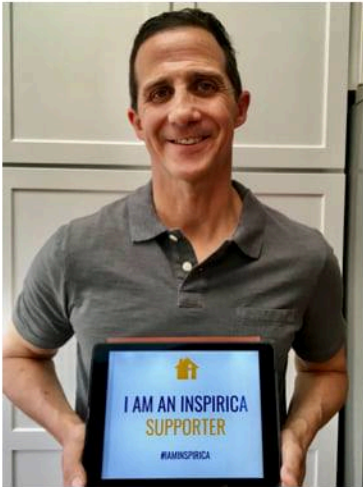


## Volunteer Spotlight



The Shippan Point Association is pleased to present Bruce Heller as our next Volunteer of the Month. Bruce arrived in Stamford in 2006 and quickly discovered that Shippan was the place he wanted to raise a family. Bruce, his wife Lee Ann and their 2 daughters, Lauren and Samantha, moved to Shippan in 2008 and "shuffled" to their present home on Ocean Drive North a few years later.

Bruce's commitment to serving his community can be traced back to his time in Los Angeles working with ex-cons in a half-way house. He mentored the men on how to create and maintain the elements of stability needed to move their lives in a positive direction. Once in Stamford, Bruce volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club's after-school programs for several years. He also joined Stamford Public Education Foundation's (SPEF) mentor program. He found great satisfaction working one-on-one with students from Turn of River Middle School.

Those experiences led him to begin volunteering in 2015 with Inspirica ([www.inspircact.org](http://www.inspircact.org)), a Stamford based non-profit whose mission it is to change lives, build a foundation and break the cycle of homelessness. They are one of only a handful of organizations in the nation able to address both the physical aspect of homelessness and its underlying root causes. The high cost of living and scarcity of affordable housing in Fairfield County make homelessness a significant problem. Especially hard hit are the children. Inspirica believes focusing on children is the most effective way to break the cycle of homelessness. That is why Bruce became heavily involved with the After-School Support Programs. From tutoring and homework help, to enrichment activities, he loved it all...except maybe getting schooled on the basketball court by kids with ages in the single digits!

In 2017, Bruce was asked to join the Board of Inspirica, becoming Chairman in 2018. During his tenure, the CEO resigned and Bruce led the transition and search for a new CEO. Despite a demanding job as Co-Founder and President of the Connecticut Film Center, and Managing Partner of CFC Capital, Bruce dedicated a significant amount of time to finding the right person to take the reins of Inspirica. Having accomplished that and bringing on a Co-Chairman to serve with him on the Board of Directors, Bruce can now get back to doing what he loves, working with the kids!

Thank you Bruce for all that you do for the community.  
We are proud that you call Shippan home!