



**40th Annual Challenger Event
Honoring Jim Phillips
Monday, September 18, 2023
Golf. Dinner. Auction.**

Life Navigators is excited to celebrate Jim Phillips as this year's Challenger Honoree. Jim is a great friend of Life Navigators, and we are so pleased to recognize him for his dedication to our community.



Jim pictured at our Honoree Photo Shoot at Godfrey & Kahn

Jim is a Partner at Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. in Milwaukee, where he has been a corporate and tax attorney for over 40 years. He has taught courses at the University of Wisconsin Madison Law School. A top-rated attorney, Jim was named a 2016 Leader in the Law by the WI Law Journal. He has been selected to *Wisconsin Super Lawyers*® list each year since 2005 and has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Tax Law since 1995.

Committed to philanthropy and volunteerism, Jim has been an active board and committee member on many nonprofit organizations throughout the years. He is on the board of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, where he currently serves as Treasurer. Jim is also on the board of MKE Urban Stables, an organization which provides Equine Assisted Therapy and Equine Assisted Learning programs benefiting many individuals, including kids and adults with disabilities. He also served on the Whitefish Bay Public Education Foundation Board of Directors for many years.

Jim was involved on the Life Navigators' Board of Directors for over twelve years, dedicating his time to our Executive, Finance, Trust and HR committees. Serving as our Finance Committee Chair, the organization realized significant financial growth and eliminated our building debt to secure bright futures for kids and adults with disabilities. Under his leadership as the Chair of the Trust Committee, the program expanded to offer multiple trust options to impact individuals with disabilities of all ages.

Jim is the Secretary of the Board of the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh, the nonprofit group known by many for its annual fly-in in Oshkosh. He has also built two airplanes and enjoys flying in his free time. Jim also stays active by biking and skiing.

The Challenger Event Impact. This year's event will positively impact individuals and families with disabilities. Having a brother with a developmental disability, Jim's personal connection to our mission highlights the impact of community-based disability support services. During his career, he has worked with many families with disabilities who rely on benefits and entitlement programs. As traditional benefit programs change, individuals with disabilities need a financial plan for the future. Through our Trust & Futures Planning Program, we walk families through this planning and personalize it to meet their individual needs. This program provides peace of mind that a loved one with a disability will enjoy the highest quality of life once family can no longer provide care. This peace of mind means so much for families that their loved one will have a continued network of support and secure future.