

**Commitment:** Describe the nominee's above and beyond efforts demonstrating their passion and dedication to the community foundation. Include the nominee's length of service.

Dr. Jerry Booth fell in love with the Jackson community from the moment they moved to Jackson from Albion to start his career as an oral surgeon. When he was asked to serve on the Jackson Community Foundation (JCF) board, he was all in. He understood the impact the Foundation could have and its role in the community. He has demonstrated his commitment repeatedly as evidenced by his continued leadership culminating in 43 years of service with the Jackson Community Foundation! In addition, he and his wife Jackie are members of the Carter Wickwire Society, which means they have made the Foundation a beneficiary in their estate plan. In December 2015, the Jerry and Jackie Booth Family Endowment Fund, a donor advised fund at the Jackson Community Foundation, was founded to support charitable programs and projects in Jackson County.

**Leadership:** Describe the nominee's noteworthy contributions demonstrating their vision, initiative, team building, consensus building and other such examples of leadership. Include reference to the nominee's leadership roles as well - trustee, committee chair, etc. - and how they have modeled excellence in those positions.

Dr. Jerry Booth served as a Trustee of the Jackson Community Foundation from 1/1/1988 through 12/31/1997. During this time, he led the board in many roles including serving on the Fund Development Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Board Development Committee. Ultimately, he served as the Secretary-Treasurer in 1992, then Vice Chair from 1993-1994, and then Chair of the Board of Trustees in 1995-1996. No matter where he had signed up to volunteer, no matter which Committee, he was fully engaged. His involvement continued long after his role as a board member ended. To this day, he is still very involved, serving on both the Finance Committee and the Board Development Committee as an Emeritus Trustee.

**Impact:** Describe how the nominee has made a difference in the community or region. Share specific stories or examples.

Dr. Booth decided to study dentistry on a whim after a dinner discussion with his parents when he was a teenager. They named a slew of careers, and he spontaneously chose dentistry. He graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1961 and completed his surgical training in 1964. He and his family moved to Jackson to settle and become involved in the community. He had a long and successful oral surgery practice and after his retirement, he went on to be a volunteer practitioner for the Center for Family Health, a federally qualified health care center, to provide the addition of an oral surgery component in Dental Services. How great is that for the patients at the Center to receive services from this skilled oral surgeon.

He was instrumental to help start the Martha Pfund Children's Dental Endowment Martha was the attendance supervisor at JPS from 1962 until 1977 and helped solicit donations to provide

dental care for needy students. In her honor and memory, Jerry led the charge to start the fund with the purpose of the fund is to provide support for The Center for Family Health Dental Clinic to address oral health needs of the children of Jackson County.

Aside from this dedication to the Jackson Community Foundation, he finds time to help in our greater Jackson community in other ways. He served on the Henry Ford Allegiance Health Finance Committee and the Jackson Health Network Board of Directors, a doctor-driven organization, governed by primary and specialty physicians with both Allegiance-employed and private practice physicians. He also serves on the Samuel Higby and Margaret H. Camp Fund, an historically significant family named Donor Advised Fund with community members serving to advise local grantmaking.

**Creativity:** Describe the nominee's efforts to lead, strengthen or support innovative ideas through their involvement with one or more community foundations. For example, how has the nominee helped to design creative solutions to complex challenges?

Dr. Booth led the organization during many periods of growth and difficult times for our community. He harnessed his relationships to encourage people to become involved and helped them see the organization for all the things he adored about our work. He can see complex systems and implement complicated solutions to get the work done for the betterment of the community. An example of this is the Jackson Health Network (JHN) a Clinically Integrated Network designed to continuously improve health outcomes of the population served, reduce overall health expenditures, and create efficiencies through enhanced collaboration between health care professionals, the hospital system, physicians, and community leaders. JHN officially formed in 2011 after a year of careful planning by local leaders. Since then, it has evolved into one of the most advanced clinically integrated networks in the Midwest.

JHN is led by physicians and its shared governance structure includes dozens of providers from the community. Network membership cares for nearly the entire population of Jackson County and is growing into adjacent geographies. JHN is highly integrated with data sharing and point of care clinical tools that support performance on clinical programs. The Network earns performance-based incentives through its various payor contracts and distributes these incentives to providers through a methodology that recognizes the provider's performance and impact on attributed lives. JHN is leading the transition to value-based care for the greater Jackson community.

**Collaboration:** Describe how the nominee has supported partnerships through their engagement with the community foundation. How has the nominee helped bring people together and supported cooperation and togetherness?

Dr. Booth has been a lasting leader who is willing to both invite people to the table and accept invitations to sit at tables when invited. During his role on the Board Development committee, he was a vital member who was instrumental in using his relationships to bring many talented

members of our community on board with the Foundation, ultimately leading to their own service as a trustee at the Foundation. As a leader at JCF, he consistently sees the value of working together to envision a new future and implement that vision to fruition in small and large ways. When our new CEO started in 2011, it was following a period of instability in this critical position. Dr. Booth reached out to her and set up regular meetings to serve as a mentor and support system. To this day, they meet frequently, and he listens to her challenges, shares ideas for moving forward and is a cheerleader for her as she navigates the sticky situations that exist in every community. He is willing to be part of difficult conversations when needed, especially when a constituent is unhappy or needs clarification of a critical decision. His strong commitment to JCF continues today in his role as an Emeritus Trustee. He serves as our ambassador, always willing to engage and educate anyone that is unaware of the work of the Foundation and continues to be an important member of our JCF team.