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Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation

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Characteristics of an Ideal Board

The ideal Foundation Board would include wise and respected members from a wide variety of personal and professional backgrounds who:

- Believe in the mission of the Foundation
- Diligently pursue the mission of the Foundation
- Make the Foundation and Abbott Northwestern Hospital a personal philanthropic priority
- Hold diverse perspectives and viewpoints
- Appreciate or are willing to learn the complexities of health care
- Work collaboratively
- Passionately debate the Foundation's strategic direction
- Thoughtfully deliberate on the Foundation's policies and procedures

Characteristics to Evaluate when Assessing a Prospective Board Member

Required	Desirable Characteristics
Attend at least 70% of the Board's meetings over a two-year period	Add to the generational mix
Attract other desirable community leaders to the Board	Unique perspective
Extend the Foundation's influence in his/her community	History of service
Exert his/her personal and professional influence on behalf of the Foundation	Special skills needed on the Board
Increase the Foundation's fundraising capabilities	Meaningful connection to the community we serve
Help the Foundation pursue its strategies	Leadership potential
Strongly identify with one or more of the three tenets of the Foundation's mission*	Work for an identified corporate prospect/partner Ethnic/racial diversity <i>COMMUNITY LEVERAGE</i>

* "The Foundation shall raise, steward, and disburse funds for the benefit of Abbott Northwestern Hospital and the communities it serves."