

CCHF Board Member

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Spotlight

Columbus Community Hospital Foundation



Bob Irby

CHAIRMAN

You don't need to work in the medical industry to be involved in health care.

Bob Irby, chairman of the Columbus Community Hospital Foundation, had a 25-year career in the electric utility industry before becoming a financial advisor in Columbus.

Even without experience in health care, his work history makes him a perfect fit for the foundation.

Irby began serving as chairman in May 2020 and his term will end in May 2022. In his current position, he helps raise and manage donations exclusively for the hospital. These donations enable hospital leadership to purchase cutting-edge medical equipment, improve the facility and provide beneficial programming for patients and their families.

"Health care is a part of every family's needs, wants and overall life," he said. **"The foundation provides a way to support the growth and development of the health care system right here at home."**

Irby has spent a large portion of his life in Columbus, attending junior high and high

school here before heading off to college at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He moved back to Columbus in 2000 and has been involved in the community through organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America and other boards.

He developed an interest in the health care environment after serving as a member of a hospital board while living in McCook, Nebraska. Being involved in that board sparked his interest in joining the foundation board.

He said he enjoys being on the board because he likes helping the community and seeing others get involved.

"I enjoy being part of a group that's trying to improve the community and health care we have available," he said. **"It's rewarding when you know your friends and neighbors don't have to make a drive to Omaha or Lincoln, because we have that health care available right here in Columbus."**

He said the foundation is important because it provides a way for people to make contributions to the health care they want and need for their families.

"They can do that through volunteering or through financial contributions," he said. **"Those contributions help the hospital provide the facilities and equipment we will need for our families sometime in our lives."**

When people donate to the foundation, they make a lifesaving difference. Donations are an effective way to make a lasting impact on the health of your family, friends and neighbors.

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