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Rob Kuhbach Photo by Gertrude O'Sullivan

MILLERTON — Local resident and attorney Robert Kuhbach is a busy man. He's the director and chairman of the Audit Committee of one of the largest manufacturers of nitrogen fertilizer in the world, CF Industries, in Deerfield, Ill.; he's the treasurer of the community betterment group, Townscape; and he's on the advisory board of the North East Community Center. He

has also recently joined the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Community Health (FCH), located in Sharon, Conn.

“I’ve always had an interest in providing health care to individuals and groups,” he said last week. “This is a great opportunity to put my background to use and help them utilize their resources. It’s been a good experience so far. I find the people on the board very qualified, engaged and the discussions are lively with a lot of useful input from people. We’re seeing if we can’t make a difference in the lives of people in the northeastern Dutchess and Connecticut area.”

The Foundation for Community Health is a private, not-for-profit foundation “dedicated to improving the health and well being of residents in the Harlem Valley and Litchfield Hill of Connecticut, with an emphasis on serving those most vulnerable,” according to its website. The FCH’s priorities lie in mental health, oral health and access to health services. Since 2003 it has distributed nearly \$9 million in grants.

Its mission statement is as follows: “The Foundation for Community Health is a private, not-for-profit philanthropic organization formed to maintain and improve the physical and mental health of the residents of the area historically served by Sharon Hospital with an emphasis on serving those most vulnerable.”

Foundation for Community Health Director of Communications and Special Projects Gertrude O’Sullivan praised Kuhbach and his joining the board.

“I think we have a very nice cross-section of experience with the board, with everything from the health and social services side to the legal and business side, and I think that makes for a very good board,” she said. “It’s a productive board that can really serve the community very well, and Rob has the legal and financial background, so he’s definitely an asset.”

Kuhbach, for his part, praised the FCH and its role in the Tri-state region — which he said he’s happy to be a part of.

“I’ve enjoyed being in the Millerton area for over 30 years,” he said. “We first started coming up in 1981, when the kids were little. I’ve found the community to be of great interest to us professionally and personally, and I’ve worked with a lot of great people in this town work on various projects, and I look forward to doing more of the same.”

For more information on the Foundation for Community Health call 860-364-5157 or go to [www.fchealth.org](http://www.fchealth.org) [2].

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