

# JOHN WHITE

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## DIRECTOR OF PARTNERSHIPS

John White is a native of Dayton, Ohio and has been active in community service, politics, business and non-profit leadership for over for more than three decades.

John was elected to represent the 38th District in the Ohio House of Representatives in 2000. During his tenure, John served as the Chairman of the Health Committee for the House managing dozens of bills affecting the citizens of Ohio's health and human services arenas. In 2003, John authored legislation to establish the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GOFBCI), which seeks to be a mobilizing agent to encourage, expand and leverage Ohio's abundance of volunteers and Faith-Based communities to help solve the toughest social and community problems in the state of Ohio.

In his last term in the Legislature, John led bold criminal justice reform initiatives as Chairman of the House Criminal Justice Committee. These measures required all Ohio's prisons to reform their operations and practices to make it easier for non-profit and faith-based organizations to deliver reentry services. It also required rolling back many outdated and needless collateral sanctions that make it difficult for a returning citizen to achieve a successful reentry. Finally, John sponsored and passed landmark legislation establishing the country's first Ex-offender Reentry Coalition which requires state and local government coordination of services for a returning citizen as they return to their communities and families.

Since leaving the Ohio General Assembly after serving eight years, John joined Think Tank Inc., helping them to grow the National Circles® Campaign from 22 to 80 communities across the United States and Canada including founding 4 Circle communities in Dayton Region. This anti-poverty initiative, part of a nationwide movement, aims to lift families out of poverty through intentional relationships with community allies that cuts across class, race and economic barriers. Currently, John is helping to advance training and initiatives that increase the involvement and effectiveness of churches to partner with the broader community to address poverty.

He and his wife Andrea have been married 32 years. They have three daughters and reside in Kettering, Ohio.

