

"We trust United Way to provide resources and leadership."-Tim Krumm



Recently, we sat down with Tim & Sarah Krumm, longtime supporters of United Way and Tocqueville Society members, to learn more about them and why they choose to invest in United Way. Enjoy this Q&A to find out how Tim & Sarah are loving their neighbors more...

How long have you lived in Iowa City?

Sarah- I think I recall that you (Tim) came to Law School and we stayed here.

Tim - Since 1983, when I started UI law school. We both graduated from St. Olaf in 1983 and were married in 1984, during the summer between my first and second years. I worked as a law clerk for my current law firm during my second and third years of law school and they offered me a job, so we stayed.

Tell me a little about your family- children and where they are now?

Sarah - We have 3 kids: Laura, 31; Brian, 28; Peter, 24. All 3 are Iowa City High and Luther College Grads. Laura is married, lives in San Francisco and is a professional opera singer. Brian lives in St. Paul and is a jazz trumpet player who is finding his way in the music business. Peter is in Iowa City, currently job searching.

What do you and Sarah like to do in your spare time? What other organizations are you involved with in the community?

Tim - Together, we love traveling, cycling, and downhill skiing. I also have a passion for fly fishing and I play golf (badly). We are active in our church, Zion Lutheran, where we both sing in the choir (though Sarah is the one with the musical talent). Sarah is involved in various ensembles, singing and playing the flute. I currently serve on the Mercy Iowa City Board and am the Chair of the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce Board. I am also on the board of the Des Moines Metro Opera. In the past, I have chaired the United Way and Community Foundation Boards.

When did you become involved with United Way and when did you become Tocqueville members?

Tim- I really don't recall when we first started making contributions to United Way. Very early on. I recall being invited to serve on a United Way committee that was developing funds management policies. After that, I went on the board and eventually served as board chair and as a campaign chair (2011, I think). During the time I was on the board United Way started a Tocqueville society. Barry Griswell, then CEO of Principal Financial Group Des Moines and very active in United Way of America, came to one of our Johnson County events and issued a challenge/match to encourage Tocqueville memberships. We responded at that time, as I recall.

Why did you become Tocqueville members ?

This community has been such a wonder place for us to live, work, and raise a family. While this is true for many, we also know many of our neighbor's face barriers and challenges which keep them from enjoying all this great community has to offer. Over many years, we have come to trust United Way to provide resources and leadership to address the most pressing community needs. We know that our contributions to United Way – together with those of thousands of other local contributors – are making a meaningful, measurable, and lasting impact. Many lives are touched and improved by United Way, and our community is strengthened.