

## Expanding focus

NONPROFIT BOARD EXECUTIVE  
OF THE YEAR FINALIST

How Brenda Stier-Anstine led an effort to strengthen Mount Carmel's community relationships



When Brenda Stier-Anstine joined the Mount Carmel Foundation board of trustees in 2005, she quickly became involved with its communication initiatives and strategic planning process. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to funding the mission-driven health and education programs and services provided through the Mount Carmel Health System, which operates four hospitals in Central Ohio.

In September 2009, Stier-Anstine's peers recognized her leadership and passion by voting her into the role of chairman, a role she's embraced with gusto. She has led efforts to launch the capital campaign for Mount Carmel St. Ann's Project GRACE, the largest expansion project in the history of Mount Carmel Health System.

As co-chair of the campaign, she led the way in helping Mount Carmel St. Ann's strengthen its community partnerships.

Through her leadership, she helped both the hospital and the foundation redefine their focus to build stronger, more personal

philanthropic relationships with the community, as well as internal corporate board members and volunteers.

Stier-Anstine's support makes the expansion of mission-critical programs and services possible. She helped Mount Carmel St. Ann's earn the largest single philanthropic gift in the organization's history.

Beyond leading the capital campaign, Stier-Anstine volunteers many hours to

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Mount Carmel. She regularly partakes in strategy sessions and meetings, providing marketing and communications expertise that has generated a positive cultural change for the organization. She supports the hospital both personally and professionally and continually introduces individuals to the foundation by hosting "meet-and-greets" and tours. ●

## Leading the way

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How Jane Grote Abell has a positive impact on every life she touches



Jane Grote Abell was just a young girl when she started working in her father's pizza shop, the first store in the company known today as Donatos Pizza. It was on Thurman Avenue, where Abell saw the way her family treated customers and learned to do the same.

It was the way she served people then, and it's the way she serves and leads people today. Donatos provides a safe place for youngsters who are 14 or 15 years old to get a first experience in the working world. Abell ensures that it is also a great place to bring your family for pizza and a great place to call a part of your community.

"When we hire a 16-year-old, we want to make sure that mom and dad feel good about the place that their teen is going to work," Abell says.

It is with employees that she has the deepest interaction, and it is there

where she can make the biggest impact on someone's life. She takes the time to sit down with associates who are having a tough time outside of work and helps them work through the struggles.

Outside of the restaurant, Abell serves on numerous boards and works tirelessly to build and support programs that make a positive difference in the

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lives of her neighbors. It is through these efforts that she serves as a role model for girls, women and anyone who wants to be a positive influence in their community.

As Abell says, "Values aren't the soft stuff." They are the foundational element for everything Donatos does. ●