

TFL Team



Bob Vander Plaats, *President and CEO*

His passionate leadership for the betterment of America's family has earned The FAMiLY LEADER the 2010 "Family Champion" award presented by CitizenLink, an affiliation of Focus on the Family. His leadership and voice for the family is

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Darla Vander Plaats, *Director, If 7:14*

Darla Vander Plaats is a farm girl from northwest Iowa. She received a degree from Northwestern College in Orange City and worked for several years as a CPA before taking the opportunity to stay home with the four sons she and Bob raised together. She joined Bob at The FAMiLY LEADER in 2015 and...

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Chuck Hurley, *Vice President and Chief Counsel*

Chuck Hurley has been a Christian since 1977, and a licensed attorney since 1983. He spent 15 years in private practice, and now uses his legal experience to defend religious liberties, family values, and the sanctity of life. He ran for the Iowa Legislature for the first time in 1988, in part on ...

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Julie Summa, Vice President of Advancement

Julie received a BSA degree from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. She has worked in the areas of product/production management with Meredith Corporation, was Director of Donor Development at America's Family Coaches, has done marketing ... [read more](#)

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Greg Baker, Executive Director of TFL Ambassador Network

Greg is a 2009 graduate of the University of Iowa. His inspiration to make a difference through politics began early in high school years. His passion stemmed from the strategy necessary to pass legislation and to win elections. This passion fueled him to ... [read more](#)

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Drew Zahn, Director of Communications

Drew Zahn grew up in northeastern Iowa, a Mississippi "River Rat" from McGregor. Later he would serve as solo pastor of two Evangelical Free churches in the rural cornfields of northern Iowa and as youth pastor of a Baptist church in central Iowa. His guest preaching has taken him all over the state. A graduate of Bethel ... [read more](#)

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Dr. Nathan Oppman, *Chief of Staff*

Nathan Oppman joined The FAMiLY LEADER in 2015. He developed his interest in public policy through active involvement in campaigns, caucuses, and his local church in his home state of Iowa. Nathan received a B.A. in political science, an M.A. in history, and ... [read more](#)

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Danny Carroll, *Family Advocate*

Danny has been married for 38 years to Joy. They have three grown children who all live in Ankeny with their families. Danny worked as Director of Community Relations for Iowa Telecom in Newton from 1999 through 2009 when the ... [read more](#)

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Ashley Baker, *Event Coordinator & Executive Assistant*

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