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The Mart Smith Family Community Fund

When Mart Smith was just 2 years old, he, his parents, R. Wayne and Virginia Smith, and his three older siblings, Terry, Ron, and Sandy, moved to Rochester so that his father could join the Haskett & Jones insurance business. The business would later become Haskett & Smith, after Mr. Haskett and Mart's father, and then finally Smith Sawyer Smith, Inc., after Mart, his brother Ron Smith, and Sandy's husband, Jack Sawyer.

Mart grew up in a neighborhood with about 20 other kids. All of the parents knew one another, and the kids could play anywhere in the neighborhood or in any of the homes and be completely safe. As an adult, Mart tries to promote togetherness with his neighbors, just as he had as a child. He invites the entire street to a yearly block party, and he also loves having the neighborhood children out playing basketball. He even lets them write all over his driveway with sidewalk chalk.

As Mart got older, he had many people in his life, including the men of the Kiwanis Club, who helped to raise him and teach him how to be a responsible, hardworking man. Though he had a great childhood and his parents raised him very well, he's grateful to all of those who contributed to his upbringing.

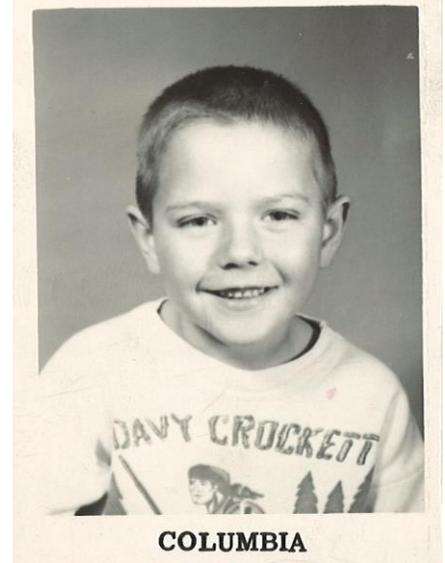
Mr. and Mrs. Haskett were also two great people who had influence on Mart. Mart remembers looking forward to his Christmas present from them each year because he loved to read, and he knew Mrs. Haskett always got him a fancy edition of a classic book.

Another of Mart's heroes was Davy Crockett. He had a large collection of Davy Crockett memorabilia— a tshirt, a sweatshirt, a hat, and even a tent! When he was a kid, children dressed up in a suit and tie for picture day, but Mart was thrilled when his mother let him wear his Davy Crockett sweatshirt!

Mart's love of sports and his collection of sports memorabilia also began during his childhood. His dad was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan after serving in World War II alongside then-catcher, Joe Garagiola, and then trying out for the team! Wayne and Virginia took their family to St. Louis every year for 63 years.

Mart grew up in a very sports-minded, competitive family. They played intense golf and pinochle games, and he and his siblings held competitions throwing their napkins in the trash after dinner. Whoever missed had to do dishes!

As an adult, Mart has held onto many of his interests and values. He has passed along his love of the St. Louis Cardinals to his children, and his daughter even attended her first Cardinal game when she was just three weeks old!



Mart's school picture with his Davy Crockett sweatshirt



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Mart graduated from Indiana University before joining the family business. He, Ron, and Jack have contributed greatly to the expansion of the organization. Though Fulton County and its surrounding counties are considered its base, they have offices in other parts of Indiana and several other states.

The company also began insuring certain breeds of hogs, which has grown to be a nationwide program in around 30 states. They even insured one hog in Texas for \$325,000!

Mart has two children, Addie and Andrew, both of whom are involved in the family business. Addie got her bachelor's degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. While there, she interned for four years at Independent Insurance Agents, the association of which Smith Sawyer Smith, Inc. is a part.

Addie went to law school and received her degree from Indiana University Bloomington. She now lives in Noblesville with her husband and her three adopted children. She works for Smith Sawyer Smith, Inc. and serves the area around Indianapolis.

Andrew has always been very determined and motivated. He graduated high school in just three years and went to a small school in Detroit called Madonna University. He then was accepted into the University of Missouri at Kansas City Block School of Business. By the time he was 22, he had his Master's degree in Business Administration. He and his wife live in Fishers and have four young children.

As Mart raised his children, he took them on many trips. He tried to involve education on each trip by visiting museums or historical areas. He also taught them to not buy trinkets but to instead collect pieces of art that they could appreciate and display to always remember their travels.

Mart's parents and the adults who influenced him in his early life have led him to be very involved and philanthropic in the community. In 2015, he won the Community Service Award for his outstanding life of service to Fulton County.

Mart is still a member of Grace United Methodist Church. He is a former President of United Way, and he was a President of the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce. He was on the school board for twenty years, and he is now on the City Council. Through the Council, he is involved in several committees for downtown development. He is a Mason and a Kiwanis Club Member, which is an organization that has always been very important to him and influential in his life.

These are just a few of many things in which Mart has been involved. People in the community know him as being generous, hardworking, and a great listener. His family has several funds with the Fulton County Community Foundation, including the Mart Smith Family Community Fund, which was established in 2015. Through this fund, Mart and his family's impact on Fulton County will continue to enhance the quality of life in our community forever.