

"Positive Legacy" continues to Next Generation

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Adam Blake's legacy gift honors the life of another who influenced not only him, but also many across the Tipp City community.

Blake is the son of Ellen Cotterman, who is remembered by the Tipp City Arts Fund in Memory of Ellen Cotterman within the Tipp City Foundation. Tipp City has been Blake's home for more than 30 years.

Blake made his commitment to the fund by adding the foundation as a beneficiary on a company provided life insurance policy. The process for adding the foundation was "as easy as filling out a change of beneficiary form and submitting it to the insurance company," he said.

"While I wasn't born here, I consider it my home. I love this community and the people in it," he said.

A graduate of Tippecanoe High School and Wright State University, Blake has worked as a writer, editor and developer and currently is vice president of housing for a non-profit affordable housing provider in Dayton.

He has volunteered his time and talents to the community for many projects and organizations focused on improving the quality of life in the community, most notably as a Tipp City Council member, founding president of the Tipp City Enrichment Program, a founding trustee for the Downtown Tipp City Partnership and a former Tipp-Monroe Community Services trustee.

His mother, by example, instilled a sense of service to the community in her children from a young age, Blake said, adding she was "indefatigable" despite physical disabilities.

"We watched her focus on improving the quality of life for the residents of Tipp City and then become a real agent of change to see her visions become reality. We watched her passionately work hard to see these projects through," Blake recalled. The community is much better off because of her efforts, he said. "And isn't that what any of us want? That is a positive legacy. She left the world a better place than when she entered it. Everything she was passionate about surrounded around improving the lives of others," Blake said.

He and his sons Noah, Christian and Deacon Blake live on Main Street.

Blake said he has watched the Tipp City Foundation grow and become a resource of support for the community. That made him comfortable to establish his legacy fund locally.

"As I am passionate about constantly making our community a better place to live, I wanted my Legacy Gift to go to the one organization I know will continue to do that. The mission of the foundation is to support the charitable needs of the community," Blake said.

"I believe my legacy gift to the Tipp City Arts Fund in Memory of Ellen Cotterman will enrich the lives of everyone in the community by supporting art education."



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