



Name: John Michalski

Professional Affiliation: Board
Member of the Michigan
Chapter

**What is your direct relationship
to the scleroderma community?**

I have been active in the organization for the past 15 years. I became involved because of my late wife, Ilene, had the terrible disease. Each year I work hard to make sure the annual run/walk is a success. Beside helping to raise money, I give my time to make sure the race portion of the day is successful. To help bring awareness to scleroderma, I wear my 15+ t-shirts everywhere, whether in the United States, Europe, South America or Australia to help educate people about the disease.

Why have you chosen to serve as a member of the board for the Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter? Ilene was very active in the organization from a president, treasurer and board member, and with her passing I wanted to keep her passion alive.



What else would you like us to know about you? I am a person that believes that we need appreciate what we have and need to help others; from opening the door for someone, volunteering at an organization, to making a donation to a cause that we feel strong about. We all have talents and we share them with others. On a personal basis, I'm an avid pickleball player and fan.

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