

Spotlight on Giving

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Bob and Ruby Dunek – Partner in Hope Award



Bob and Ruby Dunek have spent a lifetime in service to their community. Bob's career spanned 42 years in public service. During the most recent 21 years, he has served as the City Manager of Lake Forest. In that timeframe, the city doubled in size and Bob remained committed to create a more inclusive and responsive community. For Bob, that has meant working with Families Forward to identify opportunities in the city to

create a safety-net for families and to identify more affordable places for families to live. His team was instrumental in establishing the first units of affordable housing managed by Families Forward in Lake Forest. Bob also served many years as a founding member of the "Orange County Commission to End Homelessness".

Ruby's 30 year career was spent in the pharmaceutical industry, spending 18 years with Allergan which was headquartered in Irvine. She represented Allergan on several Irvine non-profit advisory boards and currently serves on the program committee for Families Forward. Her 17 year involvement with Families Forward started with their daughter Becky and National Charity League. They enjoyed creating warm, inviting spaces to welcome struggling families with a wonderful place to call home. These families are at one of the lowest points in their lives and Ruby continues to work to make each house a special home that inspires hope and optimism. With her creativity and hours of volunteering, Ruby has managed hundreds of furniture and household donations, organizing them in the warehouse, preparing and sending them to the right place at the right time to welcome the new families.

Bob and Ruby share a passion to create a better place for all families through their hard work and determination.