

NATIONAL SPEAKERS LUNCHEON

John and Rita Feik: A Legacy of Philanthropy and Civic Engagement

Over their 36-year marriage, John and Rita Feik have built a legacy of giving that has profoundly shaped San Antonio. John, a Fort Worth native and pharmaceutical entrepreneur, co-founded DFB Pharmaceuticals, which grew into a global enterprise and developed notable products like CeraVe®. Rita, originally from Albuquerque, brought her sales and marketing expertise to Texas, where she became deeply involved in community networking.



Together, John and Rita have championed causes in health care, education, and the arts. Their philanthropic contributions include the Feik School of Pharmacy at the University of the Incarnate Word, CHRISTUS Children’s Oncology, the Feik Family Rotunda at the Tobin Center, and the Feik Family Pavilion at the Witte Museum. They’ve served on numerous boards, including the McNay Art Museum, Texas Biomedical Research Institute and BioBridge Global.

Through their foundation and family values, the Feiks continue to invest in San Antonio’s future, inspiring civic engagement and generosity across generations.

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