



Melissa's House Board of Directors

Officers

Jeff Knupp, President

Jeff is owner of KnoustA Consulting and a Partner with Knubach Group after a long career as an Executive in Sales and Sales Operations at several clinical laboratories throughout the US. His career has focused on genetic testing solutions for pediatrics, newborns and pregnancies serving in various senior leadership roles in Sales, Business Development, M&A and Software Development. Jeff's younger brother, Tim, suffered from mental illness which serves as his motivation for helping those who share similar struggles. Jeff has his BS from Bowling Green State University.

Bill Economus, Vice President

Bill has nearly 20 years of legal experience. Bill received his undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and a J.D. from Capital University Law School. Bill is currently General Counsel at LucidHealth where he provides leadership and counsel to many initiatives within the company. His responsibilities include corporate governance, compliance, HIPAA privacy and security, mergers and acquisitions, managed care contracting and general counsel services.

Jenny Schoning, Vice President Resource Development

Jenny joined the Melissa's House board in 2018. She worked for 15 years at a public relations firm, working mostly in internal communications and strategic planning. Today, Jenny spends most of her time advocating for people living with mental illness through her volunteer work with Mental Health America of Franklin County, the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH) and the county's Crisis Intervention Training for first responders. She is originally from Centerville, Ohio and attended The Ohio State University earning a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Journalism in 1985. She is married to Jeff, her husband of 33 years and has three sons.

Beth Murphy, Secretary

Beth is Vice President, Assistant General Counsel, Assistant Secretary and Manager of Legal and Regulatory Compliance for the Grange Insurance Companies, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Murphy is a former member of the Board of Directors for the Grange Life Reinsurance Company; and currently serves as Past President of the Ohio Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, the foreign member of the Kentucky Premium Tax Council, and Vice-Chair of the Insurance Institute of Kentucky. Ms. Murphy served 6 years as a Trustee for St. Stephen's Community House in Columbus and currently sits on the Board of Directors for Melissa's House.

Bill Hall, Treasurer

Bill is co-founder and president of Pretium Partners since 1997. He is responsible for leading client engagements with companies of all sizes around the world helping them build high performing sales teams and implementing sales processes. He sits on advisory boards for two industry associations. Volunteer work includes Upper Arlington's Civic Association, Rotary International, Syntero's older adult programs, and is a strong supporter of local Cystic Fibrosis fundraising. Bill received his BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Virginia, has been married for 32 years to wife, Robin, and has three sons.

Members (Alphabetical Order)

Emily Aleshire

Emily is Director of Medical IT Strategy and Portfolio Management at Cardinal Health. Emily received her Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Capital University. She began her career in Audit at Ernst & Young and since has held a verity of finance-based leadership roles at Abercrombie and Fitch and Cardinal Health. Additional volunteer work includes Special Spaces of Columbus, Cardinal Health's Generation Rx program, the Dublin Philanthropic Women's Club, internal ERG's. She has previously served as Board treasurer for Washington Elementary PTO and is an entering Board member of The Fairy Goodmothers organization. Emily and her husband of 17 years reside in Dublin with their two daughters.

Scott Friedman

Scott is an owner and partner of Friedman & Mirman Co., L.P.A. who specializes in Family Relations Law. Scott is an OSBA Board Certified Specialist in Family Relations Law. Scott served as chair of the American Bar Association Family Law Section for 2013-2014 and has held many other positions within the ABA. Scott was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio and attended The Columbus Academy. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Miami University and his Juris Doctorate from Capital University Law School, where he was honored with the Order of the Curia. Scott has served on the Board of Trustees at the Columbus Academy and is the current past President of OSU Hillel. Scott has been on the Melissa's House Board since its inception. Scott and Melissa were very close friends growing up together like brother and sister.

Elaine Goldberg

Originally from Cleveland, Elaine graduated from The Ohio State University In 1965 and married Nate the same year. They had their son Billy in 1969 and Melissa in 1970. Billy lives in LA with his wife Paula and daughters Sophie 18 and Molly 16. Melissa passed away in 2006 and soon after Elaine and Nate started Melissa's House in her name. They wanted to restore hope for adults living with mental health issues by creating comfortable, vibrant environments in existing residences. She has been on the board of many nonprofits and thrilled to continue to serve on Melissa's House board.

Nate Goldberg

Nate is a founder of Goldberg, Clouse, and Edgell and co-Founder of Melissa's House, with his wife Elaine. He is a former president Columbus Certified Life Underwriter chapter, treasurer of Temple Israel, the Columbus Jewish Federation, the Columbus Jewish Foundation, and president of Mutual Benefit Agents Association. He received the award as the Outstanding Life Insurance Producer. Nate received his Bachelor of Science in Finance from the Ohio State University in 1961.

Andy Hoh

Andy Hoh is a Project Executive for Messer Construction, where he oversees large, complex commercial construction projects. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio; Andy received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from The Ohio State University in 2008. He is actively involved in several trade organizations in the Columbus construction industry. He is also actively involved in Handshake America Organization. Andy is married to his wife Kate, and they have one son and they reside in Upper Arlington.

Jelena Hotic

Jelena Hotic manages marketing for Kaufman Development and has over 7 years of marketing experience in a multitude of industries including commercial and multi-family real estate. With a focus on strategic multi-channel and digital marketing initiatives in prior client facing roles, she created largescale marketing and advertising campaigns built to drive growth. Jelena earned a B.S. from Kent State University and an M.B.A. from Capital University's School of Management and Leadership.

Taylor Miller

Taylor Miller is a Marketing Strategist for AWH, a software development company focused on providing innovative and client-specific solutions. She spent four years working as a Digital Marketing Specialist for Crane Renovation Group where she focused on planning and implementing marketing campaigns, customer journey mapping, and process improvements. She graduated from the Ohio State University with her B.S. in business, specializing in marketing. She is passionate about the benefits of seeking professional help to improve mental health and the power of art as a tool for healing. Personal experience with a family member who attempted suicide and spent some time in a crisis unit has solidified her commitment to the mission of Melissa's House and the impact that the environment can make for recovery.

Pamela Romanoff

Originally from Toledo, Pamela received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Arizona State University in 1992. She lived in Scottsdale Arizona from 1992-1997 where she designed, furnished and managed vacation rental properties in the North Scottsdale area. She moved to Chicago and worked designing vacation packages for alumni associations around the country. She then moved to Columbus in 2004 with her husband and three daughters, Sami, Avery and Lane. In 2014, after being a stay-at-home mom, she joined Belles and Beaux Childrens Boutique where she added a tween line called AveryLane after her twins. She joined Melissa's House in 2020. Mental illness runs in Pamela's family and is her motivation for helping others struggling with this disease. She currently lives in New Albany with her 3 daughters.

Richard Spence

Richard Spence is an Assistant Vice President Senior Counsel for JPMorgan Chase & Co., where he advises businesses on state laws impacting consumer credit/lending and collections litigation. He earned his J.D. from Northern Kentucky University, with coursework at the Cayman Islands Law School, and his B.S. from Ohio University. Richard previously served on the board for CEDCO (Community Economic Development of Central Ohio). He was born and raised in Upper Arlington, where he currently lives with his wife Katie, and two dogs.