



Melissa Kempf Garver Development Director

Melissa Garver is the Development Director for the Community Shelter Board, leading private fundraising efforts by developing strategy, building donor partnerships, and raising funds to support CSB's impact: rebuilding the lives of people experiencing 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 the Community Shelter Board in 2008.

Community Shelter Board is a collective impact organization leading the community's response to homelessness by creating collaborations, developing innovative solutions, and investing in quality programs in Columbus and Franklin County. Community Shelter Board oversees an annual budget of \$31 million to support homeless programs and services. Last year, these programs served more than 12,000 people.