

# BARBARA KAKIRIS



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Barbara Kakiris is Director of Engagement and Stewardship for The MetroHealth Foundation, a role in which she designs, implements, and evaluates a comprehensive donor engagement and stewardship program. MetroHealth is redefining healthcare by going beyond medical treatment to improve the foundations of community health and well-being: affordable housing, a cleaner environment, economic opportunity and access to fresh food, convenient transportation, legal help, and other services. Prior to her foray into the healthcare arena, she spent a decade in higher education (as Deputy Chief of Staff at Cleveland State University and Director of Summer Programs at Kenyon College) and 20 years in the federal government at NASA Glenn Research Center in various public relations, protocol, and event management roles. Before moving back to Cleveland, she was an elected official in Knox County, Ohio, helping to run and manage Gambier as a member of Village Council. She earned a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree from Kenyon College in Gambier, OH and a Master of Studies (one of the first graduates in Women's Studies) from The University of Oxford in Oxford, England. She has also completed certifications from MIT Sloan School of Management, The Brookings Institution, and The Protocol School of Washington. Barbara has been recognized by various organizations with honors including the NASA Public Service Medal, United States Congressional Achievement Award, Inside Business Magazine's ATHENA Award, The Junior League of Cleveland's Ruth T. Lucas Award, Kenyon College's Anne J. Robinson Award, GLAMOUR Magazine's Women at Their Best Award, and the Greek America Foundation's Forty Under 40 Award. She was also inducted into the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation (LREF) Alumni Hall of Fame. Barbara is active in her community, serving on other boards including the Junior League of Cleveland.