland Community College Foundation
- Young Life Central Illinois
- Normal Rotary Foundation
- Illinois Wesleyan University Foundation
- Carle Health Center for Philanthropy
- Illinois Prairie Community Foundation
- Integrity Counseling
- Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington Normal