

# CCHF Board Member

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# Spotlight

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## Tom Jarecke

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Each Columbus Community Hospital Foundation board member plays a key role and contributes personal insights to create a well-rounded team. Columbus native Tom Jarecke's senior executive leadership experiences with local manufacturing companies and other nonprofits have translated well and benefited the CCHF board's continued growth.

Before joining the CCHF board, Jarecke served on the board of directors and was the 2011 campaign chair for the Columbus Area United Way. He also served on the St. Isidore Parish Council and American Red Cross board of directors; was in charge of business matters, focusing on retail and industry, for the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce; and is a current member of the Knights of Columbus. Each of these experiences was instrumental in helping Jarecke gain a strong sense of the community's critical needs.

Jarecke first joined the CCHF board in 2014, but he has been connected with Columbus Community Hospital for many years. His wife Joanna has been a social worker with CCH since 1988, and his daughter-in-law Kellie is an acute care unit and intensive care unit nurse for the hospital. In his spare time, Jarecke enjoys golfing, fishing, hunting, boating and

spending time with his three children and three grandchildren.

**"When I joined the CCHF board, I was excited at the opportunity to help our hospital become an even greater resource for the health and welfare of our community members,"** he said. **"I feel we all have an obligation to do what we can to help our city and community be a great place to live and raise a family."**

Since joining the board, he has served as a chairman in the past and is currently committee chair for the project advancement committee. He has two years remaining in his position.

Jarecke says his favorite part about serving on the board is acting as a vital partner to the hospital.

**"By funneling greatly needed financial support, we help purchase equipment and fund programs that might not be within the current budget,"** he said

The programs and equipment the foundation provides allow the hospital to give top-of-the-line care to the Columbus area and surrounding communities.

**"The foundation is important, because it provides a means for our community to take an active role in supporting the**

**high-quality health care that is available to our family, friends and neighbors,"**

Jarecke said.

He encourages community members to visit the hospital's website so they can learn more about the foundation and the many ways their donations are making a difference.

**"I want to thank the community for their past and continued support in helping further the mission of the Columbus Community Hospital Foundation,"** he said.

**To learn more about the foundation, visit [columbushosp.org](http://columbushosp.org).**