



2017 Community Leader Public Relations Award



Michael Hughes

Mike is the Senior Vice President of Public Affairs & Marketing for Kaleida Health, where he brings messages of the benefits of healthy living and of Kaleida's important role in our region to all communities. As the area's largest employer and health provider, Kaleida has a tremendous responsibility to the people of WNY, and Mike uses his spirit of inclusion and respect to help frame his work.

A graduate of Leadership Buffalo, he is past director of communications for Erie County. He knows the needs, the differences, and the strengths of the WNY populace. As Public Affairs and Marketing Manager for Rural/Metro Ambulance, he served as public information officer for their nationally recognized Disaster Response Team. He loves this region and its people, and for him PR is about how government and public entities should best serve the needs of the people.

In 2008 Mike was appointed to the board of the NFTA, becoming the youngest Commissioner in the history of the authority. He currently serves on the City of Buffalo Ambulance Board and the Board of Directors for Buffalo Place. He is on the Boards of the Buffalo Police Athletic League, Mercy Flight, and the West Seneca Zoning Board of Appeals.

For his commitment to the health and wellbeing of all WNY'ers, the NFJC is proud to present Michael P. Hughes with the 2017 Community Leader Award in Public Relations.



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