

Stars

Among Us

Business Volunteer Award recipients are dedicated to strengthening community through service

Some people are born to lead. Others lead by example. For many people in the business community, the simple act of giving back is a benchmark of their leadership roles.

In recognition of those who encourage and instill the spirit of volunteerism into their business philosophy, the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the Business Volunteer Awards, a program dedicated to acknowledging business leaders who go above and beyond. Each year, five Chamber members are honored for their leadership, community stewardship and active contributions to the success of the Chamber. Get a glimpse into who they are and learn about the causes that are important to them.

Whether it's their instinctive calling or motivation inspired by the benevolent acts of others, this year's recipients share one thing in common: the drive and dedication to improve the lives of others and create a stronger community.

LEGACY AWARD*

Tom Sadvary

President and CEO, Scottsdale Healthcare



HOMETOWN: Pittsburgh

PROFESSION: Healthcare executive

REAL LIFE HEROES: My grandfather. He came to this country at the age of 18 and went on to run a "mom-and-pop" store and raise four kids. A great businessman with strong faith and a sense of humor, he had a major impact on my life.

LAST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Providing leadership to strengthen Scottsdale Healthcare's quality of care, patient and employee satisfaction, as well as improve our overall economic performance despite a difficult economic environment.

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT: Successfully balancing a challenging career with a strong family life. I have a very strong relationship with my wife of almost 32 years and two great children, Chris, 25, and Rachel, 22.

WHY I DO WHAT I DO: I enjoy making an impact on patients' health by providing an environment for physicians, nurses and staff members to give excellent care. I am energized by these people because of their commitment to our patients and organization.

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Attention is the currency of leadership." - Don Berwick, MD, Institute for Healthcare Improvement

MOTTO I LIVE BY: Make the most of each day.

**The Legacy Award honors a Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce member who has risen above the call of duty over a significant number of years, contributing not only to the Chamber, but also to the community at large.*

TOM'S CAUSE

Rotary Club of Scottsdale

A member since 1991, Tom has been active in Rotary, a worldwide organization made up of business professionals that focuses on four areas: club, community, vocational and international service. The Scottsdale Rotary has more than 40 committees that serve these areas of service, ranging from Computers for Kids to the Salvation Army.

"The Rotary is important to me because, at the local level, it is an organization that provides fellowship for leaders in our area, as well as financial assistance for local high school students and more," says Tom, who served as the Scottsdale Rotary's president in 2005. "At the international level, the Rotary has helped eradicate polio throughout the world."

Tom is also dedicated to the work of Scottsdale Healthcare, where he has been for 23 years.

"As a nonprofit healthcare system, we provide a substantial amount of resources and investment in the community we've served since 1962," he says.