2022 Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank Annual Meeting Speaker Info

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
A CICF AFFILIATE



Tom Killian

Tom Kilian is president of Hamilton County Community Foundation and president of IMPACT Central IN, a multi-member LLC created by Central Indiana Community Foundation, The Indianapolis Foundation, and Hamilton County Community Foundation. With his diverse background in both profit and not-for-profit organizations, and almost 18 years of experience in philanthropy and fundraising, Tom Kilian has noteworthy expertise in campaign planning and execution, major and planned gift programs, annual giving, special events, strategic planning, foundation infrastructure and policies, and volunteer board management as he leads innovative resource development initiatives. Tom's career has largely been focused on higher education, where he has spent the last 10 years playing leadership roles in the development and execution of several philanthropic campaigns across various campus landscapes. Most recently, as executive director of the Ivy Tech Community College Foundation in Central Indiana, he has successfully launched the largest regional campaign in college history, and has secured the largest individual gift commitment in Ivy Tech history ($5 million). Prior to joining Ivy Tech, Tom had extensive experience raising money in support of large four-year public institutions, as well as a small four-year private institution. Tom earned a B.S. from Indiana State University, an M.S. from Indiana University, and an executive certificate from the University of Notre Dame. Tom has continued his love of life-long learning through his involvement with Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and American Society for Quality (ASQ). Outside the office, Tom volunteers with several organizations, including sitting on the board of directors for the YMCA of greater Indianapolis. Both professionally and personally Tom strives to make a difference in the lives he touches. He is a results driven leader, eager to help individuals and organizations pursue their mission, create their vision and strategically achieve their goals. When he isn't working or volunteering, he enjoys spending time with his wife Jennifer and their daughters, Samantha and Ellison. He loves the culinary scene, and tries to spend as much time as possible outdoors.



Jeena Siela

Jeena Siela is the Senior Community Leadership Officer at Hamilton County Community Foundation. In this role, she serves as a liaison between not-for-profit organizations, the community, and the Foundation's board; advises on Hamilton County grant making and community issues; and strategically aligns the Foundation to profoundly address its strategic plan pillars of mental health, family and youth empowerment and inclusive economic growth throughout Hamilton County. She comes to Hamilton County Community Foundation with over a decade of experience in grant making, program development and implementation, advocacy, and management in the nonprofit and public sector. Prior to joining the Foundation, she spent 5 years with the March of Dimes as their Director of Maternal & Child Health and Government Affairs for the state of Indiana. Prior to that, she spent 5 years in the Maternal and Child Health Division of the Indiana State Department of Health. She has a Masters in Public Health degree from Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Public Health ('10) and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication (minor in English) from Purdue University ('08). She lives in Fishers with her husband, two kids, and their family dog.

Community Solutions



Lena Hackett

A respected community leader and long-time public servant, Lena Hackett founded Community Solutions, Inc. in 2000. "I had spent the previous three years working for the late Congresswoman Julia Carson," Lena says. "In that environment, I was challenged every day to gain expert knowledge on local, state, and national issues in order to serve constituents. I became addicted to the non-stop learning the job required—and, more importantly, the application of the knowledge I gained to help resolve real issues in the community."

Founding a firm focused community development and program sustainability for grassroots, regional, and national organizations was the ideal outlet for Lena's combination of knowledge, experience, and drive to be part of meaningful community change. Creating real change, Lena says, is about "authentic engagement. The work we do is not about 'tasks.' It's about being authentically engaged with the issue we're working on, the community we're working with, and the result we want to see achieved." In fact, a laser-like focus on results is one of the hallmarks of Lena's—and CSI's—work.

Under her leadership, staff, clients, and collaborators of CSI are constantly challenged to ask themselves: what's changed as a result of this work? Is anyone better off? Authentically answering these questions often means working beyond the original scope of the project, connecting clients with other resources to deepen their work, or even telling a client when that CSI is not the right fit for them. Authenticity is paramount to Lena because authentic relationships are the foundation of everything CSI does. "Relationships," she says "keep us going. Being in relationship with bright, passionate committed people across a broad spectrum of professions is what keeps us going. It is only through our authentic relationships that we are able to have a small part in helping clients be successful in their communities." Helping those clients be successful means producing measurable improvements for customers and communities—and measurable results help keep the CSI team and its clients accountable to stakeholders, funders, and partners.

In recent years, the firm has worked with such diverse clients as: Marion County Re-Entry Coalition, Indianapolis IN Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore MD Marion County Community Corrections, Indianapolis IN Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana Brothers United, Indianapolis IN The Family Y of Greater Augusta, Augusta GA Rock Steady Boxing, Headquartered in Indianapolis IN Porter County Community Foundation, Indiana Under Lena's leadership, CSI continues to help these and other organizations and communities make connections and create plans that are visionary, obtainable, and sustainable.

Lena Hackett has a Nutrition and Dietetics degree from Purdue University and holds a graduate degree in Public Health Policy from the University of Michigan. She currently serves on the Indianapolis-Marion County Metropolitan Development Commission and is a member of the Board of Directors of Indianapolis-based nonprofit Dove House, where she is also a former Board Chair.