



VICKI BOWEN HEWES | BIO

Co-founder, Gordon Hewes

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Vicki Bowen Hewes is a dynamic purpose-driven leader. She excels in creating inclusive cultures, intuitively driving innovation while building trusted relationships for enduring success.

Bowen Hewes' career spans over 25 years in corporate, social enterprise, and nonprofit sectors -- her influence has been recognized as a catalyst for transformative change, both nationally and internationally.

As the co-founder of Gordon Hewes, Vicki thoughtfully merged her social enterprise, [Meliora Community](#), with the firm to further advance support for nonprofit and social enterprise leaders and their missions.

With an unwavering commitment to advancing equity, Vicki leveraged her global business acumen and passion for social change to launch the empowerment movement Dress for Success (DFS) Columbus in 2006. The organization has transformed the lives of thousands of women, providing critical resources and a sisterhood of strength that empower women to achieve financial freedom, and earning a top ranking within DFS Worldwide's global affiliates. She passed the baton of leadership in 2018, and leveraged her expertise to strengthen national affiliates and lead international empowerment conferences with DFS Worldwide.

In 2020, Vicki spearheaded the launch of Fashion Forward, a social enterprise that significantly aided nonprofits in six states amidst the pandemic. In her subsequent role as CEO of Social Ventures in 2021, she expanded the organization's scope to provide greater opportunities and equity for under-recognized entrepreneurs.

Her recent accomplishments, including the role of Investment Advisor for Ohio Impact Fund, and achieving both Professional Executive Coach certification and Executive Social Impact Specialization, highlight her extensive and diverse expertise. A technology enthusiast, Vicki harnesses a multitude of digital tools to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

Vicki's early achievements in the field of mixed-use Real Estate, notably as National Training & Operations Director for a publicly-owned REIT, laid a strong foundation for her future endeavors. Her talents in acquisition and development, associate leadership, brand positioning, and corporate social responsibility enriched a 14-state portfolio as well as international pursuits in Kuwait and Egypt.

Numerous awards highlight Vicki's impact, including Women for Economic Leadership Development (WELD), Molina Community Champion, Bryant True Hero, DAWN Women in Leadership, Nationwide Stewardship Leader, Ohio Department of Development President's Award, NiSource Executive for Change, 100 Unstoppable Women, and two congressional commendations, attest to her dedication to excellence and spurring innovation. She devotes time to volunteerism and several boards and committees, including COSI Center of Societal Inclusion, membership with WELD, and as a founding task force leader of BREATHE.

Vicki resides in Columbus, Ohio, and cherishes time with her son, Davey, her husband, Ken, and their tenacious rescue terrier mix, Buck. An active social justice champion, aspiring yogi, Peloton pedaler, and avid reader, she enjoys travel, hiking, style and studying culture.