

Vicki Bowen Hewes – BIO

Founder, [Fashion Forward Online](#)

Founder Emeritus, [Dress for Success Columbus](#)

Vicki Bowen Hewes is an inspired professional and change maker who believes in the power of people working together for the greater good.

In the first two decades of her career, Bowen Hewes built a reputation for creating a culture of inclusivity and excellence in the field of Residential and Commercial Real Estate. In her role as National Marketing & Operations Director for a publicly owned REIT, she managed acquisition engagement, brand positioning, associate training, and philanthropic investments within a 14-state portfolio.

In 2007, Vicki made the leap from the corporate sector as a social entrepreneur and merged her international business experience and passion for empowerment to launch the non-profit Dress for Success Columbus. To date, the organization has changed the lives of thousands of women who regain their dignity, secure employment, and achieve economic self-sufficiency through diverse resources and collaborative programs. An affiliate of Dress for Success Worldwide, the Columbus mission is ranked as a top chapter globally. In 2018, after nearly twelve years of building a solid foundation for the organization and gaining thousands of new sisters, she lovingly passed the baton of leadership to begin her new chapter.

As the Founder of the for-profit social enterprise Fashion Forward Online, Vicki leverages her 30+ years of diverse, hands-on leadership and love of style to lead this innovative re/commerce marketplace that unites consigners and shoppers to make a difference; 60% of every purchase is donated to nonprofits empowering women.

Bowen Hewes is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has lived in several US states as well as Kuwait and Egypt. Some of her favorite sayings are 'Fall down seven times, stand up eight' 'Assume positive intent' and 'There is always something to be grateful for'. She is the mother of one son, three stepsons, and a tenacious rescue terrier, Buck, who is basically everyone's boss; she and her husband Ken currently reside in Clintonville, Ohio.

#### Recognition

2009	Re-Entry Advocate Award	ODRC / Franklin County Pre-Release
2010	Lublin Award	Dress for Success Worldwide
2011	Community Leader	Upper Arlington Leadership Society
2012	Collaborative Women in Leadership Award	DAWN / NiSource
2013	President's Award	Ohio Conference of Community Development
2014	Community Partner of the Year	BESA
2015	Community Service Award	National Council of Negro Women
2015	Community Partner Award	Nationwide / AWARE
2016	Small Non-Profit of The Year	Columbus CEO Magazine
2017	True Hero	Bryant Industries
2018	Women Welding the Way	WELD Women for Economic Leadership & Development
2018	Community Champion	Molina Healthcare
2018	Empowering Partner	In Christy's Shoes
2019	EnVisionary Award	EnVision Proven Success
2020	Female Founder Collective	Honorary Member