



Michael Wilkos

Senior Officer, Community Research and Grants Management

Michael is responsible for research, development, and implementation of effective social investments that strengthen and improve the community. He provides leadership to advance the Foundation's efforts currently focused on the Weinland Park neighborhood. Michael's depth of knowledge and experience in urban planning and community development helps position the Foundation to be one Columbus' leaders in this area of community need. In addition, he works with the Ingram-White Castle Foundation and Columbus Youth Foundation.

Prior to joining The Columbus Foundation, Michael served as senior impact director for United Way of Central Ohio and also held positions with The Danter Company, Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, and the City of Columbus.

Active throughout the community, Michael currently serves on the Council of Historic Neighborhoods, as well as the Franklin County Community Development Advisory Board. He is also an active volunteer with the Circles Guiding Coalition, an anti-poverty solutions group, The Salvation Army, and New Life Methodist Church youth tutoring program.

Michael previously served on the board of the Neighborhood Design Center, Columbus Landmarks Foundation, United Neighborhood Centers of America, and the City of Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Geography and a master's degree in City & Regional Planning, both from The Ohio State University. He is a frequent guest lecturer in the Knowlton School of Architecture at Ohio State.

Michael currently resides in Weinland Park, where he takes an active role as a volunteer.

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