

Focus on generosity



Ron '65 and Teri Franklin '67 Kuhn have loved St. Francis for as long as they can remember.

They both have very fond memories of being students at St. Francis. In the early 60's, when they began their education, St. Francis was a brand new state-of-the-art school. Teri remembers the homemade lunches served in the cafeteria, the Christian Brothers living on campus and the way that the school was impeccably maintained. Ron remembers the school spirit that the students had and St. Francis excelling in sports. Most importantly they both remember the well rounded education that they received. It was this education that prepared them for college and for life beyond St. Francis.

In the early 90's Ron and Teri were driving down Roosevelt Road and as they passed by St. Francis they were

saddened and shocked by what they saw. "The parking lot was a mess. It had potholes and cracks.... it looked like an abandoned school," Teri said. Ron and Teri picked up the phone and called Dave Angerer, former principal at St. Francis High School and offered to help fix the parking lot. **A beautiful friendship between the Kuhn's and St. Francis was born. Out of this friendship emerged the vision for new and exciting changes at St. Francis.** Through the years the Kuhn's have been generous donors to St. Francis. The theatre, music and band room and several annual scholarships to current students bear the names of Ronald and Theresa Franklin Kuhn.

Ron and Teri Kuhn live a life of Philanthropy holding onto the motto, "Give back from whence you came." **They believe that St. Francis encourages an attitude of service and gives students spiritual and academic tools to enable students to "think outside the box."**

Both Ron and Teri acknowledge that without their St. Francis and college educations they wouldn't have achieved all of the personal and professional successes that they have been fortunate to have enjoyed. The Kuhn's give generously to many organizations; some of the organizations that they hold dear are the cancer and heart foundation. They also built the Harry W. Kuhn Outpatient Pavilion at Marian Joy, named in memory of Ron's father. The Kuhn's have both overcome life threatening injuries

and illness; it is because of all the blessings that they have been given that they give so generously to many organizations.

Today the Kuhn's make wine and have their own vineyard and wine label in Napa Valley, called Pillar Rock (www.pillarrockvineyard.com). The Kuhn's enjoy making wine and use their wine to do good, by donating it to various fundraisers. The Kuhn's enjoy a very full, robust life guided by philanthropic values. Their dreams for the future of St. Francis continue on. Ron said, "We want St. Francis to be able to continue to provide the resources for a well rounded student." Teri ended by saying, "We now have excellent drama and music facilities and will soon have a state-of-the-art science and library wing. But, we also want to see the development of new outdoor athletic facilities for the school."

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Please join us in thanking Ron and Teri Kuhn for all they have done to ensure our future.