



BOARD PROFILE

Linda Holmes

Member since 2016 representing Butler County. She serves as co-chair of the board's Program Planning committee.

What interested you in serving on Council on Aging's Board of Trustees?

My love of older adults inspired me to join COA's board.

Looking ahead, what do you see as the biggest challenge(s) facing Council on Aging and older adults in our community?

The aging population is growing rapidly, and funding will always be a challenge. There is not enough funding to keep up with the growing demand for services.

What excites you most about COA's future and how do you see yourself contributing to it?

COA is always offering new programs to help meet the needs of older adults in our community. The senior farmer's market program is one example.

Thinking about your time on COA's board, what COA moment are you most proud of?

I am proud of COA's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. COA recognized early the impact the pandemic could have on older adults and also the provider network that serves them. Their pre-emptive planning and response helped manage a very difficult situation.



Which COA value speaks most to you? Why?

Innovation. COA is adept at developing innovative solutions to problems facing the aging services network. And, importantly, COA recognizes that it cannot survive without innovation.

What's the most important lesson you learned from an older adult in your life?

I've learned so much from the older people in my life. They have wonderful wisdom to offer, gleaned from a lifetime of experience.

Tell us about one of your role models or someone/thing that inspires you.

My father. He showed great kindness to everyone he met.

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