

STEPHANIE ACRI, MAYOR

Board Member since 2017

Long before Moline Mayor Stephanie Acri was an elected official, she was (and is) a mechanical engineer and business owner. When she bought Evans Premium Manufacturing in 2004 she describes an awakening of sorts. “I realized the health of my employees impacted everything—their attendance, their ability to provide for their families...I truly realized the importance of a healthy community,” says Acri. The realization grew into an engaged passion of doing what she could to make her company, her city, and the community more healthy and strong. She joined the local Rotary Club, then became an active member on one of our health system boards. Soon she was elected as an Alderman-at-Large and eventually Mayor. “My world became bigger as a business owner,” Acri remembers. As an elected leader, she says, it multiplied. “I not only cared about the livelihood of others, but it became my *responsibility*. How could I help make sure they could maintain a job, find good housing, etc.?” These priorities (often considered social determinants of health) aligned well with Quad City Health Initiative’s core values (one of which acknowledges our individual and collective responsibility to meet the community’s health challenges). “The QCHI Board is full of leaders and influencers,” says Acri. “It provides the opportunity to truly collaborate and impact our community.” And in her various roles Acri says it has become even clearer how important an organization like QCHI is. “The collective help [and health] of the community directly impacts many individuals who have health struggles. It’s all our responsibility.”

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