

EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD



MICHAEL BARBER AND JACKIE HERD-BARBER

Michael Barber and Jackie Herd-Barber are the 2023 Excellence in Philanthrophy Award honorees. Collectively, their generous giving of time, talent, and treasure supports and enriches many Milwaukee organizations.

Michael and Jackie both graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering and enjoyed successful careers before retirement. Michael retired in 2022 as a Corporate Officer at GE, after serving stints as Chief Diversity Officer, and president and CEO of its Molecular Imaging and Computed Tomography business. Jackie worked for 25-years in sales at Motorola partnering with global manufacturers in the automotive, healthcare, military, telecom, factory automation, and avionics sectors.

Jackie and Michael have dedicated themselves to improving the community. Jackie serves on several boards and is immediate past board chair of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. She is past chair of several boards including the Marcus Performing Arts Center, Milwaukee Rep, and Rotary Club of Milwaukee. She is a current board member of the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation, Milwaukee Succeeds, MSOE Corporate Board, WellPoint Care Network, Black Arts MKE, and Black Arts Fest MKE. She is also a past president of GMUL and has held every office except treasurer. Michael serves as a regent at Milwaukee School of Engineering, a Director on the Boards of Catalent, Inc, and the Green Bay Packers Football Club.

Organizations benefitting from their support include Milwaukee School of Engineering, Medical College of Wisconsin, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Rotary Club, Greater Milwaukee Urban League, Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy, and United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County.