

About Jane Grote Abell

A founding family member of Donatos Pizza, Jane Grote Abell currently holds the title of Chairwoman of the Board. Over the last four decades, Jane has held a variety of positions at both Donatos Pizza and Jane's Dough Foods, including Chief Executive Officer.

In 2003, Jane was a major catalyst behind the decision to purchase Donatos back from McDonald's. Following the buy back, Jane led the company through a \$10.5 million turnaround.

Since taking over as Chairwoman of the Board in 2010, Jane has had time to focus on work outside of Donatos.

Because her roots trace back to the first store on Thurman Avenue on Columbus' south side, she and her family remain committed to the area's success. Evidence of this was the nearly \$2 million donation that the Grote family contributed to help a city plan to revive the South Parsons Corridor. She has been an advocate for this project from its inception in 2012 and, along with Tanny Crane, co-founded the Reeb Avenue Center, a social-services center housing 14 non-profits that focus on education and workforce development and South Side Roots Café and Market, a pay-it-forward café and affordable fresh foods market.

Jane is a founding member of the Ross Leadership Institute and serves as a member of the Columbus Partnership and the Otterbein Women's Leadership Advisory Council. She sits on the Board of Directors for the Reeb Avenue Center, Action for Children, Experience Columbus and I Know I Can.

Jane has received a number of awards and recognitions. In the last 5-years alone, she was named to the YWCA Columbus Academy of Women of Achievement, CEO of the Year by Columbus CEO Magazine and a Top 24 Women in Franchising by Franchise Update Magazine.

Jane was also featured in CBS's hit series *Undercover Boss* where she donned a disguise and went undercover in Donatos restaurants. In 2015, Jane released her first book *THE MISSING PIECE: Doing Business the Donatos Way*.

Jane and her husband Tom reside in Columbus. Together they are parents to Tony, married to Hannah, Brianna, Tori, Kenny, Charlie and Joey.