

# Panelist Bio

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## Robert “Bo” Chilton

CEO, IMPACT Community Action

Bo Chilton is the CEO of IMPACT Community Action, one of the leading human service agencies fighting poverty in Franklin County. With an agency budget of \$40 million dollars, a staff of 110 employees who serve over 30,000 customers annually, IMPACT is on the frontline in the war on poverty and is dedicated to fighting poverty by providing hope-inspiring help and real opportunities for self – sufficiency.



Bo states that the scripture, “to those whom much is given, much is required,” serves as a guiding principle for his life. Bo’s passion for empowering people and building community is reflected in his work as the Chair of the African American Leadership Academy Board of Directors, 2nd Vice-President of the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies and board service to Homeport, Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio, and ASPYR, formerly the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio.

IMPACT received the 2021 Columbus Foundation Award, one of the highest honors a non-profit can receive in Central Ohio. As the leader of IMPACT, Bo was named the 2022 Large Non-profit CEO of the year by Columbus CEO magazine. Bo also received the Community Shelter Board’s 2022 Nancy Jefferey Advocate award, the 2021 Spirit of Homeport award, the 2021 Central Ohio Social Justice award, 2020 Columbus Business First’s C-Suite Most Admired Executive award and the 2018 Springfield City School’s Alumni of Distinction award.



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Born in Springfield, Ohio, Bo graduated from Wright State University where he earned a B.A. in English and a Master of Education in secondary teaching. He also earned a second Master’s degree in Higher Education from the Ohio State University. Bo is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc and a member of The Merry Makers Club, Inc. where he serves as Vice-Chair of the Foundation.



His career background includes serving as a middle school and high school teacher in Springfield City Schools, Assistant Director of Career Services at Otterbein College, Academic Counselor and Technology Coordinator for the Arts and Sciences Dept. at the Ohio State University, Legislative Analyst for Columbus City Council, Director of African American Male Initiatives at the Columbus Urban League, and a veteran of the United States Army Reserves.

Bo and his wife, Audrey Chilton, are the proud parents of Brandon and Sydney Chilton.

