

Here's Ted Cruz' New Campaign Co-Chair

Iowans have taken key roles in a number of Republican presidential campaigns, but perhaps not as prominently as U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz' campaign.

Thursday afternoon, the Cruz for President campaign announced FAMiLY LEADER President and CEO Bob Vander Plaats would serve as a national co-chair. Vander Plaats, arguably one of the most influential conservative and evangelical leaders in the first-in-the-nation caucus state, gave Cruz his personal endorsement in November.

During the "Cruzin' to Caucus" bus tour currently underway, Vander Plaats has been on the road with the senator. He was also joined by one of his other national co-chairs, U.S. Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa).

"The courageous and fearless leader we need during these difficult times facing our nation is Ted Cruz," Vander Plaats said Thursday. "Our goal is to unite conservatives around a strong and consistent leader, and we are already seeing that happen. With Ted Cruz in the White House in 2016, we will turn this country around."

It was clear Cruz has been appreciative of Vander Plaats' support. He has been keen to get the assistance of conservative and evangelical leaders across the country to "coalesce" around his candidacy.

"Bob is an inspiring leader in the conservative movement with the values and tested ability to help us fight to restore the principles that made this country exceptional," Cruz said. "I'm grateful to have such a tireless advocate for liberty on our team. If we as conservatives come together, we will win."