

# GLAZER HALL

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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: KJELLGREN FAMILY



Jennifer Kjellgren, Joyce Kjellgren, and Susan Askins

For the **Kjellgren family**, support for the arts has always been more than an interest – it is a very part of their family fabric. Joyce Kjellgren and her late husband, Bert, moved to Florida from New York in the early 1970s, joining the growing community of snowbirds who were drawn to Palm Beach for its beauty, beaches and family friendly fun. They quickly became regulars at events at the historic Poinciana Playhouse, appreciating how rare and meaningful cultural programming was in Florida at that time.

Those early experiences left a lasting imprint on the family. Joyce's daughters – Jennifer Kjellgren, who now resides in Atlanta, and Susan Askins, who lives in Hartsville, South Carolina – recall attending Playhouse events as children while students at The King's Academy. The venue became part of their family history and a happy place tied to their youth, providing fond memories but also shaping their passion for the arts.

In keeping with that legacy, the family established a foundation dedicated to supporting their “backyard community,” focusing almost entirely on local South Florida organizations. For the Kjellgren family, supporting GLAZER HALL brings all of these threads together – childhood memories, a passion for the arts, and a philanthropic mission centered on home. Their gift to the theater reflects not only gratitude for the past, but a meaningful investment in Palm Beach's cultural future.

**GLAZER HALL** is proud to honor the Kjellgren Family with a plaque recognizing their contribution for the Sound and Light Lock at the theater. We are also immensely grateful to the family for their support as members, as well as for their remarkable investment in the Take-A-Seat campaign.

“My mother and father believed deeply in supporting the institutions that strengthen their own backyard. Our family's commitment to GLAZER HALL is a continuation of that philosophy – an investment in the region's cultural future, rooted in decades of personal history, family memories, and a shared belief that the arts bring people together. We are honored to be a part of this fabulous project, and we can't wait until the doors open!” – Jennifer Kjellgren

“Jennifer shared that her mother, Joyce, has been watching the rebirth of GLAZER HALL from her home every day. Seeing this transformation, she knew she had to be a part of it! We are beyond grateful to her and her daughters for their remarkable support. Avie and I can't wait to experience everything the theater has to offer with Joyce and her entire family.” – Jill Glazer