

Hello and welcome to the Development Board of Nationwide Children's Hospital website. As Development Board president, it is my pleasure to represent over 150 dynamic and philanthropic business professionals who generously give their time, talent and resources to further the mission of Nationwide Children's Hospital – *For every child, For every reason.*

The Development Board was founded in 1971 to enhance the relationship between Children's and local business executives. Since that time, the Board's composition has grown to include professionals representing a wide variety of companies and industries from central Ohio. With the gracious support from community partners and significant public participation, Development Board fundraisers have contributed over \$14 million to support Nationwide Children's Hospital.

In 2008, we will complete a 1.5 million dollar gift; successfully funding the Development Board Endowed Chair in Pediatric Cancer Research. This top honor will be awarded to a world-class physician/scientist to further their research. This accomplishment is truly a milestone for our membership and our first entry in the fight against cancer. It won't be our last.

The Development Board also supports many other programs at Nationwide Children's Hospital. To date, over 2 million dollars has been raised for the Center for Child and Family Advocacy for the prevention and treatment of child abuse. We also direct our contributions to projects that improve the hospital's ability to care for patients and their families. Gift recipients include Family and Volunteer Services, Trauma, Speech & Hearing, Research, Music Therapy, Neonatal Intensive Care and many others.

The Development Board members and I are privileged to help advance the life-saving, family-centered care of Nationwide Children's Hospital. We share an unparalleled vision and passion for the children in our community and beyond. It is for these reasons and many more that we have joined this incredible volunteer group. If you share our enthusiasm and drive, please contact [Kris Mazzola](#) to learn more about our events and membership opportunities. We would be honored to have you as part of our team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Fortney', written in a cursive style.

Greg Fortney
2008 Development Board President