

Our Board – Jamie Carracher, President 2025

Jamie Carracher's story is one of deep-rooted appreciation for nature, a winding career path, and a love for community. Growing up in Cuyahoga Falls, right next to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, he spent his youth running its trails and later realized just how special that was when he moved elsewhere. *"When I moved to other places, Jamie said, I really appreciated the amenities we had growing up, which other people don't have."*

Jamie pursued journalism at Kent State, landing internships in Cleveland and New York before working for newspapers in Michigan. His career then took a turn into public relations, leading him to Cleveland and eventually to Washington, D.C., where he met his wife, Sara. After 11 years in D.C., they reevaluated where they wanted to live, and after some thoughtful research (and a detailed spreadsheet), Cleveland won out—largely for its proximity to family and natural beauty.

Settling in Gates Mills felt like a dream. *"I think that the natural beauty was the linchpin, you really can't get any better than that"*, Jamie said. The trees, the walkable village, and the nearby Metroparks sealed the deal. Jaime, an avid fly fisher, loves being just minutes from the Chagrin River, home to a thriving steelhead run and Ohio's only native brook trout population—tiny, rare, and deeply special to him.

Today, Jamie leads marketing communications for Ovatient, a telehealth startup created by MetroHealth, while Sarah works in molecular diagnostics marketing. If you spot them walking through town with their cute wire-haired terrier, Penny, don't hesitate to say hello!