



**LAURIE THOMAS**  
*Vice President of Strategic Development  
for Consonus Healthcare*

For Laurie Thomas, the arc of a 30-year career in the health care profession began on a Nebraska farm with lessons she learned from her father, who taught her to always do the right thing whether someone is watching or not. That enduring set of values has guided her first as a physical therapist, then in senior leadership roles at several large publicly-traded companies, and now at Consonus Healthcare.

In her role as Vice-President of Strategic Development, Laurie's job is to create value by developing strategic partnerships and creating future-focused services for a post-acute care profession in significant transition. She believes Vital Life takes the Consonus mission to help seniors live "the best rest of their lives" to the next level. "It's the foundation of the organization, and gives spirit and love to our everyday actions and choices," she says.

Whether providing direct patient therapy, guiding teams through cultural change or leading organizations through operational turnarounds, she's remained passionate about the geriatric population and helping seniors live full and vibrant lives. Besides serving on the Vital Life board, she's a frequent event volunteer, and is especially passionate about the partnership between the Foundation and Wish of a Lifetime. She also supports the Prostate Cancer Foundation, American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association and Women Helping Women.

Laurie holds a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy degree from the University of Nebraska, where she played volleyball. Outside of work, she loves all sports, and as a Cornhusker, remains an avid fan.



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