

# Profiles of JOY

“One of the joys of working with donors as they create their charitable funds is learning their stories. Each story ultimately shares the life experiences of each donor. Unlike memoirs, they also incorporate dreams for the future. At InFaith, we become part of each story as facilitators to help realize the story’s end.”

Chris Andersen  
President & Executive Director





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## Sustaining Warm, Welcoming Church Communities

**D**r. Richard Barkalow was an active church member throughout his lifetime. A humble man, he was quiet about his money and wealth. Dr. Barkalow was also a man of deep faith, and as he moved from city to city throughout the U.S., he appreciated the warm welcome of the church community. It's this appreciation that inspired Dr. Barkalow to create his donor advised fund at InFaith Community Foundation.

His fund, *The Richard Hay Barkalow Charitable Seminary Fund*, now delivers Dr. Barkalow's vision to sustain the future work of the church. He created a type of fund called a *Field of Interest Fund* to address an area of interest versus supporting specific charities. His wanted to ensure the sustainability of church communities. Thanks to his generosity, combined with the research and connections made by InFaith staff, there's now a collaborative program among Lutheran seminaries to attract future candidates for church leadership. Pastors are retiring in record numbers—this fund addresses the issue with creativity and purpose.

### Future Seminary Leaders

As of 2017, only one in seven pastors was under the age of 40.<sup>1</sup> This decreased enrollment in seminaries means churches will struggle to fill the number of open calls or to provide leadership in this time of rapid change in the church and world. Seminary school presidents nationwide have identified recruitment of future leaders and enrollment as critical—not for solely the wellbeing of schools, but for future leadership of the church. Only 35% of church assignments will be filled due to lack of enrolled students.

Grant support from Dr. Barkalow's fund influences development of the church by recognizing, acknowledging and nurturing potential

individuals for future church leadership roles. Kim Borton, InFaith Director of Grants & Donor Services shares, "This project imagined a strategy to raise new leaders that touch individuals, families and faith communities nationally and globally. That's the beauty of InFaith donor advised funds and the bold expression of donors' faith and values expressed through their giving."

InFaith staff provides grantmaking expertise and a sense of possibilities to all donors. Through Dr. Barkalow's vision and InFaith's delivery, seminaries have a program that sustains their ministries. And the welcoming church community that Dr. Barkalow valued will be in place for generations to come.

View videos and more information about this program at [inFaithFound.org/discovering-community](http://inFaithFound.org/discovering-community).



Source: Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa

<sup>1</sup> Shellnutt, K. (2017, January 26). Only 1 in 7 Senior Pastors Is Under 40. <http://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2017/january/only-1-in-7-senior-pastors-is-under-40-barna.html>.

## HERE TO SERVE YOU

InFaith staff is here to serve you throughout the giving process. Consider these services to help reach your giving goals:

- Create or refine your giving goals
  - Research charities that align with your charitable goals and values
  - Verify charities eligible to receive support from your fund
  - Learn how to recommend new grants from your fund, check the status of a grant request or request that a grant be expedited\*
  - Update your Fund Agreement with new charities, advisors or contingent charities\*
  - Follow-up with charities on how grant support was used
  - Discuss unique grantmaking scenarios (e.g., international grants)
  - Make additional gifts to your charitable fund
- \* Not available for non-advised charitable funds.

### SERVICE



98% DONOR SATISFACTION

### COLLABORATION

4,784

DONOR ADVISED & ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### STEWARDSHIP



SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

### POSSIBILITIES

10,000

DIFFERENT CHARITIES NAMED TO BENEFIT

### RESULTS

\$23.5+ million

IN ANNUAL GRANTS

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