



DOUGLAS F. KRIDLER

PRESIDENT AND CEO

Douglas F. Kridler is the fifth president of The Columbus Foundation, a community foundation serving the central Ohio region since 1943. In 2017, the Foundation awarded \$213 million in grants to more than 3,900 charitable organizations in such fields as education, health, social services, community development, urban affairs, and the arts. As of 12/31/17, the Foundation's assets totaled \$2.27 billion.

Kridler is also an Independent Director and chair of the Nominating and Fund Governance Committee of Nationwide Mutual Funds, with over \$90 billion in assets under management in an array of over 100 U.S. mutual funds. Additionally, he is a member of the Business Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Prior to joining The Columbus Foundation as President & CEO in February 2002, Kridler served for eighteen years as the President of the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA), during which time he oversaw the expansion of CAPA from one theater in Columbus to owning/operating six theaters in Columbus, the Chicago Theatre in downtown Chicago, and the legendary Shubert Theatre in New Haven, Connecticut. During his tenure, Kridler undertook restorations of the Ohio, Palace, and Southern Theatres.

Before his selection as CAPA's President, Kridler was part of the national campaign staff for Senator John Glenn's Presidential Campaign, and Tour Manager of The Cleveland Orchestra, as well as Concerts Director for Blossom Music Center, its 18,000 seat summer home. He is a past chair of the International Society for the Performing Arts (ISPA), an international organization of leading arts professionals from more than 50 countries in every region of the world.

Kridler was named a 2017 Champion of Diversity, was CEO Magazine's 2016 CEO of the Year, and was inducted into the Central Ohio Business Hall of Fame in November 2014.

Kridler earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in Arts Management from the University of Utah on a Ford Foundation Fellowship, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University.

To reach Doug, email dkridler@columbusfoundation.org.