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New Members of Gerard Circle

Dennis & Elaine Loeb

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

Complimentary Estate Planning



Dr. Eddie Thompson
Thompson & Assoc.

Upcoming Dates:
— Tuesdays —

October 21

November 11

To schedule,
call (319) 235-3960.

Allen College Expansion Receives \$1 Million Naming Gift from Van G. Miller Family Charitable Foundation

Allen College is receiving a generous \$1 million naming gift from the Van G. Miller Family Charitable Foundation for use with its simulation lab expansion inside McElroy Hall. The gift is the largest to date toward the project, and carries naming rights for the entire simulation center, which will be called the “Van G. Miller Family Charitable Foundation Simulation Center for Clinical Excellence.”

“We’re passionate about the areas of health care and education, and this gift allows us to help the Cedar Valley in both capacities,” said a representative of the Van G. Miller Family Charitable Foundation. “Raising up the next generation of caregivers is in everyone’s best interest, and we’re grateful for the opportunity to lend our support.”

With the addition of the large gift, Allen Foundation has reached sufficient funding to allow the project to move forward architecturally and mechanically with design and construction. The project is expected to break ground yet this fall and could be completed as soon as next year.

“Allen College is overwhelmed by the generosity of the foundation through this gift,” says Dr. Jared Seliger, President of Allen College. “We needed this level of support to complete this vital project, and they were so gracious to grant it. A significant gift like this will make an impact in the Cedar Valley for years to come.”

The 8,000-square-foot expansion to the south side of McElroy Hall will build a state-of-the-art learning experience for the college’s nursing students, while renovating an existing space for relocated skills lab.

The goal is to fully fund this expansion through private donations. To learn more about this impactful project, or make a gift, contact Allen Foundation at (319) 235-3960 or visit give.unitypoint.org/simlab.

Hops for Hospice Thursday, October 9

Join us for an evening of beer and wine sampling, live music and light appetizers to support the patients and families of UnityPoint Hospice. This year’s event will be held at the Diamond Event Center in Cedar Falls, featuring live music by acoustic guitarist, Beau Timmerman.





Gerard Circle Spotlight: David and Dianne Happel Members of Gerard Circle Since 2004



Connection to UnityPoint Health: David and Dianne Happel both grew up in Denver, Iowa and UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital was always “their hospital.” They began supporting the Allen Foundation in 1988 and have been regular supporters ever since. Dave became an Allen Hospital Board Member and was involved at the time Allen joined Iowa Health Systems, now UnityPoint Health, in 1995. He was on the Allen Hospital Board of Directors for 17 years total and spent some time serving on the UnityPoint Health – Marshalltown Hospital Board of Directors as well.

Employment History: Dave was a partner at Bergan, Paulson CPAs for 40 years. The company is now called Creative Planning and the connection to the Allen Foundation continues today as the current Allen Foundation Board Chair is with the firm.

Dianne was a stay-at-home mom to their two daughters.

Why are you inspired to give back to the Allen Foundation and give so generously to local health care?

Dave and Dianne feel that Allen Hospital has a strong foundation and has been supportive to the community for decades – 100 years, in fact. They believe in Allen’s mission to improve the health of the people and communities served by Allen Hospital.

What does being a member of Gerard Circle mean to you? Both Dave and Dianne remember Dr. Russell Gerard and his wife Jane. Dr. and Mrs. Gerard were supporters of the Allen Foundation, serving as role models for others in the community. Dave feels it is a privilege to give back.

Why is philanthropy in our community/workplace important to you? The Happel’s say they are stewards of their assets when they are on this earth. They feel it is important to give back to your community because you want to improve it. Thanks to the generosity of Dave and Dianne, our community, including high quality healthcare, is much improved.

Save-the-Date!

Giving Tuesday is December 2 *(More details to come in our next newsletter!)* ● ● ● ● ●



You are invited to join our vibrant celebration of history, health and community spirit to honor the 100th Anniversary of Allen Hospital and Allen College.

The public event will take place on the Allen College campus (1990 Heath Street, Waterloo) beginning with a brief program at 7:30 a.m. Friday, October 3. The weekend-long exhibit will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Sunday, October 5.