Jack Smith Jr. and his sister, Judy Bond, established this endowment in 1997 to honor their father. Jack is president and chief executive officer of Gaska Tape, Inc., in Elkhart, Indiana, and lives with his wife, Laura, in Bristol, Indiana. He is currently a board member of the Elkhart YMCA and is a past board member of the Elkhart Chamber of Commerce. At Notre Dame, he serves on the Advisory Council for the Performing Arts.

Judy serves as vice president of Gaska Tape; her husband, John, is a special projects manager. Judy is also a member of the Greater Elkhart Personnel Association and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. She serves on the Leukemia and Lymphoma Committee for Elkhart and is an honorary board member and past corporate recruitment chairperson of the northern Indiana branch of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She and John have two sons, James and Jordan.

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