Field of Interest Fund - a focused approach to giving; you support a broad educational area but allow the Appleton Education Foundation to select projects or programs that meet your giving goals.

With a combined 69 years of teaching in Appleton, Alan and Vira Stoner contributed to the success of many hundreds of Appleton public school students. Alan taught, coached and advised at Appleton East High School and Wilson Middle School while Vira taught and advised at Appleton West High School.

Vira also benefited from the district’s history of excellent education while attending Washington and Jefferson grade schools, Wilson Junior High School and Appleton High School.

After Alan’s death in 2010, Vira established the Vira and Alan Stoner Education Fund, a field-of-interest fund within the AEF. The fund supports inventive classroom learning at the middle and high school levels.

“This fulfills our desire to give back in a way that reflects our own rewarding years in the classroom,” Vira said.

Vira named the AEF owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy to benefit the Stoner Fund. The proceeds were added to the fund after her passing in 2021.

Vira hoped her decision would inspire others. In 2012 she said, “I would encourage anyone who believes in the power of education to consider establishing a fund or a planned gift through the Appleton Education Foundation,” she said. “It is an effective way to make a lasting difference.”

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