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When and how did you become a trustee of CCM?

I became a trustee in 2008. My Rotary Club had supported CCM's youth club for a number of years and I was invited to apply for election to the Board of Trustees. In September, I became Vice-Chair.

How would you summarise the role of trustee?

I see my role as trustee as giving something back not only to the community but to our members and staff in a supportive and meaningful way. The role requires commitment and the giving of time and support to help the charity achieve its aims.

What makes being a trustee rewarding?

When I attend Mencap Centre, I see a real team effort from the staff, tutors and volunteers working with the students to increase their confidence and realise their potential. It makes me realise that the decision I made all those years ago was the right one.

I feel immense pride when I attend CCM functions and see our service users in action, singing in their choir, reciting poetry or reading in public at such venues as Chelmsford Cathedral.

What are the challenges?

We face many challenges. We need a new Centre as we are outgrowing our current premises. We are constantly seeking funds through grants, charitable donations and good old bucket shaking. We need more people to come forward to be trustees, volunteers and friends of the charity.

How would you encourage others to apply to CCM's Board?

The more you put in the more you get out.

It's only about 10 hours a month of your time.

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