



Richard J. Smith

Loyal, Dedicated, Honorable

Richard Smith is a long time volunteer for the Saints Joachim and Ann Care Service who volunteers his time every Thursday evening coordinating and packing food for the many families in need that come to the Care Service for assistance. Retired from AT&T, Richard is the current president of the Optimist Club of Harvester/Mid Rivers where he performs numerous duties including organizing fundraisers, purchasing gifts and food for the several families that the Optimist Club adopt every Christmas, and running the club's daily activities. Dedicated to his family, Richard is keenly aware that service to others is needed on a year round basis, a fact that he demonstrates clearly with his actions.



Bruce Sowatsky

Compassionate, Visionary, Committed

Bruce Sowatsky, executive director of the Community and Children's Resource Board of St. Charles County (CCRB), has been an advocate for children's services for over 27 years. Bruce worked as a child and family therapist for 17 years with several local agencies, but truly found his niche when he took on the executive director position with the CCRB in 1999. Bruce has served as a member of the St. Charles Family Stress Council and supported efforts to bring the Crisis Nursery as well as the Child Advocacy Center to St. Charles County. He orchestrated the construction of a 3rd Crisis Nursery in 2008 by utilizing partnerships with SSM St. Joseph Hospital and T.R. Hughes. Bruce is an alumnus of the Vision St. Charles County Leadership and Leadership St. Louis programs.



Bob Wamhoff

Caring, Leader, Successful

Bob Wamhoff, president of Wamhoff Financial Planning & Accounting Services, currently manages \$255 million in assets for over 800 active clients. In addition to his #1 ranking by *Registered Rep Magazine*, Bob was nominated as an "Outstanding Broker of the Year" for his successful business practices, leadership and community service. Recently, Bob was named the top producing representative for his broker, VSR Financial Services, for the 3rd consecutive year and selected as a finalist for the Community Leadership Award by *InvestmentNews*. Outside of his work, Bob runs a large charity in Honduras with his wife Diane, called Just Because We Care. Established in 2003, Just Because builds schools and houses and provides food and basic medical care to students and their families in a small Honduran village.



Ed Watkins

Passionate, Honest, Fun

Ed Watkins, president and CEO of Winning Endeavors, is credited for playing a major role in changing the way America prepares people for their jobs and careers. While teaching sociology at Pembroke State University, Ed established a campus wide service learning program that provided every student with an opportunity to compliment their classroom theory with a service learning work experience. For his innovative idea, Ed received the first Career Service award by the American Legion. He is also the recipient of the 2002 Children's Champions award and the 1999 Distinguished Leadership Award. Ed was instrumental in the construction of the Ozzie Smith Sports Complex and T.R. Hughes Ballpark, is a co-founder of Sports St. Charles County, and founder of the Mike Bush Fantasy Baseball Camp for hearing-impaired children.



Debby Watson

Visionary, Educator, Determined

A few years ago, Debby Watson decided to leave a long career at Villa Duchesne and pursue a dream — the establishment of a new school with a 21st century educational model that would transform young people into student leaders. Service learning would become a key component of the educational curriculum, with students working towards advancing causes related to the environment, children's and elderly issues, and support of those in need. With the help of supporters who also believed in her dream, Debby was able to open Barat Academy in the fall of 2007. Today Barat Academy, led by Debby, is home to over 100 students, athletic teams, performing arts programs, and a service learning program that allows students to fully live the mission of Barat Academy.



Jann Rudd Weitzel

Compassionate, Dedicated, Loyal

As vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost of Lindenwood University, Dr. Jann Rudd Weitzel is the chief academic officer and the second highest ranking official. She directs the development of the university's curricula and coordinates the work of the academic deans. In charge of ensuring academic honesty, Dr. Weitzel has recently taken her message on the topic to the national stage. She also hosts a Lindenwood University television program called Topics in Education, on various topics such as Student Teaching, School Security, and Cyber Bullying. An educator for 35 years, Dr. Weitzel is a member of the American Association of University Women, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, and NCTE. She is a published author, and has received several awards and nominations in her field.