



Keynote Presenter
Michelle Heritage

The "Growing Together"
Service-Learning Network is pleased to
invite you to a very special event . . .

2018 "Critical Issues" Leadership Summit

Thursday, November 1, 2018
Mid-Ohio Foodbank
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Michelle is Executive Director of Community Shelter Board (CSB). She is a passionate "expert" and "changemaker" who leads CSB's coordinated, community effort to end homelessness. Michelle is determined to work relentlessly until everyone in our community has a place to call home, and she wants to enlist our input and support, especially regarding youth homelessness.

Location/Schedule

The 2018 "Critical Issues" Leadership Summit will take place on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at Mid-Ohio Foodbank, 3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, OH, 43213.

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Registration and refreshments starting at 9:30 a.m.; lunch will also be provided. There is no charge for this event!

Teams of teachers and students from each "Growing Together" Service-Learning Network school, as well as community agency representatives, will participate in this special event.

Join us!

Imagine a world where there is no homelessness, poverty, hunger, or health concerns . . . Imagine a world where other local and global needs receive the attention they deserve and the solutions they demand . . . Imagine a world where young people are educated and empowered to be part of these solutions . . .

What are you willing to do as "Experts" and "Changemakers" to make this vision come true?

Please join us on **November 1st** to explore possibilities, become more deeply informed, and prepare to take meaningful action by collaborating with others who share your vision and commitment. Think of the impact we can have if we put our collective knowledge, gifts, and passions together through high quality service-learning initiatives across our "Growing Together" Network!

What and Why . . .

Our annual "**Critical Issues**" Leadership Summit will bring together teams of teachers and students from our "Growing Together" schools, as well as representatives of our partner agencies and organizations. Together, we'll explore many complex community issues in central Ohio and beyond. Based on our shared goals and insights, we will again identify specific service-learning ideas and actions to help address these issues more effectively in the months ahead.



The Summit is a time to meet **new people, gain new information, and embrace new ideas**. It's a chance for our Network members to learn, plan, and collaborate strategically each fall. And together, there's so much we can accomplish!

A Special Opportunity for Impact . . .

Community Shelter Board, one of our major partnering agencies, has been **awarded one of 11 national demonstration grants intended to dramatically reduce homelessness among youth**, age 24 and younger. In fact, CSB has received the second largest such grant in the nation (\$6.1 million).

This is a significant and hopeful sign for central Ohio. As Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther has said, "No young person in our community should be living without stable and supportive housing. We are grateful for funding that will help end homelessness for some of our most vulnerable residents."

The federal grant requires an in-depth process to gather broad-based input, assess critical needs, and develop strategies for a community-wide response plan. **Our November 1st Summit provides a perfect opportunity for CSB to gather input from both youth and adults representing diverse settings and circumstances.** To make the most of this opportunity, Michelle Heritage and CSB will **involve our participants in**

special (and kid-friendly) activities and conversations to generate the feedback and perspectives they are seeking.

As you can see, this year's "Critical Issues" Leadership Summit will be an **authentic lesson in collaboration**. Just as **we need Michelle and CSB** to help educate us about homelessness in central Ohio, **they also need us** to help solve this problem. **So on November 1st, your voice, and the voices of others who attend, will truly matter!**



DRIVING QUESTIONS . . .

As service-learning leaders, how can we use our gifts, passions, and academic knowledge and skills to make a positive difference in our communities and the world? How can we become more effective "experts" and "changemakers"?

What are the causes of youth homelessness in Franklin County, and how can we help to end this problem?



How, Where, and When . . .

The annual "**Critical Issues**" Leadership Summit will include a series of interactive and thought-provoking opportunities:

- **We invite you to bring students (grades 1-12) to our November 1st event.**
- We'll experience **new awareness and outreach/action activities** around the issue of youth homelessness and other issues that you can use or adapt in your work with colleagues and/or students.
- We'll gain **new knowledge via our agency partners** and engage them in a "call to action" re: their most critical challenges and needs.
- We'll **brainstorm and prioritize next steps** re: high quality service-learning for maximum impact.
- **Event location is Mid-Ohio Foodbank**, 3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, OH, 43123.
- Event will begin at 10:00 a.m. sharp and end promptly at 2:00 p.m. **Participants must be available for the full time.**
- Morning refreshments will be available at 9:30 a.m.
- **Lunch will be provided on site. There is no charge for this event!**

Registration Information ...

Please register each person on your team by going to our website, <http://www.partnershipsmakeadifference.org/2018-critical-issues-summit.html> no later than **Friday, October 18th!** Please register each adult separately and indicate the number of students who will be attending. We do not need student names or emails.

“ Every young person should have a safe place to lay their head at night. Now we will be able to design a system to help our young people to quickly find safe, supportive, and sustainable housing. ”

— Kevin L. Boyce, President
Franklin County Board of Commissioners



Questions? Contact Information ...

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