

**Board Chairman Joe Ward**

Joe Ward became Board Chairman in 2016 and will serve a two-year term. He is passionate about ensuring the long term financial and program health of DHCDC, and has served on the board since 2014. He believes fully in our mission and is a strong advocate for quality early education in the larger community. His oldest child enrolled at the center in 2013. He currently has a daughter in the pre-k program and a one year old who will soon be enrolled here.

Ward is Head of Equity Trading, RidgeWorth Investments where he is responsible for trading a variety of large and mid-cap domestic equities. Prior to joining RidgeWorth in 2008, he was an equity trader for Atlanta Capital where he traded for five years. He has worked in the financial services industry since 2002.

Ward is member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Securities Association. He has a bachelor's degree in applied economics and management from Cornell University and a MBA from Emory University's Goizueta Business School. He is a CFA Charterholder, a member of the National Organization of Investment Professionals, and a member of the Atlanta Society of Finance and Investment Professionals.