

Melissa Kempf Garver **Development Director**

Melissa Garver is the Development Director for Community Shelter Board, leading private fundraising efforts by developing strategy, building donor partnerships, and raising funds to support CSB's impact: preventing and ending homelessness. Melissa works with companies and businesses and community leaders – in partnership with CSB's Executive Director and board of trustees – to share how CSB is leading our community's response to homelessness. Melissa earned a bachelor's degree in business communications from Rockhurst University in 2003 and a Master of Business Administration from Capital University in 2014.

Melissa's interest in community efforts began in high school and college while she worked for Missouri Mansion Preservation, Inc., an organization responsible for the restoration and educational programs at the Missouri Governor's Mansion. After graduating in 2003 from college, Melissa moved to Columbus to work for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in the regional fundraising office. There, she spent four years dedicated to helping children with cancer by organizing many fundraising events. Melissa joined Community Shelter Board in 2008.



Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home. CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. With the support of a compassionate community, our system of care served 15,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing programs. Community Shelter Board is funded by the City of Columbus, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the United Way of Central Ohio, The Columbus Foundation, Nationwide Foundation, American Electric Power Foundation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Ohio, and many other public and private investors.