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**Carbon County Chamber**

Letter from the Chamber

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The Carbon Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's (CCEDC) mission is "to improve the economic climate and quality of life in Carbon County by providing services, information and advocacy for our members and the community."

Looking back, CCEDC board members along with the CCEDC staff worked together on a mission statement that would best describe what we do. It was a great planning session and discussion as everyone had input and ideas as we developed the final statement. In order to carry out this mission, we need to be "servant leaders".

What is "servant leadership"? As described by Wikipedia; the servant-leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible. A servant leader focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong.

Lisa E. Johnson, Vice President, Public Relations & Marketing from Blue Mountain Health System recognizes the importance of servant leadership "The Blue Mountain Health System strives toward servant leadership in everything we do. Healthcare has a natural propensity to servant leadership in that we need to listen to patients, to have empathy and understand their care needs, and to help develop a healing environment for them." She goes on to say "We also have the responsibility and obligation to be good stewards of all our resources, meaning our staff, to help them grow, to help them see and maximize their strengths, and to build and foster a sense of community among our staff. We believe that the servant leadership philosophy guides us in how we treat both patients and our staff."

As a "bottom-up" member focused organization, we are here to serve and lead our businesses and communities and do so with great honor. We are the "connectors" who have the ability to make this happen through our partnerships and relationships.

As you lead in the workplace, at home and in your community keep "servant leadership" in mind.