



SHAWN RAVITZ- Treasurer

Since joining the Ravitz Family Foundation board as Treasurer in 2000, Shawn Ravitz has contributed a tremendous amount of financial knowledge and business savvy to the fundraising efforts of the organization.

“The best part is helping small organizations make a difference in people’s lives,” reflected Ravitz. “The stories are all real. The letters we receive are from the heart. People need help and we have been there to lift up their spirits. I truly enjoy getting involved with the organizations that we have helped to date.”

In his current capacity, Shawn is responsible for reviewing grant requests, promoting and marketing the foundation, and assisting in compliance matters. His business expertise is necessary in his role overseeing the foundation’s investment strategies and managing its monthly expenses. Shawn has taken great pride in developing the foundation’s annual poker tournament, which has become a mainstay in its fundraising efforts.

Said Ravitz of where the foundation’s grants are typically allocated, “I believe that we provide a bit of hope to everyone struggling to fight disease states, emotional stress, physical abuse, and family dysfunction. I am proud that all of our grants have stayed within the community and have helped local families directly.”

Shawn is particularly proud of the foundation’s annual charity golf tournament, which is run solely on the hard work of volunteers and strong relationships the foundation has with its sponsors. Under his financial direction, the foundation granted 26 requests in 2008, covering nine different medical disease states. That total does not include the dozens of other requests that the RFF has referred to the ShopRite CPC committee for donations and aid.

“One of the charities I am most proud of helping is the Nawrocki Foundation,” said Ravitz. “Joann and Bill Nawrocki lost their daughter, Alexa, to neuroblastoma in 2004, and created the foundation in her memory. Their mission is to assist families dealing with the burden of long treatment plans for difficult illnesses.”

Ravitz is currently vice president of Supermarkets of Cherry Hill, Inc., a privately held, family-owned business that operates six ShopRite supermarket stores in southern New Jersey. ShopRite supermarkets are members of Wakefern Food Corporation, a retailer-owned cooperative with stores throughout New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Delaware.

In 1996, Shawn jumped into the family business, and elevated from front-end supervisor, to store manager, to store director. In 2003 and 2006, Shawn served as project manager for a \$10 million renovation in the Marlton store, and a \$5 million renovation in the Mount Laurel store, respectively. He was named senior director of finance in 2005.

In his current role as vice president of administration, he oversees corporate finance, consumer affairs, technology, engineering, and labor relations. In addition to his responsibilities at Supermarkets of Cherry Hill, Shawn is actively involved at Wakefern, where he serves on a number of committees.

Shawn received his Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business, in 1996. He and his wife, Debbie, and their three children, Amanda, Sophie, and Luke, reside in Voorhees, NJ.