

# CCH Board Member

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# Spotlight

Columbus Community Hospital



**Tim Tooley**

BOARD MEMBER

Tooley's Drug and Home Care is a well-known household staple for many people in Columbus. The local, independent pharmacy opened its doors in 1928 and has remained family owned and operated ever since. Tim Tooley is a third-generation owner who's proudly served his beloved community for more than 40 years.

Tooley was initially born in Louisiana and moved to Nebraska as a child. Growing up, he attended St. Bonaventure and Scotus Central Catholic. Tooley left Columbus to further his education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. After receiving his Doctor of Pharmacy degree and spending a couple of years in Omaha, Tooley and his wife, Janet, moved back to Columbus in 1984 to work at the family-owned pharmacy.

In 2014, the Columbus Community Hospital board of directors approached Tooley about joining the board. After consideration, he accepted the position. Tooley said he was excited to join the board to learn more about the hospital and give back to a community that has done so much for him and his family.

**"I have enjoyed working with some amazing hospital employees and fellow board members over the years,"** he said.

**"I continue to be impressed by their dedication and devotion to the health of our community."**

After nine years of service, Tooley will complete his time on the board in May 2023. Throughout his tenure, Tooley served as the quality committee chair for many years. He said the hospital's consistent attention to quality improvement for every process impressed him most during his time as the committee chair.

**"We have a very dedicated team working at all levels of our hospital, and I've had the privilege of working with several of them,"** he said. **"Their attention to detail and professionalism is second to none. I have learned so much from them — much of which I can carry over to my own business."**

As Tooley's time on the board ends, he reflects on his favorite projects. One project in particular that rises to the top of the list is the new Columbus Fieldhouse. He said being involved in such a monumental community endeavor has been exciting.

**"Our hospital has a tremendous leadership team that is always pushing for new and better ways to help our service area,"** he said. **"The team's leadership expertise has put us in a strong financial position, so we**

**can be innovative in ways many other hospitals can't because of the current health care climate."**

For the hospital, the mission is simple — improve the health of the communities it serves. In many instances, the mission extends beyond the facility's four walls. According to Tooley, the high-quality medical care and cutting-edge approaches to improve community wellness make the hospital a vital part of the community.

**"I am truly grateful for my time on the board,"** he said. **"I look forward to watching the hospital continue to grow, finding new and unique ways to improve the health of our community."**

When he's not busy caring for patients and filling prescriptions, he enjoys running, fishing, golfing and spending time with his grandkids.

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