



THE GATHERING PLACE NAMES MIKE TOTH, PRESIDENT OF WESTFIELD BANK, AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLEVELAND, OH (Tuesday, July 13, 2021) – The Gathering Place, Northeast Ohio's most respected cancer support center, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Toth as Chair of the Board of Directors.

"Our Board of Directors is comprised of a dedicated team of community leaders who bring a wealth of experience and guidance which drives our impact throughout Northeast Ohio," said Michele Seyranian, CEO of The Gathering Place. "We are honored that Mike Toth has accepted the baton from our former Board Chair, David Ostro, Vice President Treasurer at Parker Hannifin. David was an extraordinary leader for four years and set a wonderful foundation for his successor."

As President at Westfield Bank, Toth leads the revenue-producing and administrative business units. Since joining Westfield Bank in 2017, Toth has been keenly focused on enhancing the client experience and has been instrumental in building and evolving Westfield Bank's capabilities and processes.

A long-term board member, Toth has served The Gathering Place and its participants since 2013 in a variety of roles within the board including the Finance & Investment Committee (2013-2014), Executive Committee (2014-2021) and Administrative Committee as Chair (2014-2018, 2019-2020).

"For more than 20 years, the staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and other stakeholders of The Gathering Place have remained resolute in their commitment to provide compassionate support and programming, all free of charge, to those who have been touched by cancer," said Toth. "I'm honored to continue TGP's impactful legacy in our community by influencing and guiding the organization on its mission as Chair of the Board. Together, we can help community members bravely cope with the emotional and spiritual scars stemming from a cancer diagnosis."

"Mike's talent, expertise and energy will continue to expand our mission to serve our participants. I am thrilled to have him at the helm," added Seyranian.

Supporting Toth as Chair of The Gathering Place are Officers, Harvey Sass (Community Representative), re-elected Vice Chair, newly elected Treasurer, Elizabeth Cross (Alex N. Sill Company) and re-elected Secretary, Karen Steiger (Community Representative).

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About The Gathering Place

The Gathering Place's mission is to provide a caring community that supports, educates and empowers individuals and families currently coping with the impact of cancer through programs and services provided free of charge. Located in Cleveland, OH, The Gathering Place reaches individuals wherever they are on their cancer journey with services designed to complement traditional cancer care by addressing the mind, body and spirit through weekly and monthly support groups, educational lectures, healthy lifestyle classes and other events. Since its inception in 2000, the organization has helped more than 47,000 individuals coping with cancer through more than 371,000 visits. The Gathering Place is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization funded by the generous donations from individuals, businesses, foundations and special events. Visit touchedbycancer.org for more information or to make a donation. Like The Gathering Place on Facebook and follow The Gathering Place on Instagram and Twitter.