

HTNYS Trustee Leadership and Advocacy Award

Congratulations to the 2017 Award Recipient

William K. Buscaglia, Jr

Catholic Health, Buffalo, NY

Bill has served Catholic Health since 2010 through various board leadership roles. He is currently Board Chair, a role he generously stepped up to assume without hesitation in 2015 following the unexpected death of the board chair, while maintaining all of his other board responsibilities and positions.

Under Bill's board leadership, Catholic Health continues to increase its charity care and community benefit contributions each year to ensure access to quality care, especially for those who are at-risk and underserved. As a steady and guiding presence, Bill has helped to lead Catholic Health through important growth and collaborative opportunities as well as major capital projects that will improve healthcare in the community for years to come.

In 2015, Bill was involved in key governance decisions as Catholic Health completed the merger with Mount St. Mary's Hospital. Bill also provided leadership for an unprecedented collaboration in 2016 when Catholic Health, Niagara Falls Memorial

Medical Center, Kaleida Health, and Erie County Medical Center partnered to bring a new joint cardiac catheterization lab to Niagara County. Through Bill's advocacy, guidance, and support, Catholic Health sought and received state approval to expand the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sisters Hospital to meet a growing demand for services.

Bill brings a keen intellect, steadfast commitment, and compassion to his role. He is highly-regarded for his ability to ask the right questions, look at challenges and opportunities from every perspective, and he inspires others to think critically. In addition to his hospital board role, Bill helps strengthen his community through his present and past volunteer work and board leadership with several organizations including the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Canisius High School, and the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo.