

Married couple retiring JCCF duties but not their support

Two mainstays at the **Jennings County Community Foundation** retired last week, citing the fact they felt it was just time to go. Ruth Adrian, who has served as program manager for the last 14 years left the non-profit Friday noon. Her husband Richard, who has served as a director as well as the organization's finance chair for years, also tendered his resignation. Both say that while they might be cutting back on the time they give to the non-profit, their commitment and support of the non-profit remains as strong as ever.

"It was just time," said Ruth as she finished paperwork Friday.

Barbara Shaw, executive director of the JCCF noted that she and Ruth worked together 14 years where Ruth "was the principal lady in the scholarship department.

" She will be missed."

Her support and enthusiasm for the scholarship program is evident in the ongoing personal relationships she shares with many of the recipients.

Shaw noted "The Lilly Scholars looked at her like the mother of the **Foundation**."

Ruth's husband, Richard, a native of South Dakota, likewise exerted a strong influence on the organization, especially in the area of financial advice, where he chaired the finance committee. The couple, residents of Geneva Township, moved here from Michigan after his retirement from a financial institution.

Shaw noted the part-time position Ruth held will not be filled right away. Her duties will be split between present staff and intern(s) the organization has.



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Ruth and Richard Adrian, naturally, attended this year's JCCF gala. Both have been fixtures at the JCCF for the past dozen or so years. While they have now retired from their positions, they remain ardent supporters of the local non-profit.—Staff Photo by Barbara King