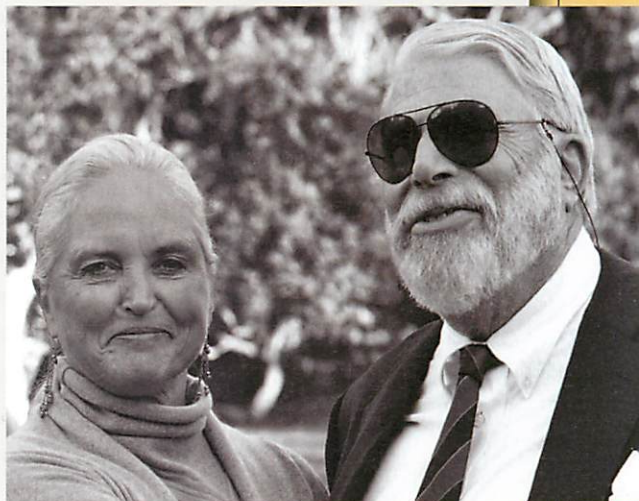


# Profile in Giving

**David F. Frankel '58**

**"I learned most of what I know at RCS."**

*Dr. David F. Frankel was graduated from Riverdale Country School in 1958. He earned his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth, his MBA from Harvard Business School, and his MD from the University of Miami. A retired dermatologist, David sits on the boards of several companies and nonprofits. He also is the President and CEO of David Frankel Realty, Inc., a developer, owner, manager, and broker of luxury residential and commercial property in New York City. He and his wife, Linda, are the proud grandparents of Vince and Ryder, the children of Greg and Alexandra Frankel, and June and Jasper, the children of Davey and Jula Frankel Tullmann. This past year, David and Linda made a generous gift to RCS that will in part be used to create the Frankel Family Fellows, an endowed fund for faculty professional development on both campuses that will allow three teachers to pursue professional development opportunities of particular interest to them. In addition, Alumni Field #1, the alumni memorial field closest to William C.W. Mow Hall, will be named Frankel Field. The official dedication ceremony will be held during Homecoming/Reunion 2013 on Saturday, October 19.*



## **What made you decide to give such a generous gift to Riverdale?**

During my five years at Riverdale (grades 8 through 12), I was provided the foundation for all my subsequent education. The education I received at RCS allowed me to exempt out of a number of freshman classes at Dartmouth and provided a solid base for the rest of my education at Harvard Business School and medical school. I wanted to pay back in part for that experience.

## **Why is faculty professional development important to you?**

Every school needs a strong faculty professional development program so teachers can develop their skills. I remember every teacher I had at Riverdale—Dr. Earl Gardner for Latin; Arne Gronningsater for English; Forrest Paige, Mrs. Guiney, and Mr. Cowan for math; Len Tomat and his wife, Jean, for drama. I think most people from my generation at Riverdale might well name Arne Gronningsater as the most influential. Riverdale has always had amazing teachers.

I have known all the headmasters since my time at the school, and I know Dominic Randolph the best since John Jones. I have been most impressed with Dominic, and my discussions with him about his vision for the school inspired me to support Riverdale and its faculty.

## **How has Riverdale shaped your life?**

Even after 55 years, I still have several of the same friends from my high school days. I have done a wide range of things in my life—in medicine, business, and the community. All of these things had their germination at Riverdale.



# -- Jolli Humanitarian Award --

**Anti-human trafficking advocate and Founder/Executive Director of the New York-based Girls Educational and Mentoring Services spoke to the Upper School at a recent assembly**

Rachel Lloyd has been presented the third annual Jolli Humanitarian Award, given to a "person of merit" as nominated by a tenth grade student at Riverdale Country School. The Jolli Humanitarian Award was established by Riverdale Country School with the goal of introducing the student body to a different "hero" each year who has made a substantial difference in the world and inspires leadership and courage in others. Previous winners have been educational visionary Geoffrey Canada and Liberian social worker Leymah Gbowee.

This year's winning proposal was written last spring by Katherine Shifke '14, who praised Rachel Lloyd for her "key role in increasing public awareness both of the issue of human trafficking and of the fact that these girls and young women are actually victims and not criminals. Her organization, Girls Education and Mentoring Services (GEMS), provides a great model for the help and social services these girls need. Rachel has also been an eloquent spokeswoman for these often-invisible victims. Rachel and GEMS have taken a proactive approach in the broader political arena, with Rachel playing a significant role in helping pass New York State's 2008 'Safe Harbor Act for Sexually Exploited Youth'."

## RACHEL LLOYD NAMED 2012-13 JOLLI HUMANITARIAN



At the Upper School assembly, Katherine introduced Rachel Lloyd, who then discussed the work she is doing, both with GEMS and with advocacy in both New York City and Albany. Katherine also spoke at a Middle School assembly for seventh and eighth graders, explaining in an age-appropriate way the work being done by Rachel Lloyd and GEMS.

Thanks to Katherine's persuasive proposal, Rachel Lloyd's name was placed on the front and side porticos of the 9/10 building, renaming the building for the year. In addition, Rachel's photo and a brief biography are displayed in the lobby of the 9/10 building, along with Katherine's winning essay. A plaque listing all previous winners and the students responsible for nominating them is displayed as well.

Rachel Lloyd, Founder and Executive Director of Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS), spoke to the Upper School students at an assembly.