



# FOCUS ON PHILANTHROPY

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## New Members of Gerard Circle

**Richard and Rita  
Congdon**

**Van Meter, Inc.**

To learn more about  
Gerard Circle, call  
(319) 235-3960 or  
go to: [tinyurl.com/  
Gerard-Circle](http://tinyurl.com/Gerard-Circle)

## Complimentary Estate Planning



**Dr. Eddie Thompson**  
Thompson & Assoc.

### Upcoming Dates:

— *Tuesdays* —  
January 9  
February 13  
March 12  
April 9  
May 7  
June 11

To learn more,  
call (319) 235-3960.

## Gerard Circle Spotlight: *Willard and Kay Jenkins* *Members of Gerard Circle Since 2016*



In a world often marked by self-interest and personal gain, there are individuals who stand out as beacons of hope and compassion. Willard and Kay Jenkins, admired Gerard Circle members of the Allen Foundation since 2016, are prime examples of such extraordinary philanthropists. Their unwavering commitment to local healthcare and education has made a mark on their community, encouraging others to follow their path of selflessness and generosity.

Willard retired from John Deere in 1993 after 35 years in various product engineering and planning positions.

He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1996, retiring in 2006. Since then, Willard has chaired the Western Home Board, the Iowa Commission for Aging, been President of Cedar Falls Rotary and is a member of Cedar Valley Legislative Liaison committee. Kay taught kindergarten before becoming a volunteer for many organizations including the Family Children's Council and Foster Care Review Board. She was also a clerk in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1997-2007.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the Jenkins' philanthropy is their focus on local causes. They understand that real change often begins in one's own backyard. They have contributed to several health services and educational organizations in addition to UnityPoint Health. They especially appreciate how UnityPoint is spread out across the community and not one central location.

Kay shared parents and community have been a great motivation factor, adding her parents and Willard's were friends, both giving and very involved in their communities. Supporting their community is important to Willard and Kay because it is contagious. Kay says they give back because "It brings together the past, present, and the future. You too can help - it doesn't have to be a million dollar check to support something you are passionate about."

The Jenkins have been married for 64 years and have 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. Together they enjoy golfing, skiing, traveling, gardening, and entertaining.

Willard and Kay are honored to be members of the Gerard Circle. Over the years, they have heard great stories about his philanthropic efforts and how much he supported local healthcare and education. They serve as shining examples of how philanthropy can be a force for good. Their dedication to local healthcare and education has left a profound impact on their community, creating a legacy that will endure for generations. Their actions will encourage others and serve as a reminder of the incredible power that lies in the act of giving.





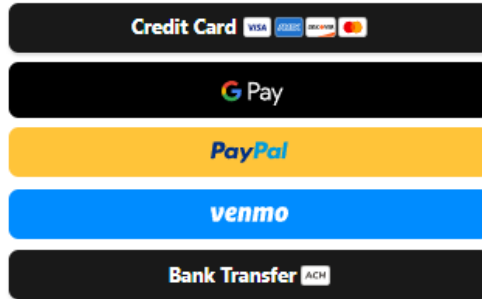
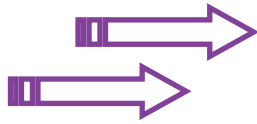
## New Giving Options: ACH and Venmo

You may have noticed that our giving page has a new look! We've switched vendor platforms and now offer two **NEW** donation options—Venmo digital wallet and ACH bank transfers.

ACH is a payment method that allows you to connect a bank account to process donations. There's no cash, check or wire transfer required.

Check out our convenient giving options at:

[unitypoint.org/giving/allen-foundation/donate](http://unitypoint.org/giving/allen-foundation/donate)



## Hops for Hospice

Close to 200 guests enjoyed this October 19 event, with beer and wine tasting, appetizers and musical entertainment by Brad and Kate. Over \$35,000 was raised through sponsors, tickets, t-shirts and passport sales. If you missed out, you can still enjoy a Passport booklet—quantities are limited and they make great stocking stuffers!

A big thank you to the Hops sponsors for their faithful and generous support of hospice services! Special thanks to United Beverage, Hy-Vee, Cedar Valley Dental and committee members and chairs, Dr. Neverman and Alexa Hach, Matt and Belinda Highland and Randi Kirkevold.



## Scheels® Visit

*Thank you for your support of our K9 program!*

Two brave representatives from Scheels donned a training bite sleeve and received a special 'Thank You' from Mo!

Scheels was here to offer a donation to the Allen K9 program. Thank you to Scheels, we appreciate all you do for our community!



## Wish of the Month: Support the LGBTQ Clinic

UnityPoint Clinic offers dedicated health care services in a comfortable and welcoming environment to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning communities. Safe Zone trained providers ensure compassion and understanding for all patients. The LGBTQ Clinic offers a variety of services and is open from 5 to 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. To learn more about any of our current wishes, call (319) 235-3960.

## Notes from the Executive Director: Mike Lind



As we enter a time of giving, I would like to get a head start on my stewardship and say, "Thank You" to all of those who support Allen in some way.

We are blessed to have so many generous donors who make special programs and projects possible in the Cedar Valley.

We are grateful to the many patients and families who trust Allen Hospital and our surrounding clinical services for their care, as well as students who make Allen College their choice in continuing their education.

We share our gratitude with the many skilled providers, leaders and team members who have chosen a career in service to the community. Similarly, we are so fortunate to have a team of volunteers who make what we do even more special. These volunteers truly are a part of the healthcare team.

To all of those that impact UnityPoint Health—Waterloo, Thank You!

Mike Lind  
Executive Director

P.S. If you haven't had the opportunity to make a gift in support of great healthcare offered at Allen, please consider a gift today!