



## 2024 Carter Wickwire Philanthropist of the Year, Dr. Kevin Lavery

JACKSON, Michigan, February 2, 2024 - The Jackson Community Foundation's Board of Directors are pleased to announce the 2024 Carter Wickwire Philanthropist of the Year, Dr. Kevin Lavery. The award was established to honor the Carter and Wickwire families, founding donors of the Foundation, and to celebrate like-minded individuals or couples that have made a significant effort to help grow philanthropy in Jackson County.

For over two decades, Dr. Lavery has been a committed volunteer and supporter of JCF and the greater Jackson community. He has served as Trustee, Board Chair and member of several committees including the Finance Committee on which he currently serves. He also established an administrative fund at the Foundation to provide financial support for JCF's administrative expenses.

Dr. Lavery's generosity doesn't end with JCF. He has also served on numerous local non-profit and hospital boards and committees, including over 10 years with the Jackson Area Fitness Council on which he served a term as president. Dr. Lavery and his family established the Lavery Family Foundation with the purpose of making Jackson a brighter place for all. Through the Family Foundation, the Lavery's provide financial support for organizations, striving to make a difference in the lives of everyone in the community. Areas of funding include economic development, education, youth development, arts and culture and animal welfare. Believing that small contributions from many people can make an impact, the Lavery Family Foundation does its part by supporting initiatives such as those addressing homelessness and food insecurity.

Professionally, he is a respected ophthalmology specialist with a dream to make eye exams accessible to low income individuals. His concept for an automated eye exam is patented and provides kiosks in every Walmart in the country.

"Dr. Lavery is a passionate, visionary thinker. His commitment to improving our community is evident not only his volunteerism but also his financial generosity," said Monica Moser, President & CEO. "We have been fortunate to share in his creativity as a leader and supporter of the Foundation for over 20 years. He continues to be an important resource not only on the Finance Committee but as a friend and mentor to our organization."

To learn more about Dr. Lavery or the Carter Wickwire Philanthropy award, go to [jacksoncf.org](http://jacksoncf.org).

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