



# 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 Bachelor's degree.

Hodges developed a lifelong 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, while attending college, he would volunteer to coach his first basketball team. An activity he continued for 32 years.

In 1983 Hodges joined a company which would become a large multi-domestic Fortune 250 company. A 35-year association he is proud of and remains committed to. He served in management positions with increasing responsibility; supporting operations initiatives and projects throughout the world. He 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, many receiving 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 and then Chairman for most of that period.

In 1985, Hodges moved from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Pasadena, California. In 1993, his first daughter, Kimberly was born in Pasadena. In 1994, the family moved to Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1996, his 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.

On January 28, 2009 Hodges was diagnosed with Young Parkinson's Disease. 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 (a.k.a. The KiMe Fund) on December 3, 2010.

*Do not ask... "Why did it happen to me?" Ask... "Why did it happen for me?"  
- Elijah Cummings*

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