

Holly Kastan

Community Leader; Daughter of Melvin Schottenstein

Holly S. Kastan, MSW is a licensed social worker who received her Masters degree from the Ohio State University as a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honors society. Her undergraduate degree is from Duke University where she majored in Management Science. She is currently project developer for an initiative at OSU Harding Hospital to create a center for research, education, and treatment of health consequences related to post-traumatic and acute stress disorders. The project would serve victims of combat stress, violent crime, mass disaster, abuse, and traumatic loss. Prior to this, Ms. Kastan worked at OSU Harding as Project Coordinator for The Collaborative for Interdisciplinary Education, an innovative project funded by the Columbus Medical Association Foundation that seeks to train behavioral health graduate students and faculty in new collaborative ways

In her prior career, Ms. Kastan worked for the commercial real estate division of the Fidelity Group of Boston from 1979-1983. In 1984, she returned to Columbus to work with M/I Schottenstein Homes where she was Vice President of the commercial development division. She served on the Board of the company and the foundation from 1984-1993.

Holly has extensive community service and organizing experience. She has worked in both a professional and volunteer capacity with the City's homeless population over the last 15 years and initiated The Community Shelter Board's Annual Fundraising Luncheon that raises over \$1 million/year to support shelter related services in the community. Ms. Kastan has advocated at both the City, County, and State level on behalf of the plight of the community's homeless citizens, and in 2002 she traveled to Washington to testify before a White house subcommittee on the success of Columbus's Rebuilding Lives program. Ms. Kastan served as a board member for the Community Shelter Board from 1995-2000 and currently serves on the Advisory Board for the organization. In 1997, she was presented with an award from the agency for outstanding leadership in sheltering the homeless citizens of Central Ohio.

Ms. Kastan was selected as an Olympic Torch bearer for the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay in recognition of her years of community service. In 2001, Holly and her husband, Brad, were honored for their leadership by the Central Ohio State of Israel Bonds. They were also recognized in 1997 by The Columbus Jewish Foundation with its Vision Award for Outstanding leadership in the Jewish Community. Ms Kastan has served on the executive committee for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), The Columbus Jewish Federation, and Jewish Family Services.