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After 15 years as a software developer, Mike started HCSS in the master bedroom of his house. He worked 120 hours a week for 5 years while his late wife, Sophie, worked two jobs to support him. Eventually, she joined him in the business and together they built HCSS into the market leader in their segment of construction software, one of the Wall Street Journal's top 15 Small Workplaces in America in 2009, and a Best Place to Work in Texas for 14 years in row. Sophie died in 2020 and Mike sold the company the next year.

Mike has been a generous supporter of TPPF and is also using his money to try to make a significant impact building the conservative movement in this country to take America back from the leftists and the Swamp.

He has been instrumental in supporting a great ally of TPPF, the Conservative Partnership Institute (CPI) in buying Capitol Hill buildings in D.C. one block from the U.S. Capitol to establish a permanent Conservative community. This strategically located development will include a restaurant and bar, with the intent to reverse years of social ostracism and make it cool to be conservative in D.C. In addition, he has helped CPI acquire a 2,200-acre retreat in Maryland, named Camp Rydin, as the conservative equivalent of "Camp David" and the hub of strategy meetings for all kinds of conservative groups throughout the country.

Mike has been instrumental in helping establish another great ally of TPPF, America First Legal, run by Stephen Miller, which is now filing dozens of lawsuits against the Biden Administration and woke Corporations practicing reverse discrimination. TPPF partners with AFL on numerous litigation efforts.

Mike has helped establish the State Freedom Caucus Network that now has freedom caucuses in 11 states, and he is also working closely with Turning Point USA to develop the first Republican ballot-chasing operation to target low-propensity voters. This project, CHASE THE VOTE, is working alongside TPPF's election integrity efforts in Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Georgia.