

Family Philanthropist Award

The Landgraf Family Foundation



The Landgraf Family, created the Landgraf Foundation, which was founded in 2016 to provide charitable giving. The Landgraf Family was created 50 years ago this summer, when Anne Marie Siepka and John Landgraf met at Northern Illinois University and married in Chicago. They have three children, Jennifer, Michael, and Douglas, and have been blessed with ten grandchildren. They have resided in Lake County Illinois for the past 47 years. John and Anne have served on several not-for-profit boards and community organizations and have been involved in fundraising for numerous charities. They have instilled in their family the importance of service and giving back to their community and founded the Landgraf Family Foundation in 2016 to further the participation of their children and grandchildren in charitable giving. The Foundation is solely funded by contributions from John and Anne.

Anne's background is in middle school education. She has served in leadership positions in all the parent/teacher organizations at her children's schools, culminating in being elected to the Community High School District 128 Board of Education overseeing Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools. She served for 10 years, four of them as President of the Board. Anne was her daughter, Jennifer's, Girl Scout leader for 12 years, and was a part of the Moraine Girl Scout Council leader group, organizing activities and planning programs for the girls across the council. Anne assisted Jennifer as she achieved both her Silver and Gold Girl Scout awards. Anne was also a Cub Scout den mother for both of her sons.

John has a BS in Biology, MS in Microbiology, and an MBA. He was previously employed by Abbott for over 37 years, retiring in 2015. He held positions in all 4 of Abbott's core businesses: Diagnostics, Pharmaceuticals, Nutritionals, and Medical Devices. John ended his career as Executive Vice President of Abbott Nutrition, Abbott's largest division at the time overseeing sales of over \$6 billion. John has been deeply immersed in Boy Scouts for over 25 years, starting out as an assistant leader for his sons, who both earned the rank of Eagle, moving on to be Chair of properties for the Northeast Illinois Council of Boy Scouts and then became President of the Council. John has served on the Northern Illinois University Foundation Board, Malisita board, and is involved at his parish, St. Joseph's in Libertyville. He has helped in fundraising efforts for all these organizations. John currently serves on the Boards of five companies (TerSera, Corza, Curia, SCA and AIS).

The founding principles of the Landgraf Family Foundation are to support youth, education, health, and medical research. Annually the Foundation funds grants to organizations fulfilling those ideas. Their daughter, Jennifer Maresso, and sons, Michael, and Douglas, serve as Trustees of the Foundation, along with their families, personify the commitment to give back through community involvement and philanthropic work. The goal is to have their grandchildren continue their work into the future, impacting the lives of children to come.

The Landgrafs are a four-generation Girl Scouting family, and all seven of their granddaughters are Girl Scouts in GCNWI. In 2021, the Landgraf Family Foundation established a campership fund that offers full and partial scholarships to families in our community so camp is more accessible to all girls. They also sponsored the creation of our new 1912 Society, which recognizes individual donors who have given at least \$50,000 personally over their lifetimes to GCNWI and legacy councils.