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**JEFFREY LYTTLE HONORED
WITH ADVOCATE FOR ADVANCEMENT AWARD**

(Columbus, OH) – Jeffrey Lyttle received an Advocate for Advancement Award today as part of Smart Business’ 2018 Smart Women Awards. Community Shelter Board nominated Jeff, who serves as chair of its board of trustees, in recognition of his work in multiple capacities across the community to address the most significant challenges facing women in Columbus.

“Jeff is an absolute champion for people facing homelessness,” said Michelle Heritage, executive director for Community Shelter Board. Jeff has served as a trustee for Community Shelter Board for more than a decade – where much of the work is particularly focused on solutions for women and children facing homelessness. Jeff has worked to advance and expand thought leadership in the community about upstream causes and downstream issues that affect homelessness. One of those issues, and the one about which Jeff is most passionate, is eviction. 95% of families experiencing homelessness in Columbus are families headed by women, and the majority of them have experienced an eviction. A single eviction marks a woman for life and severely limits her housing options. There were over 10,000 evictions in Franklin County last year.

Jeff’s leadership for women-related issues resulted in him being appointed as an inaugural member of the Columbus Women’s Commission in 2017. Chaired by First Lady Shannon Ginther, the Commission is working to dismantle barriers and reduce gender-based inequities to improve the economic position of all women in our community. Jeff is the chair of the Evictions Committee, focused on research into current courtroom practices and work to identify solutions that address equity and fair practices.

Jeff has been a communications and public affairs professional in Columbus for more than 30 years. In his professional role leading philanthropic giving for JPMorgan Chase, and its predecessor company Bank One, he led initiatives that supported women’s issues via The Women’s Fund of Central Ohio, Moms2B, ROX (Ruling Our Experiences), and others. As a co-founder of the Weinland Park Collaborative, Jeff led



several neighborhood-based programs focused on supporting young women, women living in poverty, and mothers. Finally, as a trustee serving on non-profit boards, he's been part of important efforts to house and support women via Community Shelter Board, and protect women and children from domestic violence with The Center for Family Safety and Healing at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Smart Business Columbus profiled Jeff and other honorees here:
<http://www.sbnonline.com/article/smart-women-awards-2018/#Lyttle>

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home. CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. With the support of a compassionate community, our system of care served more than 12,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing.

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