

## **Welcome to the Waconia Area Chamber of Commerce!**

As the Board Chair for 2023, I am excited to be a leader and business representative of the Waconia Area Chamber of Commerce ("Waconia Chamber"). I have been blessed to be a part of this growing and thriving business community since 1998 and have witnessed first-hand what makes our business community so unique and special. We as a group of business leaders are an innovative and collaborative group striving towards the same goal; we work together to continuously improve our quality of life and prosperity through our community.

Being a part of the Waconia Chamber is an experience unlike any other chamber of commerce. We collectively tackle economic issues and are not afraid of addressing matters that may create conflict. We work to resolve conflict in a productive fashion and pride ourselves on our collective successes. I am confident that our Waconia Chamber will strive in 2023 to further promote our mission statement which is as follows: "to promote a positive environment and to enhance the quality of life in the community."

We look forward to connecting with you all in 2023 through upcoming community events and fostering our workforce and economic development through government relations and advocacy work via the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. We encourage you to be as involved as you wish to be not only in our local community events, but also in the advocacy work that we do at the state and federal levels.

We pride ourselves on being Destination Waconia and will continue to showcase the Waconia area as a destination to live, work, and play. Our Waconia Chamber is 61 years old and has responded throughout the decades to the ever-changing needs of the business community. We will continue to do so in 2023 and look forward to working for and with you!

Wishing you much personal and business success and prosperity in 2023.

Warm regards,  
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