

## DONOR STORY

# Bryan Phillips

Growing up in St. Louis, Mo., Bryan Phillips recalls nothing but talk radio being on in the car when riding around town with his father. Taking after his father, Bryan quickly developed a passion for consuming informative content. He recalls a very specific memory in eighth grade when he was listening to a segment on the local public radio station on the topic of insider trading on the open French market. “I remember that distinctly,” said Bryan. “I had no idea what that meant then and I don’t know what it means now, but I was just enthralled as a kid, and I was trying to consume it.”

Bryan moved to the Twin Cities in 1996 for law school and quickly settled into a routine that included listening to Minnesota Public Radio (MPR). It was on in the car while driving to and from campus and he played it on his Sony Walkman between classes.

“It has been a wonderful companion for me over the years as a source of good, honest, well thought out, thorough content and media,” said Bryan.

Not only has Bryan been a dedicated listener of MPR News since the mid-90’s, but he and his wife, Alicia, have been active donors. They originally joined as sustaining members and have made meaningful donations since.

He says, “The world has only grown more complicated both in terms of the types of information available, and how trustworthy the information might be from a variety of sources. Public radio is level-headed, and an intellectually honest exchange of information and ideas on issues that are highly relevant and important to all of us.”



(Alicia and Bryan Phillips)

Some of the MPR News shows he tunes into most frequently are *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*. During his workday, he will often tune into classical music while reviewing documents. He is also a big fan of some of the podcasting work.

He and his daughter listened to season two of *In the Dark* together and would text each other back and forth as there were new developments in the story. They even attended an MPR event together to hear more behind the scenes of the story from the journalists themselves.

“It feels really cool to know I may be planting some of the same seeds in my children that my dad planted in me,” said Bryan.

Bryan and his wife live in Minnetonka, Minn. They are recently empty nesters with their two daughters off at college. He has been in the medical technology business for the last 22 years and currently serves as the Sr. Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, and Chief Compliance Officer at Inspire Medical Systems. Bryan is a member of the MPR Board of Trustees.