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By Stephanie Dolan

Jason Speckman has lived in Hendricks County all his life. Born and reared in Avon, he's been in Danville for the last seven years with his wife of nearly 17 years, Rachel.

The father of three is an industrial commercial real estate broker and the president of the board of Leadership Hendricks County.

"I specialize in industrial real estate," he said. "Anything that I do typically has a warehousing or logistics component to it. Distributions centers today are not like older

has expanded my network and provided skills training for myself and my team. Every time I look in on a class, I have new takeaways and I'm reminded of ways to give back"

Speckman said that LHC believes that leaders define the strength of our community.

"We believe that leaders give back to our community," he said. "The vision, if you look at our website, is to develop quality leaders serving Hendricks County. LHC has an adult class, typically 25-30 participants each year. We also have youth LHC, which is a similar

and asking how we can best serve those who make up our membership. I think that he's just got a great perspective on what's happening today and how to move the organization forward tomorrow."

"Jason has been a tremendous leader during this time of transition," Marina Keers, treasurer for the LHC board, said. "One of the things that has makes him such a strong leader is that he leads by example. He doesn't ask anyone to do anything he's not already done himself. He's always willing to step up first and encourages others to follow suit. And it works. He's really taking LHC in the right direction. We're excited about where we're going."

While Speckman's real estate focus encompasses the entire Indianapolis MSA, his community focus remains in Hendricks County and on his family.

"We're really focused on family and raising our girls," he said. "We live on the same street as my father and my sister, and my cousin lives right around the corner. We spend about all of our free time with family, whether it's traveling or going to a ballgame or hanging out on the back patio."

Speckman recently returned from a family trip to Michigan to spend time at a rental house at Lake Michigan.

"My downtime is family, 24/7," he said.

Leadership Hendricks County recently held its annual golf outing on July 16 at Deer Creek Golf Club.

"Our golf outing raises money to help fund our annual budget," Speckman said. "Our YLHC and our adult class tuition does not cover the full cost of our programs. We appreciate all the support we receive from our sponsors and our partners."

The next Leadership Development Series is Aug. 13 at the fairgrounds.

"In my opinion, anyone who lives or works in Hendricks County, who is passionate about self-betterment and/or giving back to their community, would be a great fit for Leadership Hendricks County," Speckman said. "LHC looks forward to serving Hendricks County for many years to come."

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-Cassie Mecklenburg

warehouse facilities, they are sophisticated logistics centers.

After earning his real estate license at the young age of 18, Speckman, 39, graduated from DePauw University in 2003 after studying economics and political science.

"Both of those subjects have helped me tremendously," he said. "Economics helps me with everything that I do every day, and political science enhanced my reading and writing abilities, as well as my critical thinking skills."

Speckman then went on to receive his MBA from the University of Notre Dame in 2014.

"The experience made me an all-around better person, better professional, better dad and better husband," he said. "Notre Dame doesn't just teach the mind, they focus on mind, body and spirit. It was a holistic process that helped me to hone in on all my business skills at the same time. Both schools also have fantastic networks."

Speckman was introduced to Leadership Hendricks County in 2012. He has been president of the board since February of 2019.

"Leadership Hendricks County was recommended to me by a couple personal and professional peers," he said. "I went through the program in 2012. LHC has made me a better leader and has also made me a better professional and all-around better person. It

program for high school sophomores in Hendricks County. That includes Cardinal Ritter and homeschool students. We also have our Leadership Development Series four times a year and they are always leadership or skills-based opportunities open to the general public. Then we also try to offer network opportunities for our alumni and volunteers."

Financial assistance is offered to participants on a case by case basis.

"As president of the organization I'm ingrained right now," Speckman said. "Currently, I participate in meetings about once a week whether that be an executive committee meeting, a resource development meeting or a board meeting. Also, we have regular meetings with our stakeholders. We always want to hear from them and what's important and what they want from our organization and their own."

"Jason has the vision for LHC, not only to sustain during these days of so much uncertainty and upheaval in light of COVID," Cassie Mecklenburg, vice president of the board, said. "This is also a transitional year for LHC. He has focused on growth and development for the organization and a commitment to the community as well. It's not only about LHC as an organization, but the people who make up LHC. With them at the forefront of his focus, he's leading the board

Getting to know Jason Speckman

Do you have pets?

We have a dog named Roxie, a dog named Izzy and a cat named Bruno, and we would have coy fish if the blue heron would quit eating them. I'm having an ongoing battle with the bird world. Right now, I'm losing.

What is your favorite movie?

Jaws

What is your favorite HC charity?

Westbridge Church in Danville

What are you currently reading?

Uncommon Life, Daily Challenge by Tony Dungy

Who or what inspires you?

My wife

