



**35th Annual Challenger Event
Honoring Mike & Ginny McBride
Monday, September 17, 2018**



We are pleased to recognize Mike & Ginny McBride as this year's Challenger Honorees. Mike & Ginny are great friends of Life Navigators and together they are dedicated to creating a lasting impact in our community.

Mike & Ginny are dedicated to creating a lasting community impact. Here they are pictured with their granddaughter Allison.

Committed to philanthropy and volunteerism, Mike & Ginny volunteer their time and talent at numerous local organizations including Kathy's House, ERAs Senior Network, Laubach Literacy of Wisconsin, the Hunger Task Force, United Methodist Children's Center and The Gathering. In addition to their time, Mike & Ginny also give significant financial support to the Garrett Theological Seminary, Variety Children's Charity of Wisconsin, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Froedtert Hospital, 5P Minus, Camps for Kids, Operation Dream, The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, the Women's Center, Kathy's House and Life Navigators.

Mike & Ginny serve in leadership roles for numerous charitable community causes. Mike has served on the Board of Directors for Laubach Literacy of Wisconsin as well as on the Board of Trustees for the University of Northern Iowa Foundation and the Garrett Theological Seminary. Mike & Ginny have been members of their church for over 49 years where they have been actively involved on many committees.

Mike & Ginny are high school sweethearts and have been married for over 56 years. Their story started when Mike and his two friends would drive the "eight miles to Maynard" to watch their girlfriends play basketball. Ginny was a freshman starting forward on the state championship team that inspired the book "Maynard Eight Miles" which is soon to be a major motion picture. She is the only player to play in sixteen state tournament games. Ginny was elected to the Iowa Girls Basketball Hall of Fame in 1965.

Ginny went on to graduate from Allen College in Nursing and Mike received a business degree with an emphasis in accounting from the University of Northern Iowa. They now have Named Scholarships at their respective alma maters to support students with financial need. Mike is the retired President of Gustave A. Larson Company, serving as its President for 26 of his 31 years at the company. Afterward, he continued to serve on the boards for Gustave A. Larson and the Boelter Companies.

Mike & Ginny enjoy time with their family, especially their daughters, Brenda and Julie, son-in-laws Hutch and Dale and granddaughters, Allison and Faith. Their devotion to family and giving back inspire each of us to make our community a better place for all.

The Challenger Event Impact. This year's event will positively impact Allison and many others. Mike & Ginny's granddaughter, Allison, was born with 5P Minus, a rare chromosome five deletion syndrome. Mike & Ginny have been connected to Life Navigators for many years and enjoy attending events with Allison. They recently reached out to Life Navigators to put a plan in place for Allison's future. They are currently establishing a Life Navigators Trust to provide for Allison's financial future and long-term needs. Mike & Ginny are so grateful for the peace-of-mind their Life Navigators Trust will provide their family.