

# *Ronald G. Ravenscraft*

Ronald Ravenscraft graduated from Herculaneum High School in 1959, president of his senior class. While in high school, he played varsity baseball for four years and was a member of student council for four years. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from Missouri State University in 1963 and earned a Master of Arts in Urban Affairs from St. Louis University in 1975.

In his professional career, Ron was Executive Director of Federal Employment and Training Programs for Jefferson and Franklin Counties, and in that capacity, provided the leadership for education and training programs that resulted in hundreds of residents being trained and employed. He went far beyond the requirements of his position to identify individuals in need and to see that they were placed in education and training opportunities. He was a leader among his counterparts from other counties, and his skills and influence were recognized by educators and community workers throughout the whole area.

After his service with the federal employment programs, he became an executive of the Bank of Hillsboro, became president of the bank, and maintained that position until his retirement in 2008.

As successful as he was throughout his professional career, his true dedication is exemplified in his important work with not-for-profit organizations in Jefferson County. Ron Ravenscraft has served as president of the Board of the Jefferson Regional Medical Center (formerly Jefferson Memorial Hospital), has been chairman of the Finance Committee and served in its charity foundation. His leadership has made this medical facility the premier health provider for our county and much of Southeast Missouri.

In addition, Ron has contributed to the Boards of Jefferson College, its Foundation and the Student Housing Board; First United Methodist Church Board, serving as Chair of a Parish Pastoral Committee; the Jefferson County Port Authority Board; the Jefferson County Sheltered Workshop Board; and more than forty years as an active member of Rotary and the Elks Lodge.

In his professional career and beyond with his years of service to the community, literally thousands of our citizens have benefitted from the leadership Ron Ravenscraft has provided. His contributions have made our county and region a welcoming home for all, especially the disadvantaged.