

CCH Board Member

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Spotlight



Stan Emerson

BOARD MEMBER

Stan Emerson's experience serving as a board member for Columbus Community Hospital has enriched his life in more ways than he imagined.

The Columbus native joined the hospital board in May 2014 because he thought it would be a tremendous opportunity to give back to his beloved community. Throughout his tenure on the board, he played an active role in the hospital's growth, serving as chairman of the building and grounds committee for several years.

For nearly 40 years, Emerson worked as an attorney engaged in private practice before he retired in 2020. During that time, he served on numerous boards that not only taught him the importance of listening to and learning from others, but also when he should share his thoughts and opinions to capture the best outcome possible.

"As a board member, we have the responsibility to make a positive impact on health care in Columbus and the surrounding areas," he said. **"The hospital is essential because it provides the facilities and professionals needed to meet the medical needs of our community. It has the necessary tools**

and equipment for high-quality care and is actively involved in the recruitment and retention of the care providers."

Emerson said he has enjoyed meeting many of the hospital's employees, doctors, senior leadership team and fellow board members. But his favorite part is giving back. Many of Emerson's lifelong friends and family live in Columbus, so helping ensure the hospital meets its mission of "improving the health of the communities we serve" reminds him that he's doing his part to help protect his community and loved ones.

"I've experienced firsthand the level of care the hospital provides to its patients," he said. **"The focus of each employee is to provide the best care possible. Their dedication and genuine concern for the care provided to all patients is amazing."**

Of the many benefits the hospital provides, Emerson said he feels the most significant is CCH's non-profit status, which allows it to focus on improving and bettering the community, rather than distributing profits to private shareholders.

"The employees, doctors and senior leadership team dedicate themselves to

providing exceptional service and bettering our community," he said. **"The big-city amenities and small-town feel offered in Columbus are a true testament to the hospital's work, and an added perk for all area residents."**

Emerson will complete his term in May 2023 and looks forward to watching the hospital remain a strong and vital part of the community.

Emerson and his wife, LeAnne, stay busy spending as much time as possible with their four children and eight grandchildren. He enjoys golfing and reading and is an active volunteer at Peace Lutheran Church and Youth and Families for Christ.

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