

Maria Anderson, President
Swiminc Inc., Board of Directors
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Maria,

I wanted to send a quick note of support and appreciation to the entire Board of Swiminc Inc. (Worthington Pools). As a nonprofit organization with an unpaid, volunteer Board of Directors, your commitment to our community is commendable. I had the pleasure of serving on the Board for six years with many of the current Board members still volunteering their talents to our pool. It is your passion for our community that allows you to focus on the mission to “enrich the member experience and to foster a lifetime appreciation of and involvement in wellness, recreation, and competitive sport.”


I feel offended by the media coverage and politization of an organization which was founded for families and the children of the Worthington community almost 71 years ago. During my tenure, we engaged with the City as a partner to help support us as a “community asset,” similar to how the City supports the McConnel Arts Center. Unfortunately, it appears control has replaced partnership in the eyes of one council member. I know you will stay above the fray and maintain your community service as you plan on preserving Worthington Pools for the residents of the City. I am proud of your service over the years and commitment to our community. The recent media reports are unfortunately a sign of the times and remind me of the words of Theodore Roosevelt:

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

— Theodore Roosevelt

Worthington Pools has enriched the lives of many children and adults over the decades; providing a summer oasis to reconnect with friends, family, and neighbors while reinforcing the fabric of our community. For your service – I truly THANK YOU. It is noticed. Keep up the good work.

With sincere gratitude,



Michael D. Keller