



Groundwork OHIO



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Shannon Jones is a dynamic and accomplished leader, currently serving as Senior Advisor to Groundwork Ohio following her nearly eight-year tenure as its President and CEO. Shannon orchestrated a remarkable transformation in that capacity, turning the organization into a highly effective and respected public policy and advocacy organization dedicated to championing early learning and healthy development strategies for the state's youngest children.

Under Shannon's trusted leadership, Groundwork Ohio has become a model for movement building, with a diverse team of skilled and sought-after policy and tactical experts. Her strategic vision and extensive knowledge of Ohio's political landscape have propelled the organization's statewide advocacy efforts to national prominence, bringing about positive changes for Ohio's young children and their families.

Before joining Groundwork Ohio, Shannon Jones served with distinction in the Ohio General Assembly for a decade, holding key leadership posts as both a state representative and a state senator. A trailblazer in her own right, she is the only woman in her party and the first in Ohio's history to be elected to leadership teams in both chambers. Known for her commitment to addressing complex issues, Shannon consistently prioritized children by placing them at the forefront of legislative agendas.

Shannon is recognized as one of Ohio's most distinguished and passionate child advocates, earning invitations to key decision-making tables. She remains dedicated to the inclusion of critical and diverse voices in these important conversations. Currently serving as a Warren County Commissioner, Shannon leverages her leadership and policy expertise in various roles, including as a member of the board of the National Association of Counties and as Chair of its Human Services and Education Committee and on the board of the County Commissioner's Association of Ohio.

Beyond her professional commitments, Shannon is deeply engaged in her community. She sits on the Board of Directors of Premier Health, serves as the Immediate Past Chair of the Warren County Foundation, and plays a crucial role on the Executive Committee of the United Way of Warren County. As a prestigious Rodel Fellow, she is among the select few public servants nationally to have achieved this honor.

Despite her numerous accomplishments, Shannon finds the most joy in her family. Married to Russell for thirty years, they share a love for the Cincinnati Bengals and the white sand beaches of Siesta Key. Together with their two children, Jake and Anna, they form the core of what motivates and inspires Shannon's unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in Ohio and beyond.

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