

BOARD CANDIDATE • COLUMBUS CEO OF THE YEAR • TRUSTED ADVISOR TO MAYOR'S OFFICE

A leader by example, Christie Angel has spent three decades engaging her community, building relationships, and advocating for the vulnerable so all people can experience peace, justice, freedom, and dignity. Whether serving as a longstanding volunteer to the YWCA, in public service to the city's mayor, as an active board member for a nonprofit, or as the current President and CEO of the YWCA Columbus, Christie leads and serves boldly to deliver organization-wide transformations.



A former governing board member, board chair, and 18-year volunteer, Christie eagerly stepped into the role of President and CEO of the YWCA Columbus in 2017. Founded in 1886, the YWCA has led the community in firsts, from desegregating the pool to a publicly funded childcare program. **Continuing to defy the status quo, Christie is the first to foster challenging conversations for the sake of doing what is right, especially in the face of social injustice.**

Born and raised a Columbus girl, Christie's roots were only the beginning of her lifelong passion for servant leadership to the city she loves. Her father, a civil servant, ran housing programs for some of the city's most blighted neighborhoods, and she would join him on his site visits to dilapidated buildings and City Council meetings. **That sparked in Christie a commitment to serve her community that grew to a passion for public policy, social justice, advocacy, and service.**

Christie stepped into her current role and quickly began working to reinvent the YWCA Columbus brand, a transformation that aligned with the national conversation on women's rights, equity and inclusion. **By actively listening to the community, making connections to the next generation, and onboarding new funding partners, Christie has been pivotal in establishing the YWCA as a trusted organization serving the city's most vulnerable through housing, youth development, and social justice.**

Prior to the YWCA, Christie's past professional experiences spanned the public, private, and nonprofit sectors; they included

- Leading multifaceted projects and building dynamic partnerships as Principal for public affairs firm, Calfee Strategic Solutions.
- Partnering with Sean Dunn of Sean P. Dunn & Associates, LLC to expand the government relations business as Vice President.
- Helping to shape the image of AT&T Ohio as Director, Government & External Affairs.

Arguably some of Christie's greatest professional contributions were to multiple administrations working with public officials. Christie first served as a Legislative Analyst for Columbus City Council, and her exceptional ability to drive community engagement led to her numerous public service appointments. Supporting the transition teams for Mayor Andrew J. Ginther, former Mayor Michael Coleman, and former Governor Ted Strickland, Christie thrived as a trusted advisor to city and state leaders. **She was recruited to Deputy Chief of Staff—by former Mayor Coleman in 2012—where her citywide influence included campaign excellence, legislative impact, cabinet leadership, and strategic partnerships.**

After five years of standout leadership, Christie is now stepping down from her position as President and CEO of the YWCA at the end of 2022. She will leave the organization, having generated some of the largest fundraising numbers in the organization's history, totaling \$16M in 5 years. **Most notably, she secured a \$2.5M gift from the Jeff Bezos' Day 1 Families Fund—to help homeless families—and a \$1M grant from the AEP Foundation to launch YWCA Columbus' Center for Racial Equity.**

Christie earned her Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Applied Communication from Franklin University. She is a contributing board member to numerous organizations including the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio, Campus Partners, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County, and the Greater Columbus Arts Council. **Her standout leadership has been recognized with numerous awards including Columbus Business First's First "Power 100" (3 years running) and YWCA Women of Achievement (2015), and she was selected by her peers as the CEO of the Year in the large nonprofit category (2020).**

Residing in the heart of her beloved city with her husband, Christie is hopeful as she embarks on the next chapter. **Though she does not know what follows her YWCA tenure, she does know that she will not rest until peace, justice, freedom, and dignity are realized for all, remaining committed to giving voice and visibility to the needs of her community.**