

Outstanding Individual Philanthropist



Knight Kiplinger

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“Philanthropist” is defined as someone who makes charitable donations to increase human well-being. Arguably “philanthropist” can be defined in one word, “Kiplinger”.

“Like most Americans, I get great joy from charitable giving - - sharing my material blessings with organizations that make this a better world,” says Knight Kiplinger, noted economic expert, publisher and philanthropist. This philosophy of giving is rooted in the Kiplinger family tree. Knight’s grandfather, Willard “Kip” Kiplinger, began the family’s publishing empire in 1923 along with the family’s legacy of giving.

“Kip” passed the tradition of giving on to son, Austin, who established the family’s foundations. Austin’s son, Todd, until his recent passing, worked closely with his brother, Knight, to further the Kiplinger tradition of philanthropy. Today, Kiplinger oversees the Kiplinger Foundation, Inc., the Kiplinger Family Foundation, and the Ann & Knight Kiplinger Fund.

Knight Kiplinger believes giving should be second nature. Revered for his business and economic acumen, Kiplinger convinces others that charitable donations are not only morally correct, but fiscally responsible. Kiplinger cites “giving generously to create a better world” as one of the eight keys to unlocking the secrets to a prosperous life.

Though based in Washington, D.C., the Kiplinger’s spend much of their time in Stuart. Consequently, various Stuart non-profits have benefited. Among them are the Martin County Library Foundation, Florida Oceanographic Society, Martin Memorial Health Systems and the Elliott Museum. Kiplinger feels strongly that people have a civic responsibility to support the agencies, organizations and the arts of the areas in which they reside, even part-time. He believes whatever elements draw people to an area they call “home” must be maintained and supported.

The Kiplinger family philosophy and generosity have had a profound and lasting impact on our community. Though a nationally known figure continually setting the standard of philanthropy higher, Kiplinger remains firmly rooted in Stuart. Committed to our community’s children, educational programs, health services and the arts, Kiplinger is a living example of philanthropy.