



# LANDMARKS ILLINOIS

## 2019 Legendary Landmarks

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Judith and Raymond McCaskey are a retired educator and retired president and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of IL/Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC), respectively. Dedicated civic leaders and philanthropists, they are involved with causes ranging from empowering

Chicago youth to chairing the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. Together, they share a commitment to historic preservation.

The McCaskeys are engaged members of Historic Deerfield and Colonial Williamsburg. They reside in a 1924 Howard Van Doren Shaw-designed building in Chicago, have restored a pre-Civil War log home in Galena, Ill., and spend summers in a modern-era cottage in Maine designed by artist-turned-architect Emily Muir. They support Shaker societies and collect Shaker art and furniture. Mrs. McCaskey is also a committed member of the Historic Preservation Foundation of the Fortnightly, which stewards the historic Helen and Bryan Lathrop House in the Gold Coast designed by iconic firm McKim, Mead & White.

Mr. McCaskey devoted more than 32 years of his career to Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL/HCSC, serving as CEO for 15 years. He led its growth from a midsize, one-state organization to one of the largest employee-owned health insurers in the nation, encompassing several states. Throughout his career, he championed diversity and corporate civic duty. He is a past board chair of Chicago Shakespeare Theater and current board chair of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, to name just two of the many of organizations to which the McCaskeys are committed.

Since retiring from 40 years of teaching first grade in 2005, Mrs. McCaskey has continued to volunteer in two schools on Chicago's West Side providing learning segments from Shakespeare to the Underground Railroad. Her commitment to early childhood development is reflected in her volunteerism, which includes board leadership at After School Matters, The Chicago Lighthouse and Erikson Institute. The Chicago Lighthouse has a pre-school named for Mr. and Mrs. McCaskey featuring a blended classroom of blind, visually impaired and sighted children. She and Mr. McCaskey also funded a scholarship program for students to attend the McCaskey's alma mater, Wartburg College in Waverly,

Iowa. The largest gift in the college's history when it was made, the program has transformed the lives of dozens of young Chicagoans.