



DEBBIE FREECE

Executive Director, Mid-Ohio District Nurses Association

Debbie Freece cannot recall a time when she did not want to be a nurse. It makes sense; her aunt and sister are nurses.

Growing up in Grove City, Debbie enjoyed a close relationship with her grandmother. This relationship led her to work in a long-term care facility upon graduation. Within six weeks, she was offered the position of director of nursing. During her time as director, Debbie developed her professional skills, prompting her to obtain a Master's of Science in Nursing. Appreciative of the opportunities she had received, Debbie determined she would devote herself to giving back to the profession.

After giving birth to her son, she decided to work part time and secured a position with the Mid-Ohio District Nurses Association. Founded in 1925, the Mid-Ohio District Nurses Association is an advocacy group for the nursing profession.

Debbie, as Executive Director for the Mid-Ohio District, ensures the 2,500 registered members receive access to education and resources. Her job is to advocate for the profession and to contribute to health care matters today. She takes care of the professional issues of nurses, so they can focus on great patient care.

Her success grows from her life of serving others. In addition to teaching at local universities, she contributes to the community through a wide range of activities including Special Olympics and Meals on Wheels, where one Friday each month she joins her 85-year-old mother in delivering meals.

Debbie enjoys family time and quilting. She's also an ardent Columbus Blue Jackets fan.

Her commitment to others comes through in her monthly gathering with a few close friends for the past 34 years. These friends including the nursing community are her cheerleaders and inspiration. Debbie's devotion to people extends from this base of friends and family to make a difference in the health care received in Central Ohio.