

# Getting to Know Steve

Steven Richard Hodges was born in 1961 to parents Hollie and Betsy Hodges in Piqua, Ohio. The family, along with his older sister Sherry, moved to Pasadena, Texas in 1966. The family moved to Albuquerque New Mexico in 1976. Following high school, he attended the University of New Mexico for a short period of time before transferring to the University of Albuquerque where he received his Bachelors degree.

Hodges developed a life-long passion for basketball at a young age. Playing point guard on several YMCA and school teams, he was always the playmaker, the one who got others involved. The concepts of teamwork were ingrained at an early age. He was also an accomplished pitcher in Little League Baseball. Later at age 21 he would coach his first basketball team. An activity that he continues to this day.

Hodges has been employed by a large multi-domestic Fortune 200 company since 1983. An association he is proud of and committed to. He currently serves in a management position supporting operations initiatives throughout the US. He has developed and facilitated training on a variety of topics including financial leadership. He has also been a champion for more than 20 formal mentor-protégé relationships, some of which have received national recognition for the results.

Hodges has served in leadership roles in non-profit organizations including as a Member of a 501(c)(3) Board, comprised of some of the largest corporations in the country, from 1999 to 2005, serving as President or Chairman for most of that period.

In 1985, Hodges was married in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Two weeks



later they moved to Pasadena, California. In 1993, their first daughter, Kimberly was born in Pasadena. In 1994, the family moved to Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1996, their second daughter, Megan was born in Knoxville.

During the late 1980's and early 1990's Hodges became an avid researcher and practitioner of leadership principles forming his own style and perspective along with a drive to achieve customer excellence. He soon became a requested speaker in a variety of venues including Miami, San Antonio, Austin, Washington, DC, and Atlanta on the topics of Leadership, Motivation, and Building Exceptional Teams to Achieve Exceptional Results.

Hodges was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease on January 28, 2009. In March 2010, while sitting in church, the inspiration to create a Fund/Foundation came to him. Subsequently, he established the KiMe Cure Neurological Disorders Fund that he plans to evolve into a Foundation.

Hodges passions include his family, travel, the beach, coaching youth sports, and photography. Their family motto is "don't look back and say you wish you would have." That is why they started the KiMe Cure Neurological Disorders Fund on December 3, 2010.