

Lynne S. Dragomier, Community Trustee

Lynne S. Dragomier retired from her professional career as Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing and an executive team member at Mercy Medical Center, Canton, OH (now Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital).

Prior to joining Mercy, she served in corporate communications leadership roles for both the former Maytag Corporation (Newton, IA) and The Hoover Company (North Canton, OH), a division of Maytag

Corporation, for over 27 years. Her positions included Maytag Corp. Senior Director of Corporate Communications and Hoover Company Vice President of Administration. She was the first woman vice president at The Hoover Company. She previously served as Public Relations Director and Communications Manager at Hoover and had worked as an advertising copywriter and newspaper reporter before joining Hoover.

Lynne earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism/Public Relations from Kent State University, Kent, OH. She completed Master of Management coursework at Walsh University, North Canton, OH, and leadership development courses at the Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, CO, and the G.E. Training Institute. She is a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Louisville, OH.

Lynne's current volunteer passions include Co-lead of the Akron-Canton chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America; member of the Board of Directors of Access Health Stark County; Gun Violence Prevention lead of the Stark County Chapter of Pax Christi; member of Interfaith Violence Prevention Coalition of Stark County; Steering Committee member of Age-Friendly Stark County; Canton YWCA Homeless Services Home Essentials Outreach project volunteer; Meals on Wheels of Stark County volunteer.

She is a proud founding member and former board member of Women's Impact Inc. of Stark County.

A long-time community volunteer, Lynne served on the Board of Trustees of Kent State University (1997-2005) including two years as board chair; Board of Directors of the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (2005-2020); Board of Directors of Stark Community Foundation (1995-2004); Board of Directors of Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton (20062016). She is a graduate of the inaugural class of Leadership Canton (now Leadership Stark County).

She also previously served on the inaugural board of the First Ladies Library, Canton, on the leadership team of the Kent State University Centennial Commission, on the boards of Goodwill Industries of Canton and Canton Region Better Business Bureau, on campaigns for the Canton Cultural Center for the Arts and Arts in Stark, and committees of United Way of Greater Stark County and Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Lynne resides in North Canton and is a member of Christ the Servant Catholic Church. She loves to travel and treasures her time with her two grown sons, daughter-in-law, and two grandsons. Her husband of 41 years, Michael L. Dragomier, died in 2014.

She says "There is so much more to discover, to learn, to love, and to make better in our world. My vision for this chapter of life is to be a peacemaker in ways that can ripple out for the greater good." A longtime mantra has been "Empowered women empower women." A favorite quote is from late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: "Women belong in all places where decisions are being made."