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As the Director of Kind Columbus at The Columbus Foundation, Dr. Amy Acton is dedicated to spreading the words and actions of kindness as a defining value for our region. Her responsibilities include overseeing the Foundation's Gifts of Kindness and Acts of Kindness funds and investments, as well as the grantmaking to support kindness throughout our community.

Dr. Acton rejoined the Foundation after serving as Director of the Department of Health for the State of Ohio. As the top health adviser to Gov. Mike DeWine during the COVID-19 pandemic, she combined scientific facts with an empathetic nature to guide the people of Ohio during an unprecedented crisis. A licensed physician in Preventive Medicine and Public Health, Dr. Acton has also served as a Community Research and Grants Management Officer at the Foundation, Assistant Professor-Practice at The Ohio State University College of Public Health, Visiting Faculty Professor at the Center for Injury Research and Policy at the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Adjunct Professor at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health, and Director of Project L.O.V.E. (Love Our Kids, Vaccinate Early).

Dr. Acton attended medical school at Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine. She completed her internship in pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York City, and Children's Hospital, and completed her residency in preventive medicine at The Ohio State University. She holds a master's degree in Public Health from The Ohio State University.

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