

CCH Board Member

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Spotlight

Columbus Community Hospital



Brett Bonwell

BOARD MEMBER

Brett Bonwell has been devoted to serving Columbus Community Hospital as a member of its board of directors since his initial term began in May 2014. During the last month of his final term, Bonwell reflects on his experience as a CCH board member.

The Indiana native received his Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture economics from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. His extensive agricultural background brought him to Columbus in 1993, where he accepted the general manager position at Moorman Manufacturing Company. In 1998, Bonwell left Moorman Manufacturing to pursue an opportunity as vice president with Pillen Family Farms. He stayed in this position for nearly six years until Pillen Family Farms purchased DNA Genetics, and he transitioned to CEO of the new company. Now retired, he enjoys spending his free time with his family.

When asked what his favorite part is about living in Columbus, Bonwell said it's a great place to live and raise a family. That is why when the hospital approached him about the opportunity to join its board of directors, he felt compelled to give back to

the community and help make Columbus a better place to live for many years.

Throughout his nine years of service to the board, Bonwell has served as the treasurer, vice chair and board chair. He also served as the chair for the finance and building and grounds committees.

He said his previous business background and leadership experiences helped prepare him for his role as a hospital board member.

As a rural, community-owned hospital, Bonwell and the other board members work closely with hospital leadership to improve the health of the communities it serves. One of the main ways it achieves its mission is by allowing area residents to see primary care providers and specialists locally without the need to travel to a larger city.

“Receiving health care is a personal experience, and having strong health care options is essential to a thriving community,” Bonwell said. **“We have several great health care providers and specialties available in Columbus. The hospital is a key contributor in ensuring**

our community has access to local and quality health care.”

Bonwell is one of 12 board members representing the community through various backgrounds, education and experiences. He said having a governing board of people who live in the community and represent its interests sets the hospital apart from other larger facilities.

“While each of our board members brings unique skills, experiences and perspectives, their dedication and pride for the hospital’s mission are unwavering,” Bonwell said. **“They are not afraid to come together and tackle tough issues for the betterment of our community. It’s been a memorable nine years, and I have truly enjoyed working with other board members and the hospital’s leadership team.”**

As his tenure on the board ends, Bonwell looks forward to watching the hospital advance its local health care services — providing high-quality care and value.

To learn more about Columbus Community Hospital and its board of directors, visit columbushosp.org.