

**Kelli Dobner**  
**Chief Advancement Officer**

Kelli Dobner joined Samaritas' leadership staff on June 13, 2017 as Chief Advancement Officer.

Bringing prior experience as Chief Development Officer of the Judson Center, where she was most proud of creating "a culture of ambassadorship," Dobner has built a career on the principles of communication, community-building and concern for the greater good. During her career, she held development leadership positions in the Southfield, Michigan offices of the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association. Earlier, Dobner held leadership roles in communications, finance and film & television publicity in Metro Detroit and Los Angeles.

"I am proud of creating cultures of ambassadorship in previous roles," Dobner says. "It is imperative to connect people across the agency and in the community so we can all work together to realize impact and deepen our involvement in building healthy, happy communities."

Dobner earned a Masters Degree in Communication & Media Effects from Wayne State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Public Relations from Oakland University.

Dobner was recognized as an Oakland County Elite 40 Under 40 by L. Brooks Patterson in 2016. She received the National Strategic Effectiveness Award from the American Diabetes Association, the Graduate Professional Award twice from Wayne State University and the Donald P. Durocher Memorial Award from the Public Relations Society of America. Her professional affiliations include Women in Communication, the Detroit Economic Club, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Agency on Area Aging 1-B, Wayne State University Alumni Association and Oakland University Alumni Association, and Science Olympiad.

A Clinton Township, Michigan resident, Dobner spends her free time with her husband and two sons focused on gardening, interior design and rooting for her sons' teams at baseball diamonds, soccer fields and swimming pools.