



United Methodist Foundation of Northern Illinois Conference, Inc.

A very active United Methodist couple from Northern Illinois conference offers this model of lifelong generosity. They ask that we withhold their names, but they are willing to share their powerful story.

They have had a special love for children for a very long time. They worked in child welfare, had four of their own children, welcomed many foster children and hosted youth participating in the American Field Service Program.

So when they received an inheritance, they established a charitable gift annuity to benefit ChildServ.

Their hearts were touched again as they traveled to Mississippi to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. "UMCOR is there for the long haul. It will be 5-10 years before the rebuilding is complete." Their work camp helped with tear-down, sanitizing and reconstructing. It was slow work, and about 300 homes were restored earlier that year through volunteer efforts. More than 30,000 homes devastated. Another gift annuity will benefit the ongoing work of UMCOR.

As members of the United Methodist Church, they learned about the work of church-related agencies like Rosecrance that offers drug treatment programs for youth and adults: help, hope and recovery to those whom they serve. A third gift annuity will benefit Rosecrance.

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