



STEVE JOHNSTON

Executive Director

Economic & Community Initiatives

The Economic Development department focuses on helping existing businesses grow and works to attract new business and industry to the community. The division is funded through a community partnership for economic development, 21st Century Jobs, supported with funds raised from both the public and private sectors.

As Executive Director for Economic & Community Initiatives for the St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce, Steve Johnston works to facilitate, create and implement initiatives that will enhance economic and community development in the area.

Mr. Johnston has served in both the non-profit and private sector. His background includes sales and marketing for both domestic and international business expansion, human resources functions with an emphasis in recruiting and management training, and operations management.

Mr. Johnston has a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration from Kansas State University. He is a graduate of Leadership St. Joseph and has participated in many volunteer leadership roles. Mr. Johnston is past President of InterServ, United Cerebral Palsy and the St. Joseph Rotary Club. He has also been an active volunteer with the United Way and the St. Joseph School District. He has lived the past 28 years in St. Joseph.

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