

## Thomas Wick Rush University System for Health Benjamin Franklin Award I 2024 Annual Philanthropy Awards

**Tom Wick** has spent 38 years raising philanthropic funds in higher education, human services, and medicine. Before arriving at Rush University Medical Center as part of Rush University System for Health in 2018, Wick worked at the YMCA of Metro Chicago, the University of Chicago, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Macalester College, Lake Forest College, and Illinois Institute of Technology.

His responsibilities have ranged from Director of Annual Fund, Director of Development, Associate Vice President, Vice President, Dean of Development and Alumni Relations, and Senior Vice President. In each role, Wick has led work teams and worked closely with Trustees, the President/CEO, volunteers, and colleagues to raise the funds at all levels, including at \$10m+, to meet annual and campaign goals. Most importantly, the gifts these teams have raised have funded key priorities that have enabled each institution to fulfill its mission even more effectively and positively impact the lives of people, families and communities.