

CELEBRATING OUR PARTNER, PHILLIP A. RANNEY

It is with great pride that we celebrate the accomplishments of Phillip A. Ranney, our Partner, and Trustee of the Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust.

On May 16, 2015, Case Western Reserve University's President, Barbara R. Snyder, presented the President's Award for Visionary Achievement to the Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust represented by Phillip A. Ranney and William B. LaPlace.

This award was established in 2008 to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves through significant and exceptional service to Case Western Reserve University. [Learn More](#)

I am delighted to share this news with clients and friends of the firm.

Very Truly Yours,

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CRITERIA & PAST RECIPIENTS

Recipients of this award have demonstrated a history of prominence through philanthropic service to the university, the world or humanity during their affiliation and loyalty to Case Western Reserve University.

Overall, each recipient must have made a profound, positive, and lasting impact upon the mission of the university.



Phillip A. Ranney (Left) and William B. LaPlace (Right)

According to Mr. Ranney, *"I am humbled to be in the company of such an amazing group of visionary community leaders. Their foresight and commitment to philanthropic service, the university and the welfare of our community is exceptional. The past recipients are greatly admired by all who have the privilege of knowing them."*

Past Recipients include:

- 2014 - Cleveland Foundation and Ronn Richard, CEO
- 2013 - Jane Barker Nord
- 2012 - Norma Lerner
- 2011 - Tinkham Veale II
- 2010 - Milton and Tamar Maltz
- 2009 - Iris S. Wolstein
- 2008 - Peter B. Lewis

ABOUT THE KENT H. SMITH CHARITABLE TRUST

Kent H. Smith was a founder of the Lubrizol Corporation. He and his wife, Thelma, had no children, but they had a long history of charitable giving and decided to establish a private foundation to fulfill their philanthropic goals. The Kent H. Smith Trust has centered its giving on education, protecting the environment and helping people who help themselves.

Kent and Thelma Smith preferred to leverage their gifts by collaborating with other donors. Therefore, most of the foundation/trust's gifts have been challenge, matching gifts which require gifts from others to qualify for a Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust grant.

From 1971 to date, the Kent Smith foundations and their successor trust have made charitable gifts of more than \$130 million of which **more than \$44 million has been given to Case Western Reserve University.**



Most gifts have been made anonymously. Mr. & Mrs. Smith found greater satisfaction in deflecting recognition toward the many organizations benefiting from their charitable gifts rather than taking credit for themselves.



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