

Candace Klepacz brings 15+ years of experience working on communications, engagement and strategic planning. A resident of Olde Town East, she is excited to be able to have her kiddos grow up in such a close and welcoming community. She believes that personal contact is key and if you can find ways to laugh all the better.

Candace is an active member of the Columbus community and her community service is dual focused. First, in giving back to the community that has given her family so much and second by exploring opportunities where she can share the importance of service with her two young children. She is a Board Chair for Seeds of Caring, a non-profit that is focused on empowering children ages 2 to 12 - our future leaders – to work for the change they want to see by engaging them in service, social action, and community-building. She is also a meals on wheels volunteer through Lifecare Alliance, and in 2020, was appointed to Mayor Ginther's Recovery and Resiliency Task Force. This group focused on making recommendations to local government leaders on how Columbus' recovery can be equitable and encompass all people.

Candace has an MBA from The Smith School, University of Maryland and a BS in International Business from the University of Akron. She is a 2020 Graduate of the Leadership Columbus Program and was named to the 40 under 40 list in 2022. As the matriarch of the "Red Family", she lives in Olde Town East with her husband Alex and two kiddos.