



Roberta Leonard has spent many years improving the quality of life for those around her. As a Vice-President at Thiel College, she is responsible for securing the funding needed to maintain all of the programs that are offered by the college. Each student is responsible for their tuition but it takes far more than that to provide the quality education that students receive. She believes that a college degree can change the lives of people and is thankful she lives in a community that values people and causes that matter. Roberta, a graduate of Greenville High School in 1987 and the University of Pittsburgh in 1991 has always been involved in service to the public.

Roberta is known as a person who puts people first. She invests in them and thus is able to bring about lasting change for the good. This investment is seen in the many nieces and nephews in her family who she supports and encourages. These young people see daily the generosity and guidance that she offers. This generosity and guidance is also demonstrated through the many organizations and projects that she helps to direct. Some of these include serving on a multitude of boards over many years. Presently she serves on the Greenville Economic Development Committee, Greenville Redevelopment Authority, and The Northern Mercer County Foundation. She serves as President of Greenville Rotary. In the past, she was President of Greenville Chamber of Commerce Board, was part of a committee to restore the Mercer County Courthouse, was most proud to be involved with the Weed and Seed Project for Sharon and Farrell as well as the Daylight/Nightlight project with the Mercer County Police Departments and Children and Youth.

A member of St Michael's Catholic Church, Roberta served on the Catholic Foundation of Erie Diocese. In all of these organizations, Roberta has been able to secure needed funds through local and state grants and has been successful in raising over one hundred million dollars for causes in Mercer County.

While Roberta is a leader in so many initiatives, she is also a team player. She views as her greatest accomplishments those where she partnered with friends and neighbors to meet goals that benefit her town. One of the most gratifying roles was the one that she played on the leadership team for Relay For Life that brought the community together to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

Thiel College has honored Roberta for her service and achievements noting that teamwork has been the motivation behind her good works. Those who have had the good fortune to be on her team will avow that Roberta's ability to cut through the red tape and get to the core of the problem is one of her defining strengths. We all need Roberta Leonard on our team.

Roberta was raised with five siblings who she credits for much of her success.