



THE Michael James Cotton FOUNDATION

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Welcome to the first newsletter for the foundation. In this issue, we are very excited to introduce you to our board members and to provide you with updates on how the foundation is progressing. We will also share some of our future plans for the foundation as well. If you have not already had a chance to check out the foundation website, here is the link: <https://themjcfoundation.org/> The website is up and running but we are still working on making it better all the time. We hope you enjoy this first issue!

Introducing...The Michael James Cotton Foundation Board Members



Casey Cotton, Board President

Casey spent over 25 years working as a Senior Manager/Director for some of the largest global companies, and is a former NCAA collegiate athlete. Casey learned early the value of *team* and surrounding himself with smart, likeminded people that are focused on raising the bar in every aspect of their lives. After his corporate career, Casey was hired as High School Faith Formation Director at Emmaus Catholic Parish in Lakeway, Texas. He has been involved in youth ministry, coaching youth sports, FFA/4H, and has held several board positions since the 1990's. Service has always been Casey's "ministry". He is a devoted husband of 27 years, and a proud father. When not working to serve his community, Casey spends his free time in his wood shop, caring for the family horses and tinkering with his classic cars.

Beth Cotton, Board Treasurer



Beth has over 35 years' experience in the Clinical Research Industry, and most recently as a Global Project Director. She has managed several multi-million-dollar projects across the US, Europe and Asia Pacific delivering outstanding results on time and under budget. Beth was instrumental in establishing the high school youth program in 1999 at Emmaus Catholic Parish in Lakeway, Texas. While raising her two children, you could often find her volunteering at the school, or taking on leadership positions with her children's sport teams, clubs and activities. Originally from Upstate New York, Beth came to Texas to attend St. Edwards University and has lived in the Austin area since 1987. Beth's happy place is in the garden, with her horse, Blizzard, the family pets and her porch swing.



Valerie Cary, Board Secretary

Valerie has over 35 years of experience in the office administration field – most of which providing C-suite executive assistant support for a fast-paced large multinational tech company. Community service has always been a passion of hers. She served as Dell Technologies' liaison to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) for over 10 years. Valerie has volunteered for numerous 501c3 organizations and is active in her faith-based ministry, in the past having served as board secretary followed by board chairman. Currently, she serves as a prayer chaplain and is working towards a licensed teacher certification. She has training in conflict management and is passionate about supporting and connecting others to accomplish their dreams. She loves gardening, being outdoors and spending time with her husband and fur-babies.