

**Diana Sieger
President
Grand Rapids Community Foundation**

Diana R. Sieger is the President of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, a position she has held for more than 22 years. In her role Diana is responsible for the leadership, management, strategic planning and development of this dynamic community foundation.

Some professional and community activities include:

- Council of Michigan Foundations, Immediate Past Board Chair
- Kent County Family & Children's Coordinating Council, Immediate Past Chairperson
- Western Michigan University Foundation Board and Grand Valley State University Foundation Board
- Numerous committees and projects around the state of Michigan and the country

Diana has two honorary degrees - Doctor of Humane Letters from Aquinas College and Grand Valley State University. Some other honors include: YWCA's Tribute award in 1995, Leadership Grand Rapids Distinguished Community Trustee Award in 2001, Western Michigan University's School of Social Work Outstanding Alumni Award in 2002, one of the "50 Most Influential Women in West Michigan" 2004, 2006, 2008 & 2010 - Grand Rapids Business Journal, 2009 Education Advocacy Award from the Kent Intermediate School District.

Diana's career extends more than 35 years with a passion for excellence in making positive impact in every facet of community life. She earned a Masters of Social Work degree from Western Michigan University focusing on Policy, Planning and Administration.

Stuart Appelbaum
VP for Development and Client Services (Retired)
The Minneapolis Foundation

Stuart Appelbaum served as Vice President for Development and Client Services at The Minneapolis Foundation from the department's formal inception in 1991 until his retirement in 2008. Prior to joining the community foundation field, he was Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs at Tulane University in New Orleans and Executive Assistant to the University's President. Early in his career, Stuart taught High School English in Ithaca, New York.

During his nearly 17 years at The Minneapolis Foundation, he was a frequent presenter at the Fall Conference for Community Foundations and at the AdNet Conference. Stuart served on the Community Foundations Leadership Team for four years and on the Task Force charged with drafting national standards for the field. He was also a reviewer of foundations seeking compliance status. Stuart was a Board member of the Minnesota Planned Giving Council and the Minnesota chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. In 2001, he won a German Marshall Fund Community Foundation Transatlantic Fellowship and spent three weeks in Dresden, Germany working with a community foundation there.

During his tenure at The Minneapolis Foundation, Stuart was a frequent contributor to Foundation News and Commentary (a publication of the Council on Foundations) where he wrote on issues related to asset development at community foundations. He also served on the faculty of the Center for Community Foundation Excellence and taught the Resource Development course.

Stuart holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Cornell University. He is married to Jean A. King, a faculty member at The University of Minnesota. They have two grown children whom they stalk on Facebook, and they staff two cats.