



Dr. Robert Woerther, Chairman and Executive and Strategic Planning Committee Chair

Employment: Director of Special Education – Special School District of St. Louis County
Inducted: October 2014
Term: 2022 (2)
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For the past decade, Robert has worked for the Special School District of St. Louis County as a teacher, case manager, assistant principal and, currently, as the director of special education for the Hazelwood School District. These employment opportunities have provided him with a foundation of experience in educational law, the rights of individuals with disabilities, various curricula, community outreach and organizational management. He is passionate about the care and support of people with disabilities, both professionally and personally – his son was diagnosed with autism when he was two years old – and Robert has joined Easterseals Midwest’s board to give back to a cause that is close to his heart.



Rich Harkwell, Immediate Past Chairman and Governance Committee Chair

Employment: Financial Services Industry Consultant
Inducted: October 2010
Term: 2020 (2)
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As a long-standing executive and transformative leader within the Financial Services industry, Rich understands the importance of enabling talent to achieve their full potential, acting strategically and cultivating high-quality partnerships. This expertise helps guide his dedicated service on Easterseals Midwest’s board. In addition to his support of people with developmental disabilities, Rich also volunteers his time with various other nonprofit organizations in order to further strengthen the community.



Sean Donlin, Vice Chairman

Employment: Executive Vice President – Lockton Companies
Inducted: October 2010
Term: 2021 (2)
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When Sean became a member of our board, he was looking to give back even more – he was already an active participant with various charitable organizations in the community. As senior vice president at Lockton Companies – the world’s largest privately owned, independent insurance brokerage firm – Sean is well-respected in his field. He draws on his business acumen, as well as his passion for our mission, to ensure that Easterseals Midwest continues to thrive, and after serving as the vice chairman of the board, he looks to further strengthen and improve the organization as the chairman.



Greg Meier, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

Employment: Vice President of Finance-Roi | Resource Optimization and Innovation
Inducted: October 2017
Term: 2023 (2)
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Greg Meier, CPA, CGMA is Vice President of Finance at Roi. Greg is responsible for Roi’s financial operations, planning, and strategy. Greg joined Roi with more than 20 years of experience in healthcare and finance at companies such as Express Scripts, Inc., Valitas Health Services, Inc., and Ernst Young. His background includes experience in supply chain, pharmacy, primary care, behavioral services, network development, and underwriting. Greg is a member of HFMA, the American Institute of CPAs, the Missouri Society of CPAs, Financial Executives International and the Association for

Corporate Growth. He is a Certified Public Accountant and holds bachelor degrees in accounting and finance from Truman State University.

Greg’s volunteer experience includes serving on the Easterseals Midwest Audit Committee since 2009. He also serves as Chair of the Finance Committee for St. Bernadette Catholic Church and is the Founder and Youth Minister of Youth Ministry at St. Bernadette Catholic Church designed to develop teens with spiritual, social, and service activities.



Lynn Wallis, Secretary

Employment: President and Chief Executive Officer – Wallis Companies
Inducted: January 2015
Term: 2022 (2)
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With an entrepreneurial spirit, Lynn's late husband, Bill, started Wallis Companies more than 45 years ago. In 2001, when Bill died from melanoma, Lynn became the president and chief executive officer, and she continues in that capacity today. The company has become one of the leading petroleum marketers in the Midwest, distributing gasoline under the major brand names of ExxonMobil, BP, Conoco and Phillips in Missouri and Illinois. Other businesses under the company umbrella include a franchise developer for On the Run, a car wash equipment and solutions provider, a transport company and a lubricant company. An enduring belief in the importance of community service guides Lynn, both

through her role at Wallis Companies, and in her personal life as well. In addition to her steadfast support of Easterseals Midwest, she graciously volunteers with several other nonprofit organizations.



Judy Kent, Emeritus Director

Community Volunteer
Inducted: January 2015
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Judy loves a great party – and that's how she became involved with our organization. After attending the Festival of Trees event a few times, Judy was recruited to become a member of the event committee. Soon, she was chairing the Festival of Trees committee, and under her direction, and thanks to her drive and determination, this annual event has grown tremendously. In other words, because of Judy and her leadership, many more individuals in our community know, and support, Easterseals Midwest and our programs for people with developmental disabilities. Her incredible generosity hasn't gone unnoticed: She recently was named "Philanthropist of the Year" by the national Easterseals organization in 2015.



Ruqayyah Cherie Bailey, Director

Employment: Cashier, Bloom Café
Inducted: March 2020
Term: 2022 (1)
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For the past 12 years, Ruqayyah Cherie Bailey has been a voice for the community she serves. Ruqayyah founded and directed her own organization called Don't Quit that was in service for three years. Ruqayyah got started with advocacy for the disability community in 2008 when she faced discrimination due to her own disability. Throughout Ruqayyah's advocacy journey for the disability community, she has found great peace and freedom. With this peace and freedom in mind, Ruqayyah decided to attend college at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, where she is working on her Associate's Degree in Human Services and Applied Science. With this degree, Ruqayyah hopes to

transfer to the University of Missouri – St. Louis and continue to work with children and adults with disabilities. Ruqayyah also receives Community Living services from Easterseals Midwest, where she lives independently in her own apartment.



Jacqueline Bardgett Friederich, Government Relations Chair & Golf Committee Co-Chair

Employment: Governmental and Public Relations Consultant – John Bardgett & Associates, Inc.
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Term: 2020 (2)
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Jacqueline has long had a passion for helping people with developmental disabilities, and she is proud to have the opportunity to continue that work through her board service. In her current role as the governmental and public relations consultant for John Bardgett & Associates, Inc., she monitors legislation and advocates for clients before the Missouri state legislature. An emerging leader and advisor, Jacqueline has legislative consulting and policy expertise, making her a powerful voice for those we serve.



G.T. Cozad, III, Director

Employment: President – Cozad Commercial Real Estate, Ltd.
Inducted: July 2014
Term: 2020 (2)
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G.T. brings impressive professional expertise, along with years of volunteerism in the community, to his purposeful board service with Easterseals Midwest. As president of Cozad Commercial Real Estate, Ltd., G.T. is responsible for new commercial real estate and property-management business development; commercial real estate brokerage; property-management duties; marketing strategies support; the coordination of human resource initiatives, including employee development and employee relations; and the improvement of company operations and procedures.



William Florent, Director

Employment: Founder – Selequity
Inducted: December 2011
Term: 2020 (2)
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Bill is a co-founder of Selequity, an online platform that gives accredited investors exposure to professionally operated, private real estate investments, and provides commercial real estate owners access to a broader range of investors. This new venture was launched in 2015. Through his board service, Bill provides his tremendous financial expertise to support the fiscal strength of Easterseals Midwest and to help guide the organization's strategic direction. In addition to his board service in support of people with developmental disabilities, a cause that personally resonates with him, he also devotes his time to other organizations to make an even bigger difference in our community.



Christina Green, Director

Employment: Vice President of Finance of BioSTL
Term: 2020 (1)
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Christina serves as the Vice President of Finance of BioSTL. BioSTL fosters collaborative efforts and builds regional infrastructure to achieve St. Louis' potential in biosciences, assisting partner organizations that are advancing aspects of the overall regional strategy. Christina has 25 years' experience in a Fortune 100 global agriculture company and previously served as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Airport Terminal Services. Christina is experienced in managing large and diverse teams including international experience, achieving results consistently above expectations, and being a valued business partner with senior management. Christina concluded a six-year board

term in 2017 with Support Dogs, Inc. a non-profit that places assistance dogs with individuals with mobility-related needs.



Corey Hamilton, Director

Employment: Cyber Securities, Booz Allen Hamilton Inc.
Inducted: January 2019
Term: 2021 (1)
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For the past 14 years, Corey has been building and employing his knowledge of cyber security, business continuity, disaster recovery, privacy, and business practice and development strategies to assist clients with developing solutions and addressing challenges for their security needs. Since 2004, he has worked with Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., now serving as a Cyber Security Strategist and Management Consultant within the company.

Corey is a certified Information Security Manager and Business Continuity Professional and currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the University of Saint Mary. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Political and MBA in Organizational Leadership from the University of Saint Mary and completed Crisis Management Coursework at Harvard University in 2012.



Timothy McCraw, Director and Audit Committee Chair

Employment: Certified Public Accountant – McCraw & Company, CPAs, P.C.
Inducted: July 2014
Term: 2020 (2)
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Timothy is the president and shareholder of McCraw & Company, CPAs, P.C. He has more than 30 years of experience in public accounting, and has spent most of that time working with business owners and those they employ in various industries, including the construction industry. Timothy served on the board of Triality, Inc., most recently as the treasurer, before the organization joined the Easterseals Midwest family on July 1, 2014. Now, he continues to impart his financial knowledge through his service on the Easterseals Midwest board, keeping his unwavering commitment to helping

people with developmental disabilities, including his son.



Michael Monson, Director

Employment: Corporate Vice President of Long-Term Care & Dual Eligibles – Centene Corporation
Inducted: July 2015
Term: 2018 (1)
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Michael is an experienced senior health care executive with extensive profit-and-loss management, operations, corporate venture capital and health care information-technology experience. He serves as the corporate vice president of long-term care and dual Eligibles for the Centene Corporation, a Fortune 500 company that provides programs for the rising number of under-insured and uninsured individuals. With specialties including strategic planning, innovation and financial analysis, Michael gladly shares his depth of expertise through his volunteer work.



Lydia Padilla, Development Committee Chair

Employment: TRC Staffing Services, Inc.
Inducted: December 2017
Term: 2023 (2)
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Lydia owns and operates the St. Louis franchise of TRC Staffing Services, Inc. A 26-year veteran of the staffing industry, Lydia, and her associates provide traditional staffing services, professional and technical contractors, management services, and placement of bilingual personnel for some of the country's leading companies, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. Lydia also serves as the president of the Hispanic Chamber Foundation of St. Louis. She has also served as the board development chair of the St. Louis Community College, past chair of the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment and has been active in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri.



Scott Ririe, Director

Employment: Managing Partner, The CTS Group
Inducted: January 2019
Term: 2021 (1)
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Scott is a graduate of Cornell University. He began his career working in sales for Honeywell International Inc. in Des Moines, Iowa and was soon promoted to district general manager and moved to St. Louis. In 2000, he and a business partner founded CTS, which has grown to become the CTS Group, operating in nine states with over 124 employees and revenue of more than \$100 million a year. Scott also serves on the executive committee as treasurer for National Association of Energy Services Companies (NAESCO) board of directors. He also has served on the advisory boards for General Motors and (along with his wife) Ranger Bass Boats. Scott previously served on the board of directors from 2009-2016. with the Riries' favorite activities.



Ed Spalty, Director and Governance Committee Chair

Employment: Retired Attorney, Armstrong Teasdale LLP
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Term: 2021 (1)
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Ed represented start-up and established franchisors—most often in the hotel and real estate brokerage industries—in all legal issues that develop in licensed networks. Ed was national counsel for two of the world’s largest franchisors, representing 25 of the most famous 200 brands, and is the Outside General Counsel to one of the best-known healthcare non-profits, as well as a leading liberal arts college.

Ed was formerly admitted to practice in more than a dozen jurisdictions, served in the U.S. Army for 1968-1970, and am former multi-term Chair Worldwide of Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution for Lex Mundi, the World’s Leading Association of Independent Law Firms.

Ed has been continuously active as an Easter Seals volunteer since 1983, including Missouri Easter Seals Chairman of the Board, and Edgar Allen Award recipient; twelve years on National Easter Seals Board of Directors, including service as Chair of every standing committee, many ad hoc committees, all officer positions except Chair, and served on the Executive Committee under three National Presidents, as well as service on the Alaska, Utah and Nebraska Boards of Directors; former Outside General Counsel to National Easter Seals for a decade, and provided legal representation to more than two dozen Easter Seals affiliates.



Luke Thompson, Director

Employment: Senior Analyst of Power Market Research & Strategy, Kiewit Energy Group
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Term: 2022 (1)
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Luke graduated from the University of Kansas in 2015 with a double major in Finance and Supply-Chain Management. In just a few short years, his ambition has led him to be Senior Analyst of Power Market Research and Strategy for Kiewit Energy Group. Luke is continuing to further his knowledge and develop his expertise by pursuing his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) certification. He is a CFA Level III candidate, having passed both his CFA Level I & CFA Level II exams, and plans to take the final CFA exam in June.

Luke is currently a board member and on the House Advisory Committee for the Alpha Xi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, which he served as president of during his time at the University of Kansas. He has also been involved with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America.



Kathy Woods, Director

Employment: Retired Attorney with Shaffer, Lombardo, Shurin
Inducted: October 2017
Term: 2020 (1)
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In Kathy’s 33 years of legal practice, she has handled both plaintiffs’ and defendants’ commercial matters, business litigation and personal injury cases. In January 2002, Ms. Woods joined Shaffer Lombardo Shurin (“SLS”) where she has focused on complex business litigation and insurance defense work.

Kathy’s extensive Civic and Charitable work includes serving as a Trustee, St. Mary Board of Trustees; Leader of Delegations to her Church’s sister parish in El Salvador; Past Board Member/President of a Florida Condominium Association; Past President of Parish Council and Past Co-Chair of Parish Capital Campaign. Kathy lives in Kansas City. She has a granddaughter with cerebral palsy.



Brian Wright, Director

Employment: Vice President, Midwest Sales of HROI a Paychex Co.

Inducted: July 2014

Term: 2020 (2)

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Brian has nearly 20 years of experience helping businesses manage employer-related risk using customized solutions. As VP of Sales, HROI – a professional employer organization (PEO) and a human resource outsourcing (HRO) company that provides Custom Health Care options, workers compensation, human resource and payroll services – Brian specializes in helping businesses reduce the cost of non-revenue functions by adding dollars back to the bottom line. Brian served on the board of Triality, Inc., before the agency joined the Easterseals Midwest family on July 1, 2014, and remains exceedingly motivated to continue his volunteer service in support of people with developmental disabilities.