The Kenefick/Brennan General Library Endowment

A family endeavor, the Kenefick/Brennan General Library Endowment was established by William N. Kenefick; his son and daughter-in-law, John and Kathleen Kenefick; and his daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Michael Brennan. The late Bill Kenefick, often referred to as “the father of Michigan City urban renewal,” was a member of the Notre Dame Class of 1933, earned a law degree from Georgetown University in 1938, and was president of East Circle Land Corporation in Michigan City, Indiana.

John Kenefick (’69) is vice president of marketing and sales for Corey Steel Company in Chicago, where he and Kathleen reside. They have two children, William and Elizabeth. Michael Brennan is the developer of Lighthouse Place, a retail outlet shopping center in Michigan City, Indiana. The Brennans have a son, John (’89), and two daughters, Colleen and Kerry, alumnae of Saint Mary’s College.

The Kenefick/Brennan General Library Endowment allows the Hesburgh Libraries to respond to Notre Dame’s expanding and shifting research initiatives with both materials and service support. By giving support to the Hesburgh Libraries’ North American Approval Plan, the Kenefick/Brennan Endowment also allows the libraries to continue to maintain currency in U.S. acquisitions and to selectively fill in existing gaps in collections as they are identified.