

Jim and Joyce Grace Continued

As past Board Chair and Finance committee member, Jim's leadership was instrumental in the financial growth of the Foundation creating more revenue for our local nonprofits. In 2015, Jim and Joyce started the Foundation's first Individually Managed Fund, allowing their family and future generations to personally support the charities they care most about. Joyce is a long-standing member of the Jackson Literary Arts Association and an accomplished artist. With her guidance, their assets were transferred to JCF to create a permanent source of income to support their mission. The Grace's philanthropic work extend beyond JCF having supported many other local nonprofits and the St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Together, they have been and continue to be a dynamic duo lifting Jackson County up through their volunteerism and generosity. One of their many philanthropic ventures included the purchase of a home adjacent to their property. "We knew that the home was impractical to restore (it was in excess of 12,000 square feet) and we offered all the homes contents and fixtures to the Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity. Throughout the fall and early winter of 2020, Habitat volunteers stripped the home of much of its contents where were resold through the Habit ReStore, raising substantial funds for the Habitat Homeownership programs. Additionally, the Summit Township Fire Department was given the house to conduct search and rescue drills on the site partnering with other are Fire Departments. We understand it was considered a very success training exercise". Jim Grace