

## RON BOESCH, DC

*Board Member since 2018*

Legacy. It can mean different things to different people, but for Ron Boesch it most certainly involves his dad and passing on the importance of caring for those around you. “He was very civic-minded,” remembers Boesch, fondly. Clarence Boesch, who recently passed at age 91, enlisted in the Air Force straight out of high school. He served in the Korean Conflict, then went on to join and retire from the Army Reserve, became a Postal Worker, was a 24-year member of his local school board, and served 16 years with his local county board of supervisors. And that sense of service was instilled, early on, in his 6 children. “We were taught to make sure the community where we live and work is well cared for,” says Boesch. That core value helped shape Boesch’s path into healthcare (he became a Chiropractor and is Executive Dean of Clinics at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport). It has also shaped what Boesch gets involved with on a volunteer basis. He says becoming a Quad City Health Initiative (QCHI) Board Member made sense because it all aligns. “I look at QCHI as not just about health care. It’s about the whole person.” For example, he notes both QCHI’s Community Health Assessment work *and* its oversight and promotion of [QCTrails.org](http://QCTrails.org). “What does health really entail? It’s mental health, physical health, one’s spiritual life, and your home life,” emphasized Boesch. And he sees QCHI as an important tool in helping all in the community see the links between social determinants and one’s health. Boesch is proud to say his father’s legacy of civic-mindedness has become important to the next generation, as well. His own children serve their communities in various ways—from teaching and accounting, to strong connections with ministry and the military. That gives him extra inspiration, Boesch says, to contribute to QCHI’s *similar* legacy—of creating a healthy community for all.



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