



## **The Power of Passion: Our Gratitude to Jane Doty**

At Capital Area Michigan Works!, the passion of those in our community is something we witness every day. When we arrive to work each morning, we look around and see businesses, job seekers and fellow CAMW! team members who are dedicated to making a positive change in their careers, workplaces, communities, families and personal lives. They are dedicated, hard-working and committed, and their passion has allowed us to conquer adversities, reach new milestones and persevere as we continue to move forward in our fight to enhance workforce development.

No one embodies this passion better than Jane Doty. It only seems fitting we recognize her this Women's History Month.



Jane has been a committed supporter of the Michigan Works! system and an advocate for the Lansing region's workforce throughout her life. She and her family have been pillars in the community since the 1960s, fueling the economy and helping make Lansing what it is today. Her family opened the first Burger King in Lansing in 1965. By 1990, Jane and her sisters were managing the day-to-day operations of the business, and they bought H&H Restaurants, Inc. from their parents, where Jane was appointed president of the company. Jane and her sisters sold the operations of the six restaurants in 1996 and H&H Restaurants became landlords.

Jane Doty is recognized by CAMW! CEO, Carrie Rosingana, on Jane's last day as board chair.

During that time, Jane served on the Eaton County Community Corrections Board, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Board, and she became a member of what was then called the Private Industry Council. In 1997, Jane and her husband, Chuck, opened a construction company, a real estate company and a real estate development company.



They built and sold homes, commercial buildings and churches in the Lansing area, Alabama and Arizona.

Jane began as the Capital Area Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board chair in 1998. The Workforce Development Board serves as one of the governing bodies of CAMW!, and help our leadership make key decisions about the direction of the organization. Board members have the best interest of CAMW! at heart, and make decisions that will best support employees, customers, shareholders and other key stakeholders. Jane is no exception. With her oversight, the board has successfully assisted in investing millions of dollars into our region, solidified partnerships with representatives across the state, influenced legislation regarding the workforce system, and connected countless employers and jobseekers to meaningful careers and educational opportunities.

To honor her work with CAMW!, Jane received the Leonard Peters Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. This award was established to recognize those who have given a lifetime of outstanding service to CAMW!

In 2017, Jane received the Volunteer of the Year award at the Michigan Works! Association Annual Conference for her commitment to developing a pipeline of skilled and competent talent in the Lansing workforce. She was also named a CAMW! Workforce Champion in 2022 to honor her dedication to our region's employers and career seekers. Jane's efforts have helped guide CAMW! in becoming a leader in Michigan's workforce development sector. Without her commitment and support, CAMW! would not be the organization it is today.



Jane Doty receives the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Michigan Works! Association Annual Conference in 2017.



After 24 years of dedication to the Michigan Works! system, Jane retired this past December from her position as the Workforce Development Board Chair. Her impact has been substantial and her invaluable leadership will be felt for decades to come. She has not only been an asset to the CAMW! system, but to our region as a whole. While Jane may no longer be our chair, she will always and forever be an honorary CAMW! board member in our hearts.

Jane, from the team at CAMW!, we love you, and you inspire us as a woman making history every day. Thank you for all you have done to support so many female leaders, business owners and job seekers in our region. Your mentorship and friendship has improved us all and will continue to guide us forward. Thank you for showing us the impact of one woman's passionate spirit and inspiring us to pursue this important and impactful work this Women's History Month.