

TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Greg Kimberling has served on the Gritman Medical Center Board of Directors for 16 years, most recently as Chair of the Board until his retirement in May of 2019. "Over a quarter of my life has been spent in this board room and hospital," he says. His father was delivered by Dr. Charles Gritman and his mother was a registered nurse and leader at Gritman Medical Center from 1952 until her retirement in 1992. His roots in Gritman run deep.

Through the years, Greg has shown his dedication to the hospital and community by making sacrifices in his life to stand true to what he believed to be the right thing to do. This commitment was felt by all: his fellow board members and administration to front line staff, physicians and patients.

Greg encountered many difficult situations in his time on the Board and faced these situations with integrity and excellence. When the Board felt that they needed a different direction, they turned to Greg for his resilience and leadership. Greg is the kind of teammate that a team is lucky to have.

Greg is no stranger to service to others. Whether through his business, his involvement in De Molay, his care for his family, and the numerous other individuals and organizations that he supports, Greg's generosity is widely known. Greg is always identifying ways to enrich the lives of those around him and the community that he calls home.

When Greg began his role as Board Chair, one of the first things the Board wanted to focus on was working with hospital leadership and staff in repairing and strengthening the relationship with the medical staff and community leaders. He spent countless hours with CEO, Kara Besst, meeting with and focusing on Gritman's patients, physicians and employees.

Due in large part to his dedication, his professional approach, and the commitment he had to providing extraordinary care to the community, the hospital recently integrated their largest primary care group in to the Gritman family along with adding pulmonology, oncology, and neurology services, and was recently recognized as a 5-Star Hospital in Patient Satisfaction.

Greg's genuine compassion for those around him — his colleagues, friends, family, and community — has set the hospital up for continued success in living out their mission to serve others and to provide extraordinary healthcare to the community with compassion, integrity, collaboration, respect, accountability, and excellence — The Gritman Way.