

CCHF Board Member

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Spotlight

Columbus Community Hospital Foundation



Pat Heimes

FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

After working in nonprofit fundraising for more than 30 years, Pat Heimes brings her experience to the Columbus Community Hospital Foundation board.

Heimes originally joined the board in 2019, when she stepped in to complete another board member's term. She agreed to serve another three-year term and joined the planned giving committee, as well.

"I have always had a lot of respect for the work and accomplishments of all aspects of the hospital leadership, including the foundation," Heimes said. **"I was honored to be asked to serve on the board."**

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Heimes served on the board virtually during her first year. However, the group has been able to resume meeting in person.

"I love meeting new people, and this has given me that opportunity," Heimes said. **"It is very rewarding to be involved with this group of people."**

Heimes hopes to use her previous nonprofit fundraising experience to help benefit the foundation and support the hospital's work.

"What I have learned during my short time on the board is that the foundation provides a lot of value to the hospital," Heimes said. **"Financial grants and assistance for specialized equipment, as well as scholarships to students, are all great examples of support provided by the foundation — it is amazing."**

The foundation offers various projects that community members can select when they choose to support the foundation. Every donation matters, which is why the foundation is pleased to work with donors of all levels.

"Educating the community on how the dollars are spent when they donate to the foundation is very important," Heimes said.

"The more you understand the value, the more apt you are to support the program."

One of the newer projects the foundation has launched is the Sterling Society.

"This project recognizes those individuals who have chosen to include the foundation as part of their estate planning," Heimes said. **"This will provide lasting gifts to the hospital and our community, which will make Columbus a better place to live."**

For more information on the Columbus Community Hospital Foundation, please visit <https://www.columbushosp.org/foundation.aspx>.