



Tri-State Community Foundation Partnership Webinar Series Social Enterprise to Build Community Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – 1:00-3:00 pm

SPEAKER BIOS



Tony Wells
[The Wells Foundation](#)

A business veteran recognized as a successful business entrepreneur, community philanthropist, family foundation, and board director.

The Wells Foundation was created in 2001 by Tony and Dana Wells to provide technology and social entrepreneurship grants to nonprofit organizations. Their mission statement is "Create value for the community by developing stronger nonprofit leaders and investing in the next generation of social innovations". In 2007, the foundation expanded its programs to Leadership Development including developing the first national executive education program for social impact investing. The foundation offered its first impact investment in 2005 and is recognized as one of the largest funders of Social Entrepreneurship and Social Impact Investing in the Central Ohio area.

Wells has an International MBA from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina. Wells is also an alumnus of the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Wells is a lecturer at The Ohio State University on the subjects of social entrepreneurship, corporate social responsibility, and social impact investing. Wells was awarded an Honorary Doctoral degree in Public Service by Otterbein University in 2015. He and his wife, Dana, and their two children reside in Lewis Center, Ohio.



Patrick Westerlund
Education & Impact Investment Consultant
[The Wells Foundation](#)

Patrick leads the foundation's Social Impact Investing executive education program for nonprofit leaders and social entrepreneurs, which launched in December 2013. Patrick also works on the investment team, providing advisory services related to social enterprise development and conducting due diligence on impact investment opportunities. Additionally, Patrick collaborates with other foundation staff members on the development of new social ventures within the portfolio of the Wells Foundation including ds-connex and Citra.

Patrick is currently serving on the board of GroundWork group, nonprofit social enterprise that provides affordable IT services to over 200 nonprofits and helped them raise over \$45 million in 2016. Patrick also serves at the United Way of Central Ohio on the Planning & Investments Committee, and co-founded the Festival for Good, an annual event that showcases nearly 50 social enterprises and introduces them to thousands of socially conscious consumers.

Prior to working for the foundation, Patrick worked at Desco Capital, a \$500 million Columbus-based private equity firm, started his own branch of a painting company, and worked in his family's restaurant business. Patrick is a graduate of The Ohio State University where he specialized in Finance, actively consulted for Columbus nonprofit organizations, planned the Alleviating Poverty Through Entrepreneurship Summit, and was involved in various other university programs and student organizations.



Emily Savors

Director of Grants Management

[The Columbus Foundation](#)

Emily assists in carrying out the Foundation's services to donors and supporting organizations, nonprofit organizations, and the community at-large. She has served as a catalyst in addressing community needs by researching, reviewing, and spearheading projects for funding consideration, and developing funding partnerships for special initiatives.



Jen Bowden

Director of Community Investment

[IGS Energy](#)

Jen Bowden is the Director of Community Investment for IGS Companies, where she works to carry forward the company's purpose of making energy personal, meeting the energy needs of a growing population, and following the tenants of conscious capitalism. In this role, she's responsible for investments into the communities where IGS does business including philanthropic investments, employee community engagement, community economic development and volunteerism.

Before joining IGS, she was the vice president of community relations for the Columbus Blue Jackets, Columbus' professional hockey team. Jen has also held roles as the director of corporate and government relations and capital campaign manager for Mid-Ohio Foodbank. Before joining the Foodbank, she spent several years in charitable fundraising in Washington, D.C. She received a degree in International Studies from The Ohio State University.

Jen actively serves the community through volunteerism and civic participation. Currently, she serves as a board member of Deep Griha USA, chairs the HRC Columbus Gala, volunteers for Junior Achievement of Central Ohio and annually serves as a roster judge on Election Day.