

Presentation of Shaw-Hardy Taylor Achievement Award to Maureen Hackett

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We join today to recognize and to celebrate a risk-taking leader, an advocate for causes that are not always popular, and, a woman who is part of a genuine philanthropic team. Maureen Hackett, current Chair of the Indiana University Lilly



Gene Tempel, Kelly Hackett, Maureen Hackett, Charles Bantz

Family School of Philanthropy Board of Visitors, is a deeply engaged and admirable philanthropist. We are proud to present her with the 2014 Shaw-Hardy Taylor Achievement Award for moving women's philanthropy forward in profound and visionary ways.

Maureen, her husband and philanthropic partner Jim, and their entire family are long-time, passionate advocates for mental health and well-being. Their support for The Menninger Clinic in Houston stems from gratitude for the care family members received there. Maureen is currently chair of the Menninger Clinic Foundation board and has served several other mental health nonprofits through the years. Her volunteer leadership reinforces research that indicates women direct philanthropy towards causes about which they are passionate, for which they have a personal connection, and where they witness the difference their support makes.

Maureen and her family illustrate what Jacki and Julie shared yesterday at lunch about transformational philanthropy and how to leverage all of your resources to become change makers. For instance, the Hacketts organized leaders within Houston corporations and insurance companies in support for equal health insurance coverage for both mental and physical health with great success.

Maureen is also focused on bringing philanthropy to the national arena. She brings a laser focus, deep commitment, and passion to her role as chair of the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy board of visitors. Her volunteerism and leadership are boundless, serving nonprofits in Houston, Nantucket, Indianapolis, and points in between.

Today, we wish to celebrate another bold, visionary step that Maureen has taken. As we now present Maureen with the Shaw-Hardy Taylor Achievement Award for moving women's philanthropy forward, I call particular attention to Maureen's generous gift to create the world's first endowed chair in women's philanthropy—namely, the Eileen Lamb O'Gara Chair in Women's Philanthropy at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. The chair is named in honor of her mother from whom she credits much of her philanthropic spirit.

Eileen Lamb O'Gara, mother of nine, entrepreneurial businesswoman who dedicated her life to helping and caring for others leveraged, in her late 50s, her organizational skills in managing a household to a successful career. At the 1st Business and Professional School in Wilmette, IL, she educated, trained, and polished the skills of young people looking for employment. One former student stated, "Mrs. O'Gara has this special gift of inspiring all of us to reach out and

improve ourselves. She probably never realized just how much of an influence she had on so many students.”

In endowing the Eileen Lamb O’Gara Chair, Maureen has solidified the field of study around gender and philanthropy. She has deepened its roots and created a strong foundation from which research about gender differences in philanthropy and women’s philanthropy will redefine the philanthropic landscape. Through this endowed chair at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Maureen challenges all of us to undergird our work with substantive research, to connect research to practice, and to fully engage women in the meaningful work of improving our world. Like her mother, Maureen’s special gift is inspiring all of us to reach out and improve ourselves and the world around us.

This morning we recall the warmth and generosity of spirit of Maureen’s mother, Eileen Lamb O’Gara, and also recognize Maureen’s daughter, Kelly, who has joined her at the symposium. Kelly, if you would please come to the podium; I told you Maureen was part of a philanthropic team!

Maureen –through your generosity, you are moving women’s philanthropy forward at quantum speed. We will seek to honor your trust in the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and the Women’s Philanthropy Institute.

We are delighted to present you with the 2014 Shaw-Hardy Taylor Achievement Award.