



**Carole and Gordon Segal**

In 1962, Carole and Gordon Segal were inspired to create a new contemporary housewares business by the simple, well designed European tableware they had seen traveling in the Caribbean. The Segals thought there were other young couples just like themselves with more taste than money – so they followed their passion and opened Crate and Barrel in an abandoned elevator factory in Chicago’s Old Town neighborhood. After building a highly successful chain of retail stores, they sold Crate and Barrel and established the Segal Family Foundation.

Carole’s second creative effort was as the Founder and CEO of Foodstuffs, a highly successful chain of gourmet food stores on Chicago’s North Shore. Founded in 1979, Foodstuffs was one of the country’s first gourmet carry-out food emporiums. Carole is also the president of the Segal Family Foundation.

Through their foundation, the Segals have made a significant impact on many health, educational, civic, and cultural organizations in the Chicago area. In addition to their philanthropy, they actively serve on a number of non-profit boards. Carole is a trustee of Rush University Medical Center and chairman of the Board of Governors at Rush University. She is a trustee emeritus of Bates College, a life trustee of Illinois Institute of Technology, and a trustee of Chicago Theological Seminary. Mrs. Segal is a graduate of Northwestern University and is past president of the NU Women’s Board. She is a member of the board of Directors of WBEZ-Chicago Public Media, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Lincoln Park Zoo and Crow Canyon Archaeological Center.

Gordon was CEO of Crate and Barrel from 1962 until his retirement in 2008. For the last 20 years, he has served on the Board of Trustees of Northwestern University and has chaired the Properties Committee. A former Chairman of the National Retail Federation and a graduate and Trustee of Northwestern University, Mr. Segal also serves on several civic boards, including The Art Institute of Chicago, the University of Chicago Medical Center, the Chicago History Museum, Window to the World Communications, Inc. (WTTW), and the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

The Segals’ philanthropic efforts are extensive and include breast cancer, pancreatic cancer and arthritis research initiatives. Their focus is to help advance the diverse causes and organizations they are personally involved with in and around Chicago.