



## 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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