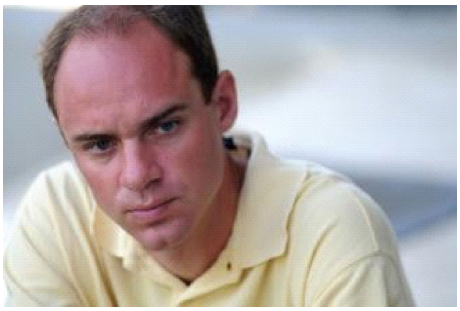
Board Member Profiles



Michael Ritter, CEO
Michael Ritter is CEO of Deep Springs and serves as National Director in Haiti. Mr. Ritter has held positions as a researcher for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Center for Global Safe Water at Emory University, and the Task Force for Child Survival and Development. He holds a BS in molecular biology from Grove City College, and a Masters of Public Health from Emory University. Michael co-founded Deep Springs in 2006 along with Dr. Timothy Mech and Ruth Entwistle.

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Jeff Ritter lives in the Pittsburgh, PA area with his wife and is the Manager of the Technical Materials & Services Procurement group at Lanxess Corp, a global chemicals manufacturer. Prior to joining Lanxess Jeff held positions in engineering, marketing and procurement at Bayer Corp. Mr. Ritter holds a Chemical Engineering degree from Grove City College and an MBA from The Citadel. Jeff has travelled to Haiti several times and facilitated the logistics for the emergency response effort after the earthquake and subsequent cholera outbreak. He has served on the board since 2010.

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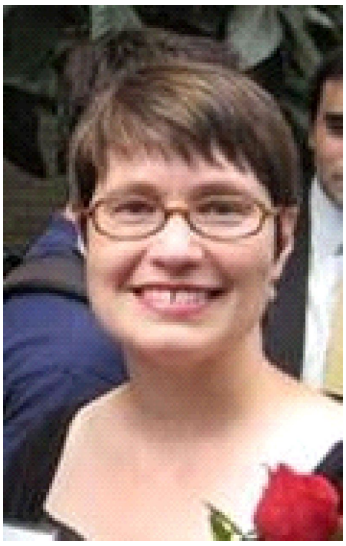

Ashley Aakesson

Ashley Aakesson is a nutrition, food security, and development leader with 15 years of experience working with vulnerable groups in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean to improve their health and well-being. Ashley joined the SPRING Project in 2013 as a Social and Behavior Change Communication Advisor. She has worked with PATH and Save the Children. From 2006 to 2010 she served as
Executive Director of the Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti, which partnered with Deep Springs before and after the earthquake of 2010. Ashley holds an MA in Applied Anthropology from the University of Maryland and a BA in Anthropology from Miami University in Ohio.

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John Smith is the President of Package Right Corporation, the leading private- label manufacturer of jigsaw puzzles and board games in the U.S. He has been involved with Deep Springs for several years, including many trips to Haiti. John has a Masters in Industrial Administration from the Krannert School at Purdue University. He lives in Lafayette, Indiana with his wife and four children where they attend St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

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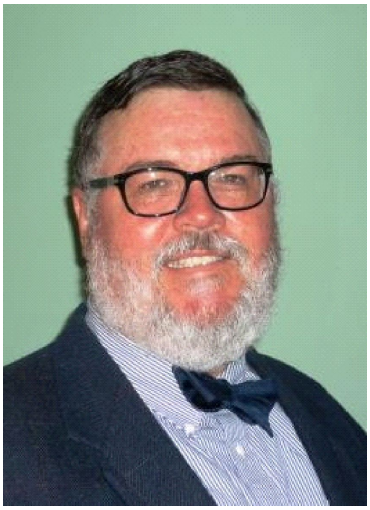

John Ginda
John is a 1980 graduate of Purdue University. He has been employed by Farm Bureau Insurance for 31 years and currently works as a Claims Manager. John lives in West Lafayette, Indiana with his wife and attends St Thomas Aquinas Church where he is past president of their Haiti Ministry Board. John has done volunteer work in Haiti since 2001 and has traveled there numerous times. He has served on the Board since 2013.

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Alex Eros lives in Lafayette, Indiana with his wife and three daughters. He works for Alcoa as a Project Manager for New Product Development and Introduction. Alex has a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Dayton. He and his family attend St. Thomas Aquinas in West Lafayette and he is a past Chairman of Parish Council. Alex has traveled to Haiti twice and has been on the Board since 2011.

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Tom Mustillo

Tom Mustillo is a professor global affairs in the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame. He conducts research and teaches on democracy, political parties, and representation throughout the Americas. He has been involved with Deep Springs for over a decade,and brought undergraduate student delegations to one of DSI's partner communities in Haiti to help map the water resources and develop DSI's water treatment network.
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