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John and Linda Schroepfer

John and Linda Schroepfer believe in living their philosophy of giving. John puts this into practice through his company, NEI Electric, which has a long-standing policy of supporting those businesses with whom they work. And Linda, Program Director, Compliance, Regulatory and Performance Systems at the University of Minnesota Fairview Hospital, has been instrumental for the past three years as one of the coordinators for the United Hospital Foundation's Service to Humanity Gala silent auctions.



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"We both have a strong philosophical belief that you give back," said Linda Schroepfer. "We believe and have taught our children that when you've been given skills, talents and abilities, there is an expectation that first, you use them, and second, you give back to your community through them."

"We've been blessed in our lives," she said. "And we want to give back to our community and to a hospital that has cared for each member of our family at some point over the years."

Even before they became involved with the United Hospital Foundation, the Schroepfers have had a long-standing relationship with United Hospital, and its predecessors St. Luke's and Miller Hospitals. Linda was born at Miller Hospital and as a teenager, delivered flowers to patients there. She worked as a nurses aide at St. Luke's while in college, and her first job as a behavioral health specialist was at United Hospital. The Schroepfer's youngest child was born at United Hospital and this spring, they are expecting their fourth grandchild's birth, also at United Hospital.

John's familiarity with United Hospital was enhanced in 2000 when his electrical contracting company worked on the Gold Parking Ramp and Milton Hurwitz ExerCare Fitness Center on the United campus. And true to his company's values and his family's philosophical bent, he became involved in helping the hospital further through the Foundation.

In 2000, the Schroepfers attended their first Service to Humanity Gala at the invitation of their long-time friends, John Nasseff and Helene Houle, major benefactors and supporters of United Hospital. The Schroepfers became regulars, and a few years later, Linda became the coordinator for the donations for children's items for the silent auction. Her goal for each gala is to continue having the children's section being one of the largest categories of donations, but also ensuring that the quality of the offerings remains high and compelling.

"Our challenge is to get new, unique donations each year," said Linda. "After all, we are there to raise funds for United Hospital, which is our hospital, our health care home."