

41st Annual Challenger Event Honoring Larry & Holly Haskin and Roger & Cindy Schaus

Monday, August 12, 2024

Life Navigators is excited to recognize the Haskin & Schaus families as this year's Challenger Honorees to celebrate our 75th Anniversary as an organization.

Larry & Holly Haskin

Larry and Holly are both alumni of Dominican College and received Bachelor of Arts Degrees in History. They are dedicated leaders in our community. Larry went on to graduate from Marquette University Law School and has practiced law since 1976, specializing in Estate Planning, Probate, Trust Administration, Real Estate and Guardianship through his firm, Haskin Law Office. Larry received the 2023 Martindale-Hubbell Award for the Highest Possible Rating in Legal Ability & Ethical Standards. He has served as Oak Creek's City Attorney for 30 years and is currently advising on the redevelopment of their lakefront. Holly manages the office and handles its finances. Previously, she taught middle school at St. Anthony's and Immaculate Conception and taught math skills at MATC South Campus.

Their commitment to philanthropy is evident in their extensive volunteer work. Larry has served on many boards, including as chair of the St. Thomas More High School board. He is a member of the St. Thomas More Alumni Hall of Fame. He's been a Mitchell Field Rotary Club member since 1986, serving twice as President. He also serves as President and Director of the Leonard Gigowski Catholic Education Foundation, providing scholarships for students attending St. Thomas More High School. In 1999, Larry was honored as Oak Creek's Citizen of the Year. Holly served on the St. Adalbert and Divine Mercy Parish Councils and as the chairperson of the Human Concerns Commission for 38 years. She currently volunteers with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity.

Larry & Holly have two children, Patrick and Kelly, and one grandchild, Finnegan. They enjoy golfing and traveling as a family. Holly stays connected with her dedicated group of moms, who first came together in a group sponsored by Life Navigators to support their kids and all individuals with disabilities.

Roger & Cindy Schaus

Roger and Cindy are dedicated alumni of UW Madison, where Roger earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, and Cindy received a Bachelor of Education in Behavioral Disabilities. Cindy is a retired Special Education Teacher from Franklin Public Schools, and Roger retired from Generac Power Systems as Senior Vice President with 25 years of experience in manufacturing and service. Recipients of the Association of Fundraising Professionals of SEWI's 2017 Philanthropist of the Year Award, Roger & Cindy generously impact our community by financially supporting and volunteering with numerous organizations such as the Autism Society of SEWI, Vision Forward, Notre Dame School of Milwaukee and Meta House. Roger served on the Easter Seals of SEWI board for many years. Cindy served as an appointed member of the School of Education Board of Visitors for UW Madison for ten years. Together, Roger & Cindy established a scholarship fund to support students pursuing Special Education. They are actively involved through their Greater Milwaukee Foundation Donor Advised Fund, and Roger has served on the Foundation's Impact Investing Committee. Additionally, they regularly coordinate St. Vincent de Paul's Meal Program through their church, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Roger & Cindy enjoy spending time with their three children, Kate, Brittany and Ryan, and their four grandkids, Will, Claire, Paige and James. When they aren't traveling, Roger works in his woodworking shop, and Cindy in her sewing room, creating beautiful items for family, friends and their church.



Roger & Cindy (left) are pictured with Holly & Larry (right) and their daughter Kelly at our Honoree Photo Shoot at Life Navigators

Celebrating 75 Years as Your Disability Partner



Harold and Dorothy Haskin are pictured above with their children Cathy, Nancy and Richard

Honoring Our Founding Families

Larry and Cindy's parents, Harold and Dorothy Haskin, were committed to developing programs and educational opportunities for their children with disabilities, Cathy, Nancy and Richard. Through their dedication, along with a small group of concerned individuals, Life Navigators was founded in 1949.

Our Mission Continues

Our founding families believed in an inclusive community that supports safe, happy and healthy lives for all individuals with disabilities. They developed the foundation for community-based services. Thanks to their groundwork, we carry out their vision through our expanding programs.

Celebrating Our Family Legacy

We are so pleased to recognize the Haskin and Schaus families as they continue their parents' legacy with their dedication to kids and adults with disabilities. Over the years, Larry and Cindy have served in various leadership roles with Life Navigators. Larry served on Life Navigators' Board of Directors for 20 years, including as its Board President. Cindy has been a part of the Life Navigators Board of Directors for over fourteen years, dedicating her time to our Resource Development and Challenger Event Committees. Larry has Chaired our Challenger Event Committee for many years, and Cindy coordinates our Silent Auction. Their families continue to make a profound impact on individuals with disabilities and our community.

The Challenger Event Impact

We are delighted to celebrate Larry & Holly's daughter, Kelly, as our Consumer of the Year. This year's event will positively impact Kelly and many others. Kelly stays active by attending art classes, going to the movies and participating in Life Navigators events. She also attends a day program at Milwaukee Center for Independence. Kelly has an amazing family support network and enjoys their travel adventures together. For individuals with disabilities and their families, the need for in-home support and connection to community-based services continues to be great. Our work at a critical time continues to impact these families with disabilities. Your support is allowing us to expand our programs for bright futures.