



Melanie P. Bolender, Member At-Large

Melanie P. Bolender is currently serving as the director of Development at The Ohio Eastern Star Home, a nonprofit continuing care community serving residents of Knox County and the surrounding area. She is leading a \$4.5 million capital campaign to build four new skilled care neighborhoods, which will be home to 62 residents.

Prior to working in development, Ms. Bolender spent several years in higher education administration. She was the executive director of Adult and Graduate Studies at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, followed by three years as the Coshocton campus administrator for Central Ohio Technical College. During her tenure with COTC, Ms. Bolender served on the advisory board for Coshocton CARES (Community Action Resource to Educate Students) and on the Executive Committee of the Coshocton County Chamber of Commerce. She also was a member of the Ohio Economic Development Association.

Ms. Bolender has been the executive director of Hospice of Knox County, a market research analyst, a full-time mom and a school volunteer. She was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio and graduated from Mount Vernon High School. She holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration, cum laude, from Miami University and an MBA from Ashland University. Her mother is a retired elementary school teacher who spent most of her years teaching fourth grade. Her maternal grandfather was a school superintendent, retiring from Philo/Duncan Falls school system.

Ms. Bolender, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, chaired her church's 200th anniversary celebration. She also is active in the Mount Vernon Rotary Club. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Knox County-Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, as well as a member of the Foundation Park Conservancy Board. Ms. Bolender has two adult sons, James and Ian, and a rescue dog, Penny.

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