

CHRIS FOGG Director

As the fifth generation of a pioneering Oregon senior care family, it's hard to pinpoint exactly when Chris Fogg developed his own personal desire to serve seniors. His first childhood dream was to be a basketball player, then an astronaut, but he says those dreams were thwarted by height limitations and an intense dislike of chemistry class.

Chris graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and Leadership, and now serves as an accountant at Marquis Companies. "I love numbers," he says. "That's the nerdy part of me." He genuinely enjoys poring over a reconciliation and finding the error, or evaluating what the numbers say about the health of an organization or what a senior care facility could do to improve.

Much of his work with Vital Life has been with the Ronald McDonald House, where he has served on the Friends of the House board, and is currently a member of the Statewide Governing Board. Now that he has kids of his own, he and his wife, Danielle, have an even deeper appreciation for the fears faced by families with seriously ill children, and the difference the organization makes.

He feels his most important role as a Vital Life Board member is to be an advocate for its partner charities and programs. The creation of intergenerational activities that bring seniors and children together is a cause he energetically champions, and being part of the Foundation's Spirit of '45 celebration at Aurora Airport is an annual family highlight.

Looking to the future with Vital Life, he envisions even more growth and impact, meeting needs not currently being met. "Having links to all these wonderful organizations is very important," he believes. "We get an understanding of what they're doing and ensure it meets the Foundation's philosophy and mission."

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