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Chad Jester is vice president of Corporate Citizenship, and president of the Nationwide Foundation. He was elected to this position in August 2004. In his current role, Chad leads Nationwide's national corporate citizenship, including the company's philanthropic, volunteer and workplace giving initiatives and programs.

Nationwide's citizenship is central to the company's heritage, culture and values. The Nationwide Foundation has a long history of philanthropy since its creation in 1959, contributing more than \$200 million since 2000. The largest gift made to date by the Nationwide Foundation was to Columbus Children's Hospital in the amount of \$50 million. The hospital was renamed Nationwide Children's Hospital in honor of this philanthropic gift.

Nationwide associates have been active in community involvement through their personal giving and community involvement since the company's founding in 1926. Nationwide and its associates have again been recognized for this work by United Way of America with its highest honor, the Spirit of America Award®. Nationwide is only the third company to receive the award twice.

Chad joined Nationwide in 1992 and has previously served in the positions of Public Affairs Officer and Director of Community Relations. Prior to joining Nationwide, Chad was in public service with the City of Columbus serving on the staffs of the Mayor of Columbus and Columbus City Council.

Chad is actively involved with numerous business, civic, nonprofit and government organizations. These include serving on the boards of the Columbus City Schools' Education Foundation; Columbus Zoo and Aquarium; Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence; Community Shelter Board; Experience Columbus; KidsOhio.org; the Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation; and the Ohio Grantmakers Forum.

Additionally, he is currently serving as co-chair of the Mid-Ohio FoodBank Capital Campaign Committee.

Chad earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Chad, his wife Debbie and their two sons reside in Columbus.

Nationwide, based in Columbus, Ohio, is one of the largest diversified insurance and financial services organizations in the world, with more than \$160 billion in assets. Nationwide ranks #104 on the *Fortune 500* list.