

TODAY'S SPOTLIGHT

LARRY JORGENSEN



Age: 45

New title: Chief information officer at Ecumen, Minnesota's largest nonprofit provider of senior

housing and services.

What do you do in your job?

Oversee all information technology functions at more than 80 residences in four states.

Previous job: Vice president of application development and support and a divisional information systems director for Green Tree Servicing in St. Paul.

Education: Bachelor's degree, Concordia University in St. Paul

Family: Wife, Pam, and three children; Michael, Amy and Mitchell.

Hobbies: Fly-fishing, hunting, camping, motorcycle riding and snowmobiling.

First job you had: I worked on my grandfather's farm near Hutchinson during the summer when I was in high school. That helped me understand the importance of being self-driven and what it means to work hard.

Other than your current position, what would be your dream job? A writer or an artist. If only I had some artistic talent.

Why do you do what you do? It's interesting and challenging work.

How did you choose the line of work you're in? I wanted to work for an organization that cares about people. At Ecumen I get a chance to work with a great group of people, as well as an organization that is committed to changing the way housing and services are delivered to older adults.

Person you most admire and why: My grandmother. She was an incredibly dignified lady with boundless energy and an amazing ability to make you feel like you were the center of the universe.

Best advice for others: Focus on what's really important.

Best advice from others: People make their own luck. Work hard, stay focused and good things will happen to you.

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