

Adoption Network Cleveland 2025 Board Member Bios

Executive Committee/Officers

Board Chair

Joe Brennan, Esq. (2026) – Partner, UBGreensfelder, LLP

Joseph J. Brennan is a partner of UBGreensfelder LLP and works out of its Cleveland, Ohio office. Joe's practice focuses on representing employers in a wide variety of labor and employment legal matters, including wage and hour, employment discrimination, occupational safety and health, traditional labor, and ERISA litigation matters. Joe has extensive experience defending and advocating for national, regional, and local employers in front of federal and state courts as well as administrative employment agencies such as the Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, various state civil rights commissions, the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, the Ohio State Employment Relations Board and the National Labor Relations Board. When not representing clients before the various labor and employment tribunals, Joe represents employers' interests in union contract negotiations, collective bargaining agreement administration, union grievances and labor arbitrations, and the ins and outs of the disposition or acquisition of a unionized business. Joe recognizes the importance of proactive human relations management and counsels employers on the various legal implications arising from workplace injuries, safety compliance, occupational safety and health hazard abatements, in addition to employee leaves, discipline, and termination to mitigate liability, financial exposure, and the potential for costly litigation. Joe is the adoptive father of two.

First Vice Chair

Eamon Larkin, MBA (2027) – Vice President, Dispatcher and WastePay, LLC

Eamon Larkin is currently Vice President of Dispatcher and WastePay, LLC, two technology companies bringing logistic and back-office technology solutions to the waste industry out of Westlake, Ohio. Dispatcher.com and WastePay's startup nature requires Eamon to wear many hats. Before his current role, Eamon was the CFO for Budget Dumpster, a sister company, dating back to 2013. Eamon has his Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the University of Dayton. Wanting to continue to grow his family Eamon and his wife Lauren sought out Adoption Network Cleveland as an educational resource. Soon thereafter they welcomed a son into their family. Eamon, Lauren, and their four children reside on the Westside of Cleveland.

Second Vice Chair

Kirsten Simonton, MD (2026) – Pediatrician

Kirsten is a pediatrician specializing in child abuse pediatrics. She most recently worked at Northwestern University and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, IL for over 7 years where she was an assistant professor, attending physician and the child abuse pediatrics fellowship program director. In June 2024 Kirsten and her family relocated to Cleveland where she grew up and where she and her husband first met. Kirsten first became connected to Adoption Network Cleveland in 1997 just weeks after becoming a birthmother, and immediately joined as a member and volunteer. Kirsten joined the staff of Adoption Network Cleveland as an administrative assistant from 2001-2002 and was a member of the Board of Directors from 2002-2005. Kirsten left Cleveland in 2005 to pursue her medical education and has lived in Columbus, OH; Charlotte, NC; Cincinnati, OH and Chicago, IL. While in Cincinnati, Kirsten collaborated with the Ohio Birthparent Group to start a birthparent support group in her area, which continued successfully for two years until their family relocated. Professionally, Kirsten has worked closely with child welfare and foster care systems in several states, has published journal articles and textbook chapters on a variety of child maltreatment topics, and has given local and national talks on the health of children in foster care. Kirsten lives with her husband and two school-aged daughters and has been in reunion with her birth daughter for over ten years.

Treasurer

Tammara Humbert, MAFM (2025) – CFO, East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation

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In her role as Chief Financial Officer, Tammara has overall responsibility for the finances and financial strategy of EANDC and its affiliates. She is responsible for the supervision of the Finance Department, managing and reporting on all fiscal and fiduciary affairs of the organization, including reporting to investors, lenders, grantors, and government agencies; cash and investment management; budgeting and forecasting; and managing the day-to-day operations of the accounting department. Prior to serving as CFO, Tammara served as Budget Administrator at CMHA, and previously she was the Accounting Director for a small accounting firm that serviced small to medium-sized businesses in the areas of payroll, accounting, and tax planning. Tammara received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications from John Carroll University & her Master's in Accounting and Financial Management from Keller Graduate School. Tammara began her career at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, where she assisted the agency in converting to the Federal Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act. She has held additional roles within finance, including serving as a Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) analyst. Tammara grew up in East Cleveland after spending time at Metzenbaum Children's Center waiting for her forever home. She was adopted at age 14 and reconnected with her birth family as an adult. Tammara is the Board Treasurer for Birthing Beautiful Communities, a board member for SELSC, and a finance committee member for South Euclid United Church of Christ. She resides in Twinsburg, OH, with her husband and three children.

Secretary

Amy B. Zlotnik, M.A. (2025) – Vice-President and Co-Owner, Audimute Soundproofing and Medic Batteries

Amy Zlotnik has been running two successful businesses alongside her husband for 19 years, where she oversees the finance and personnel departments. Prior to this, she was a pediatric occupational therapist for almost 20 years, primarily working in the schools with children of all ages. She graduated from the University of Michigan with dual Bachelor's degrees in Education and Psychology and then received a Master of Occupational Therapy degree from the Medical College of Ohio (now University of Toledo Medical School). Amy was active in the National Council of Jewish women for several years, including serving on their executive board as Membership Director. Personally, Amy is an adoptee who was reunited with her birth parents in 2015 when the Ohio Birth Certificate records were opened. Since they ended up getting married a few years after her adoption, she has also been fortunate enough to establish a relationship with her two full sisters, who both live in the Cleveland area. Amy is a lifelong Clevelander who currently lives in Solon with her husband, Mitchell. They have two grown children who both reside in Cleveland.

Board Members-At-Large

Denise Astorino, MFA (2027) - Community Engagement & Volunteer Coordinator, LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland

Denise Astorino is the Community Engagement & Volunteer Coordinator at the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland. This is a position they have held for almost five years and has gained valuable experience in a variety of areas. As part of the PRIDE IN THE CLE planning committee for the past four years, she has been instrumental in organizing and supervising over 100 volunteers each year, coordinating mainstage entertainment, and overseeing the development and coordination of the Pride Scholarship Selection Committee. Beyond her work at the Center, her background is in arts. As a producer, director, actor and educator, she has worked in United States (Regional), London, and Lagos Nigeria. Having produced numerous productions through two theatre companies she helped create and run...the most recent production was an all cis-trans female and non-binary led Jesus Christ Superstar, in which they directed and co-produced. Her passion is creating opportunities for local artists, especially QPOC, BIPOC and LGBTQ+ artists. Creating spaces, events, and more that would help increase their ability to work and to share that work with a broad demographic. In regards to her involvement with other organizations, she has been involved with an arts org called Graffiti Heart where she was on the Special Events planning committee from 2021-2023. She also volunteered as a juror for last year's Urgent Art Grant for Space's Art Gallery. Awards she has been

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fortunate to receive was an arts leadership fellowship with Assembly of the Arts Cleveland, a directing fellowship with Cleveland Public Theatre and a Community Activist Award for her work in community theatre in Brandon Mississippi.

Glenn Cook, M.S. (2025) – Assistant General Manager and Vice President of Player Personnel, The Cleveland Browns

Glenn Cook is in his third season as the Browns assistant general manager and vice president of player personnel after being promoted from vice president of player personnel in 2022. Glenn spent the previous four years as the club's assistant director of pro scouting. In his role, Cook works with Executive Vice President of Football Operations and General Manager Andrew Berry and the rest of the senior football staff to contribute to all roster and strategic football decisions. Additionally, he leads the day-to-day operations of the player personnel department, including driving the free agency and draft processes. Cook came to the Browns after spending four years in Green Bay (2012-15), working as a pro scout for the Packers. Before joining the Packers in May 2012, Cook worked as a scouting assistant with the Indianapolis Colts beginning in June 2011. Before transitioning into the field of player personnel, Cook was a graduate assistant coach at the University of Miami (Fla.), his alma mater. While coaching, he assisted with linebackers and defensive line and helped in recruiting efforts. Cook finished his playing career (2004-06, 2008) at Miami as a four-year letterman linebacker with 185 tackles, two sacks, two forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries in 47 games and 17 starts. Leading the team in tackles as a senior captain in 2008, he earned Miami's Plumer Memorial Award for leadership, motivation, and spirit and the Melching Award for leadership. Before missing the 2007 season with an injury, he was named the team's Linebacker of the Year as a junior in 2006. After his time with the Hurricanes, Cook was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 46th round of the 2009 MLB Draft and played 34 rookie-league games for the club. A native of Miami, Fla., Cook holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and management and a master's degree in sports administration from Miami. He currently resides in Cleveland, Ohio, with his wife, Kelem, son, Isaiah, and daughter, Zahara.

Tashyana Copeland, MPH, CHES® (2027) - Project Coordinator, UH Rainbow Center for Child Health and Policy, University Hospitals

Tashyana Copeland is an experienced public health researcher and Certified Health Education Specialist. After graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences from The Ohio State University, Tashyana obtained a Master's Degree in Public Health from Kent State University with a concentration in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Currently, Tashyana works as Project Coordinator for the Center for Child Health & Policy at UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, where she conducts program planning and evaluation within Rainbow and its surrounding communities. With extensive background in community-engaged research, Tashyana has presented health disparities research exploring social and behavioral impacts on health, specifically impacts on underserved and minoritized groups on a local, national and international level. She was introduced to adoption at an early age observing her grandmother who fostered over 20 years and adopted three children. Tashyana currently resides in her hometown of Bedford Heights, OH, where you can find her working on DIY projects, crafts, and watching true crime documentaries.

Lindsay Domingo, M.A., SHRM-SCP (2025) – Vice President of Talent & Communications, Swagelok

Lindsay Domingo is the Vice President of Talent and Communication at Swagelok in Solon, Ohio. Prior to her current role, Lindsay held several positions in communications and human resources at Swagelok, as well as the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, working at locations in Oklahoma, New York, and Ohio. She started her career as a television news reporter and anchor in the Lawton-Wichita Falls market bordering Oklahoma and Texas. Lindsay graduated from The University of Oklahoma with a master's degree in international relations, and from the University of Scranton, PA with a bachelor's degree in Communications. She also studied at the University of Cairo,

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Egypt focusing on Arabic studies. Lindsay grew up as an only child and learned of her half-brother at age twelve. She finally met him when she was 25 and continues to maintain a close relationship. Her connection to adoption does not stop there. Lindsay lives in Aurora with her husband and son, who is adopted.

Kim Dyckes, M.A. (2026) – Certified Yoga Teacher, Sunshine Yoga and Chagrin Yoga

Kim Dyckes was a Montessori teacher for over 25 years and recently retired to be more available for her elderly mother. She has extensive experience working with children and families from all walks of life, overseeing a classroom of children ages three through six, and planning and implementing school programming. She is now a certified yoga teacher and teaches at two studios – Sunshine Yoga in Chesterland, and Chagrin Yoga in Chagrin Falls. Kim is an adoptee and found her birth mother through International Soundex Reunion Registry at age 33. She has met five of her seven biological half-siblings. Kim is excited to rejoin the ranks of Adoption Network Cleveland volunteers. In the 1990s, Kim helped with ANC public relations and programming, and she sat on the Board of Directors, serving as president for a time. Over the years, ANC has remained dear to Kim's heart, and she knew she would return when the time became right. She currently volunteers for Cornerstone of Hope on a regular basis and does the occasional "food rescue" for the Hunger Network. Kim lives in Auburn Township with her husband, Kevin, and two black cats, Herman and Gomez.

Cory Isler-Manzo, MBA, (2027) – Staff Accountant, Meaden & Moore

Cory Isler-Manzo is a Staff Accountant in the Assurance Services practice at Meaden & Moore, a leading Northeast Ohio accounting and professional services firm. In this role, he works with clients in a variety of industries to provide knowledgeable and customized accounting guidance. Cory is a member of the firm's core nonprofit team. Cory has over 10 years of experience working in Northeast Ohio's nonprofit sector before entering the field of public accounting. Most recently, Cory served as the Associate Director of Baldwin Wallace University's Community Arts School. Cory has previously served as Membership Chair for YNPN Cleveland (Young Nonprofit Professionals Network). Cory lives on the west side of Cleveland with his husband, Anthony, their pit bull-mix Franny and tuxedo cat, Rocky.

Corinne Gist, Ph.D. (2025) – Owner and Director, Fit Learning Cleveland

Corinne Gist is the owner and director of Fit Learning Cleveland. Corinne earned her PhD in Special Education and Applied Behavior Analysis from The Ohio State University. Prior to earning her doctorate, she earned an Educational Specialist Degree in School Psychology, a Master's in Educational Leadership, and a Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education. Corinne has more than twenty years of experience in the fields of education and behavior science, working with students, staff, and families in public and private schools as well as day treatment centers. Corinne published in peer-reviewed journals, teaches at the university level, and regularly presents at local, regional, and international conferences. Corinne was initially introduced to the Adoption Network through her mother, who was a beneficiary of their services. The services were life changing for her mother and family. Corinne has been a member of the program committee since the fall of 2020.

Nikki Lewis (2027) - Digital Marketing and Software Sales - Senior Account Manager and Director of Partnerships, Vinyl Marketing and HighTide

Nikki Lewis is the Director of Partnerships at HighTide and the Senior Account Manager at Vinyl Marketing. At Vinyl Marketing, she collaborates with non-profits across the country to enhance their organizations' visibility, engagement, and awareness, as well as support them through fundraising campaigns. In her role at HighTide, Nikki manages the partnership program, working with consultants and agencies nationwide to prepare and support them in selling the fully customizable CRM software. Nikki holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene University and has over a decade of experience working with or for non-profits, including a five-year tenure as the Foundation Manager at the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development.

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She has actively participated in various local non-profit boards, volunteered extensively, and contributed to marketing efforts for the past 12 years. Nikki is also a graduate of the US Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management and the Ohio Bankers League Bank Management School. A first (birth) mother who relinquished a child in 2000, Nikki has navigated both open and closed adoptions and has been reconnected with her child since 2020. She has co-facilitated the Adoption Network Cleveland (ANC) Birth Mothers Support Group since May 2021 and is an active participant in ANC programs and the Program Committee. Residing in Mansfield, Ohio, for the past 17 years, Nikki is deeply involved in her community. She is a proud aunt to two nephews and a devoted dog mom to her deaf Jack Russell Terrier, Bertie.

Andrew Mangels, MLS (2027) – Director, Westlake Porter Public Library

Andrew Mangels has been the Director of the nationally recognized five-star Westlake Porter Public Library for the past eighteen years. In 2020, he and his wife Christine were named Mr. & Mrs. Westlake for their involvement in the community including Connecting for Kids, Rotary, Kiwanis and many other philanthropic organizations. Andrew has been the recipient of the West Shore Chamber of Commerce’s Hugh Dawson Service Award, Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award, Westlake PTA Helping Hands Award, and was the Leader Among Leaders for his 2018 Leadership Ohio cohort. Andrew and Christine have four children. The oldest was placed for adoption at birth but reached out twenty-six years later and has reconnected with the family.

Tracy Miller, M.A. (2026) – Senior Vice President of Human Resources, NRP Group

Tracy Miller joined the NRP Group in 2020 as the Senior Vice President of Human Resources. Since joining, Miller has rallied and aligned the HR team around a common vision – to hire, develop, engage and reward a diverse team of A+ players through implementing programs, processes and practices that support the continued growth and evolving needs of the organization. Miller has also developed a multi-year strategy outlining how the team will deliver on that vision which involves building a ‘next level’ HR team, establishing an infrastructure that elevates and enables, enhancing or developing programs and processes, providing strategic HR partnership and leveraging technology and analytics to provide business insights and measure effectiveness. She has established a reputation as a high-energy, driven and pragmatic leader who understands that employees thrive in a work environment where they have the opportunity to perform meaningful work, understand how their work contributes to the success of NRP and are having fun! Miller has over 20 years of expertise in human resources, diversity and inclusion, and talent/leadership development. She is a results-oriented and strategic leader who is experienced in organizational effectiveness, leading high-performing teams and building programs to enhance all aspects of the employee life cycle. Before joining NRP, Miller was a Human Resources Director at Key Bank. In this role, she provided ongoing consultation and partnership with line of business leaders and HR Centers of Expertise to drive and effectively manage multiple organizational change efforts including leadership transition, cultural integration through merger and acquisition, outsourcing and process, policy and system adoption. While at Key, Miller also served as the Professional Development Chair for the African American Key Business Networking Group and the Line of Business Diversity & Inclusion Lead. Miller holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Master of Arts in Organizational Development with a focus on Diversity Management from Cleveland State University. Miller, who is an adoptee, resides with her son in Streetsboro, Ohio.

William Peseski, Esq. (2026) – Partner, Weston Hurd, LLP

William Peseski is a partner at Weston Hurd with a practice focused on commercial litigation, helping companies and businesses navigate complex civil commercial disputes, as well as insurance claims. Representative clients include software companies, construction companies, and health care organizations. Will further assists churches, religious institutions, and private schools/universities throughout Ohio in a full range of matters from litigation to corporate governance. Since 2020, Will has been recognized as a *Rising Star* by Ohio Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business. More recently in 2024 and 2025, Will was named by *Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch* in

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Commercial Litigation and Insurance Coverage. Will is a member of the Judge John M. Manos American Inn of Court, an organization of legal professionals from all levels and backgrounds who share a dedication for professional excellence. He is a frequent presenter and author whose recent articles have appeared in Insurance Law360 and Lexology.

Jeffrey Rohrs, J.D., M.S. (2026) –Author and Speaker

Jeffrey K. Rohrs is a speaker, author ([AUDIENCE: Marketing in the Age of Subscribers, Fans & Followers](#)), and SaaS tech veteran, having served in marketing leadership roles for ExactTarget, Jobvite, Salesforce, Tendo, and Yext-- helping the latter IPO in 2017. Jeff also served as president of digital marketing agency Optiem (now part of Adcom) and as an attorney at Baker & Hostetler. His career "Rosebud" was working on-air as a DJ at the legendary modern rock radio station 97X, WOXY in Oxford, Ohio ("BAM! The Future of Rock & Roll"). Believing that everyone deserves a loving and supportive family, Jeff joined ANC's Outreach & Development committee in January 2021 to support the organization's mission to connect and empower individuals, organizations, and communities impacted by adoption, kinship, and foster care. Jeff's other volunteer efforts include [Community of Hope](#) and assisting a refugee family through [US Together](#). A beekeeper in his spare time, Jeff lives in Lakewood with his wife, Jenny, where they dutifully document seasonal midge invasions, look up the names of cargo ships passing by on Lake Erie, and occasionally shout compliments at Canada.

Andrea Kushnick Rubin, MBA (2025) – Director of Outreach and Engagement, Case Western Reserve University, Siegal Lifelong Learning Program

Andrea Rubin has more than 25 years of professional experience in marketing and communications, in both nonprofit and educational environments. She works for Case Western Reserve University's Siegal Lifelong Learning program where she is co-director of the organization in addition to managing the marketing and promotion of personal enrichment and professional development opportunities as well as alumni travel. She earned a B.A. from Lehigh University and MBA from Temple University. Upon adopting her younger child, Andrea formed a social, educational and support organization for Jewish families with adopted children that ran successfully for many years. She cofounded an environmental club for families in her community. Andrea and her husband, Stuart, live in Orange Village with their two children (one adopted and one biological).

Tom Sohlberg, MPA (2025) – Principal, Sohlberg Consulting Partners and Gestalt Certified Professional Coach

Tom has more than 25 years of experience as a leader, change agent, strategic business partner and human resource executive. He has served as an SVP in a Fortune 200 financial services company, a VP accountable for driving a high performing strategy-focused culture and a business unit manager leading a professional services team. He has been formally recognized for driving innovation, efficiencies improvement, and aligning business units with enterprise strategy. Coaching has been a central component of Tom's success. He is a certified Gestalt Professional Coach and is skilled at enhancing self-awareness and co-creating tailored solutions that meet clients' professional development needs. He helps people see the possible, reach beyond current thinking and boundaries, experiment with new learning and growth, and attain their professional development goals. He has a reputation as being a high energy, creative, visionary and an outcome-focused professional accountable for delivering high performance solutions and creating breakthrough results. He holds a Master of Public Administration from Texas Tech University and an undergraduate degree from the University of South Florida. Tom also served as a Senior Fellow with the 2021 class of the Advanced Leadership Institute in Cleveland providing mentoring to young professionals in support of their development as future leaders in the community. Tom is an adoptee and has served on the Board of Directors for the Adoption Network Cleveland since 2019 where he serves as Chair of the Network's Leadership Development Committee.

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Edie Sweeterman (2025) – Foundation Relations Officer, Department of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement, Kent State University

Edie Sweeterman is an experienced business development professional who works as a Foundation Relations Officer in the Department of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement, at Kent State University. In this role she initiates, develops and coordinates fundraising approaches to secure grants from private foundations to support university priorities. In addition, she maintains a pool of foundation prospects, both locally and nationally, generating support for faculty research, university programs, and student scholarships. She holds a BA in Speech Communications from Wittenberg University – where she met and married her college sweetheart. Together they have shared parenting joys of raising two wonderful, young adult children. Edie was touched by adoption as a young girl when her sister gave up her own daughter for adoption at the tender age of 16. Happily reuniting with her when she was 20 and maintaining a close-knit relationship since, serves as some of the most meaningful moments in her family's lives. She is a long-time resident of Strongsville and enjoys the outdoors, hiking and exploring, cooking, volunteering, and reading.

Christine Zanoni, M.Ed. (2026) – Principal, Insightful Minds Community of Learning

Christine Zanoni is the Principal of Insightful Minds Community of Learning, serving students on the autism spectrum through experiential engagement, mindfulness, and restorative practices. During her 33 years in education, she's focused on a strengths-based approach dedicated to helping young people challenged by complex developmental trauma, mental health issues, and autism. In 2023, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association recognized Christine as the 3Rs Teacher of the Year for her work connecting PEP students with their program. Christine holds a bachelor's degree in education from Hiram College, a master's degree in special education from Kent State University, and leadership credentials from Baldwin Wallace University. Christine is an adoptee who was reunited with her birth family in 1996 and lives in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband and furry companions. When she's not reading up on ways to help students and staff know some joy in each day, she can be found watching her actor-husband in plays, enjoying puns, and binging *The West Wing* on television.