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**CHRISTIE ANGEL HONORED
WITH COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD'S
2020 NANCY JEFFREY ADVOCATE AWARD**

(Columbus, OH) – Christie Angel, President and CEO of YWCA Columbus, was recognized with the 2020 Nancy Jeffrey Advocate Award. Given by Community Shelter Board, the award honors exemplary work among its partner agencies, in honor of Nancy Jeffrey’s legacy as one of its founders.

Christie was honored for her long-term and varied forms of activism on behalf of those experiencing homelessness. As President and CEO of YWCA Columbus, Christie leads impactful work to empower women and eliminate racism, including oversight of safe emergency shelter and re-housing assistance for families experiencing homelessness, and permanent supportive housing for women experiencing homelessness and disabilities.

Prior to leading YWCA Columbus as its President and CEO, Christie served the organization as a member of its board of trustees. She also advanced Community Shelter Board’s mission as a member of its board of trustees. She provided meaningful service in these roles as a key strategic advisor in Mayor Michael B. Coleman’s administration, focused on community outreach and human services policy.

Christie has been an active advocate for racial justice and equity and has taken a leadership role in development of racial equity training for social service agencies. She has been a steady companion in Community Shelter Board’s efforts to engage the community in conversations around the impact of racism on homelessness.

“Christie is a trusted colleague who isn’t afraid to shed light on the harsh truth about who suffers the most under the weight of homelessness – women of color,” said Michelle Heritage, executive director for Community Shelter Board. “She is a passionate advocate for making sure everyone in our community has a place to call home.”

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.

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