

THE HOLLERAN FAMILY: A TRADITION OF FAMILY PHILANTHROPY



“Community involvement came naturally to our parents. There was never a lecture to get involved in our community. It simply is the way our parents socialized us from childhood,” explains Kevin Holleran, Esq.

Kevin’s sister Mary Holleran continues, “Giving is something the Holleran family has always stood for. We are immersed in the community and well-versed in charitable issues. Sometimes we give to effective nonprofits to reward them. Sometimes we give to needy charities help them. But we always do our research. We have a giving strategy and a plan.”

Kevin is a partner with the law firm Gawthrop Greenwood and his wife Priscilla “Burse” Holleran is a newly retired Special Education teacher from the Colonial School District. Burse explains, “Giving helps us feel connected to our community.” Kevin and Burse have been involved as volunteers, Board members and major donors with an array of causes, including the Chester County Community Foundation, Downingtown Library, and United Way of Chester County.

Kevin is clear: “Our alma maters are very important to us, so we contribute time and treasure to The Agnes Irwin School, Dickinson College, Hollins College, Temple University, and The Villanova University School of Law.” Additionally, Kevin served as Chair of the Board of the Chester County Hospital Foundation for nearly a decade, and Burse served as President of the Junior League of Philadelphia.

Kevin’s sister Mary is also a generous and caring community member. For 29 years she owned Studio 3, a custom framing shop in the heart of Downingtown. Mary’s husband David Proctor is the retired Director of the Ballard Spahr Research & Information Center.

Mary is a long-term board member of the Brandywine Health Foundation; she also served as the Chair of the Foundation’s garden party for 10 years. She was a board member of the Brandywine YMCA for more than 25 years. Also, she was a founding board member of the Downingtown Main Street program. For the past 12 years Mary’s, and now David’s, passion has been the Downingtown Library as a donor and major fund raiser. Mary and David believe in the, “power of libraries and how they can transform a community for rich and poor.”

The Holleran siblings and their spouses tirelessly support charitable causes. Betty and Rich Holleran would be proud of them carrying on the family’s tradition of philanthropic good works.

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