



TONY "C" CHECCHIA DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

Since 1998, Tony "C" Checchia has been an active member of the Frederick County Real Estate community. Growing up in Frederick County gives him a sense of pride in his community and a unique perspective on life in Frederick.

A year before graduating with a double major (Economics/Spanish) and a minor (Accounting) from Mount St. Mary's University in 1990, Tony obtained his real estate license as a "back-up" plan having aspiration of becoming a real estate attorney. He quickly realized that working as a REALTOR® was a match for his constructive and problem-solving DNA.

After working for Long & Foster for six years where he rose from 'Rookie of the Year in 1990' to one of the Top 5 producing agents in the DMV region, Tony moved on to become a partner at the Frederick Land Company.

Earning his associate Broker's designation in 1992, Tony didn't become the broker of record until 2016 when he founded VCRE.CO. With more than \$100 million in transactions during his career, Tony prides himself in mentoring others and last year was named the 'FRED' Broker of the Year by the Frederick County Office of Economic Development.

When Tony isn't at work (which he says is only when he is sleeping), you can either find him at the Rotary Club of Frederick meetings, at the Frederick Indoor Sports Center ("FISC"), or at his 150-acre equestrian and crop farm located along the scenic Monocacy River mowing grass. Tony is passionate about giving back which led him to create a private soccer park on his farm, which he makes available for local youth organizations. In addition, last year he made a \$50,000 pledge to the Rotary Club of Frederick's Legacy Fund.

Tony has been a member of the Rotary Club of Frederick for the past 20 years. He has been the Rotary Club President and served on the board of directors. He was also the youngest member to be named a Rotary Club Fellow, which is the highest honor in the Rotary organization. Tony has also served as the Vice Chair on the Frederick City Historic District Commission, been the chair of the Business and Industry Cabinet, served on the Tourism Council, served as a member of the Foundation Board of Frederick Community College, is a member of the order of the Good Samaritan and currently serving on the Foundation Board at FMH.

"I think our industry as a whole, now more than ever, needs to band together and join with other organizations...in advancing a constructive dialogue in our community," Tony says. "I am 100 percent REALTOR® and that's my DNA...solving problems and bringing parties together is my passion."

