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Elfi has devoted her career to organizations and services that make a difference. Over her more than 30 years of for-profit and non-profit business success, she has proven to be a visionary and transformative leader who excels at designing and executing proactive and thoughtful strategies.

As executive vice president and chief strategy officer for the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA), Elfi is a vital member of the senior management team guiding this vibrant non-profit, award-winning arts organization in service to central Ohio for nearly 50 years. In addition to presenting high-quality, diverse performing arts and entertainment from around the world, CAPA serves as steward to Columbus' historic downtown venues including the Ohio, Palace, and Southern Theatres, and supports Columbus' arts community through a shared services business model that provides back office services to seven local arts organizations. Elfi is responsible for leading CAPA's development, marketing, education, and outreach functions, focusing on projects that further the organization's mission, goals, and objectives and developing strategies that will advance its vision for the future.

An active community leader and volunteer, Elfi serves as a Commissioner for the City of Columbus Community Relations Commission. She is also a current member of the Otterbein Women's Leadership Network Advisory Council, the International Women's Forum, the Columbus Cultural Leadership Consortium, and the Columbus Community Trust.

In 2015, Elfi was the recipient of the Smart Business' Progressive Woman Award and the Niagara Foundation's Commitment Award. In 2014, she was honored with the Pillar Award for Nonprofit Executive Director of the Year. She was recognized as a YWCA Woman of Achievement in 2009, and was the recipient of the 1999 American Red Cross Steckler International Service Award.

Previous service includes chairing the Community Shelter Board's Board of Trustees and the Columbus Metropolitan Club, as well as various leadership roles for Leadership Columbus, Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation, Columbus School for Girls, Jazz Arts Group, Dresden Sister City Inc., Columbus Sister Cities International, the Columbus Arts Stabilization Committee, and the Prevent Family Homelessness Collaborative.

Passionate about helping others succeed and creating meaningful collaborations and partnerships, Elfi is a frequent speaker on the topic of women's leadership, and a passionate advocate for educational outreach to children and underserved communities to increase arts accessibility and promote Columbus as a leading arts community.

Originally from Idar-Oberstein, Germany, Elfi earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Franklin University.

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