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Why did you join the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan's (CFOS) Board of Directors?

I have served on various not for profit boards over many years, and just concluded a 19 year stint at Horton Hospital/Orange Regional Medical Center, including serving on the ORMC Foundation board during the capital campaign to build the new hospital, which meets critical healthcare needs in this part of the Hudson Valley. The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan similarly meets needs in the community, though on a much broader basis, by facilitating individual philanthropy. I've known many of the CFOS board members, some for nearly 40 years, and wanted to help CFOS continue and expand those philanthropic efforts, whatever they may be.

What do you enjoy doing when you aren't working or volunteering?

After those two commitments, and family, there doesn't seem to be much time left, but I love to read (and write). I have walls full of books. In no particular order, I read biographies, history, theology, and finance. Other than a Tom Clancy binge a couple decades ago, I don't spend a lot of time reading fiction.

What is one quote that you try to live by?

From Matthew's gospel, "*Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: Love others as well as you love yourself.*" I believe integrity and ethics come from the former, community and philanthropy come from the latter.

What are your favorite worthy charitable causes?

First, my first job in high school (other than paper routes) was working for World Vision International, preparing 55 gallon drums of food and clothing to be shipped out of the Port of Newark to their sponsored orphanages. The organization started as an outreach to help post World War 2 orphans in Asia and has now expanded to one of the largest international relief organizations, responding to all types of crisis throughout the world.

Second, is the Deacon's Fund at my church, the monies from which are used in the community to meet urgent unmet needs of individuals and families.

What is one thing that people don't know about you?

Many years and pounds ago I would take my girls on wilderness canoe trips in the Ontario Algonquin Park. For two weeks we would have nothing but our back packs and canoes.

What are two things that make you the happiest?

My wife of 42 years, Robin, and my 17 grandchildren.