

The DeHaven Family

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“Our family believes in giving back to the community, and we make an effort to volunteer as a family,” says Michael DeHaven. His wife, Kimberly, continues, “We try to lead by example and have raised our children with a social conscience at home and as active members of Sts. Simon & Jude Parish.”

The couple raised three sons—Chris, Colin, Regan—in Glen Mills, where along with work, school and family responsibilities, each rolls up their sleeves to strengthen our community.

Active in high school volunteer clubs, youngest son Regan says, “I like helping people. When friends get together to help, a lot gets done.” Middle son Colin, his fraternity’s Head of Philanthropy at Penn State, organizes blood drives, fundraisers for animal shelters and pantry collections for the student food bank. Colin explains, “We’ve always loved volunteer work. We grew up in an environment where it’s normal to give.”

And oldest son Chris, a biology and business major at the University of Pittsburgh, is busy as president of Pitt’s Student Health Advisory Board, volunteering at a free clinic and Allegheny General, providing emotional support and more.

As for Kim, after completing the Leadership Chester County program, Kim says “This program is a terrific way to deepen understanding of community priorities. We learned a great deal about non-profit issues, and what we can do as volunteers and board leaders to create an even more vibrant and inclusive community.” The Leadership program inspired Kim to volunteer at Home of the Sparrow, to help women secure housing, achieve long-term stability and chart new paths for their futures.

Another group with which the couple feels a strong connection is Handi-Crafters, a non-profit providing meaningful employment for differently-abled individuals. Mike explains, “At Handi-Crafters, people overcome workplace barriers and gain financial independence. An immense feeling of happiness and acceptance is so apparent in the Handi-Crafters’ workshop.”

Mike is a shareholder with accounting firm Rainer & Co., known for its outstanding professional service as well as its community service. He’s Chair Emeritus of the Chester County Chamber of Busi-

ness & Industry and a board member of the Chester County Economic Development Council, Mental Health Partnerships, and West Chester University’s Corporate Advisory Board.

In 2017, Mike received Chester County Community Foundation’s Door Opener Award for initiating legacy philanthropy conversations with friends and colleagues. Later this year, Mike will

become the Community Foundation’s Board Chair, with hopes of connecting diverse business people who care with legacy causes that matter.

“Community engagement is vitally important to me, my family and my business. We all have a vested interest in the success of our community and firmly believe in the importance of giving back,” says Mike.



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